



Annual Report 2024

- 1874** Wellesley Bailey, a young Irish missionary, sets up 'The Mission to Lepers'
- 1950s** Dr. Paul Brand pioneers reconstructive surgery to correct leprosy-related deformities
- 1979** The first Vocational Training Centre of The Leprosy Mission is set up in Nashik
- 1980s** Training Centres dedicated to leprosy training are set up in Salur, Miraj, Purulia and Naini
- 1982** TLMTI joins the WHO in introducing Multi-Drug Therapy to patients across hospitals
- 1994** TLMTI sets up a research facility in Miraj to study leprosy transmission and drug resistance.
- 1995** TLMTI introduces community-based projects supporting socio-economic development of individuals affected by leprosy
- 2003** Integration of leprosy control services into general health systems; leprosy control units are handed back to Centre
- 2007** TLMTI's first Country Strategy is developed
- 2024** Intake of nursing students to TLM Nursing College in Salur

Towards Another Milestone
150 Years Strong : Renewing Our Commitment to End Leprosy



Towards Another Milestone

The year 2024 marks a profound milestone in the journey of The Leprosy Mission (TLM), celebrating 150 years of unwavering service to the most vulnerable people and communities affected by leprosy. This momentous occasion provided a cherished opportunity to reflect upon and honour the extensive and impactful journey undertaken by both current and past staff, acknowledging their remarkable innovations and the steadfast courage they exhibited through challenging times—all dedicated to the ultimate goal of ending leprosy. The significance of this anniversary was underscored by the presence of the representatives of TLM across 25+ countries, who gathered in India to commemorate the event.

While this milestone enthused the teams at TLMTI with new vigour and excitement, they remained earnest in the pursuit of another important milestone: ending leprosy transmission, disability and discrimination due to leprosy in India. In 2024, some breakthroughs were made in terms of early diagnosis, and some innovative ideas were firmed up before giving them a rigorous push. There was a heightened focus on building capacity for medical and paramedical professionals, and several centres of excellence were set up for expanding the scale and depth of training in leprosy. Several such developments are mentioned in this annual report.

For a century and a half, TLM has stood stronger, its enduring legacy a testament to boundless compassion and an unwavering commitment to a world free from leprosy.

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Message from the Honourable Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda on 150 years of The Leprosy Mission



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I am very glad to hear that The Leprosy Mission Trust India has completed 150 years of service. This is indeed a major milestone, this reflects the organisations passion and commitment towards people. I am aware of the fact that The Leprosy Mission Trust India has been actively involved in the fight against leprosy in India and other parts of the world. Its hospitals and doctors have made significant contributions in taking India closer to being leprosy-free.

I also appreciate The Leprosy Mission Trust India for its unwavering focus on the social aspects of leprosy, which are as important as the medical factors. My heartfelt gratitude to all those doctors, paramedical workers, researchers, and social workers at TLMTI who look at leprosy care holistically and have invested all their efforts in ensuring the well-being of some of the most marginalised people living in hard-to-reach areas.

On this momentous day, I congratulate The Leprosy Mission Trust India and wish all the very best for future efforts. Thank you.

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A Message from CHAIRMAN



Mr N. R. Rayalu
Chairman

As we stand at the momentous milestone of 150 years of The Leprosy Mission, it is with a profound sense of humility and purpose that I stepped into the role of Chairman of TLMTI Board. This anniversary is not just a measure of time, but a testament to an unwavering faith that began a century and a half ago; a commitment to serve, heal, and empower those affected by leprosy and be a witness to our Christian faith.

Having served on the Board of Governors and been a long-time friend of The Leprosy Mission, I have consistently been inspired by TLMTI's mission and growth with a dedication to providing exemplary service to the thousands of leprosy affected each year. Our 150-year legacy is a testament to this dedication.

I see this rich history as a springboard, launching us into a future where we become even more forward-looking, agile, and resilient. This evolution is crucial for the individuals who depend on our care and compassion. It is also a tribute to all who are serving or have served the organisation, as we strive to become a model of excellence that society can look up to.

In taking on the mantle of Chairmanship, I am deeply conscious of my role as a catalyst for meaningful transformation and support my dedicated colleagues at TLMTI in our collective journey to become a more efficient and effective force for good. To truly overcome leprosy in India and to secure a life of dignity and inclusion for the most vulnerable, we must press on with renewed vigour.

My friends and colleagues at TLMTI will agree that we possess the expertise, experience, and enthusiasm required to win this fight. We are united in our mission to lift our fellow brothers and sisters from the shadows of disease, disability, and discrimination. With bowed heads in prayer and seeking God's blessings we look ahead, remembering, **1 Timothy 4:15** "Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all."

A Message from EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr Premal Das
Executive Director

2024 was a momentous year for The Leprosy Mission Trust India as the organisation completed 150 years of service to people affected by leprosy. In the midst of celebrations, I could not help but think of our journey and how we rose above fear, uncertainties, and challenging circumstances and continued to sustain and grow as a Global Fellowship.

As a child growing up in one of The Leprosy Mission hospitals, I had witnessed and heard anecdotes of misery, hopelessness, abandonment, and pain in the lives of people affected by leprosy. There was a perpetual feeling of being shunned and shunted. Now, when I meet patients and their families in TLM hospitals, I see a change in the way they perceive leprosy and their willingness to overcome it, come what may! This makes me think that not all that we do is quantifiable and can be put out on pie charts or graphs. At TLM, we win people's confidence, we embrace them in whichever condition they come to us, we look beyond their disease and help them envision a promising future for themselves.

We continued with that same empathy and commitment in 2024, which brought glad tidings. Three units received government approval for setting up paramedical institutes such as nursing and physiotherapy colleges in Salur, Naini and Purulia. These institutes reach out to the youth affected by leprosy, disability, and from vulnerable and underserved communities so that they become a capable workforce, with good knowledge of leprosy.

Our commitment to environmental stewardship is now a tangible reality. TLMTI has finalised plans for its first Zero Carbon campus, a model that will be replicated across our other units in the coming years. We have to think and act sustainably if we want to create a conducive environment for healing of our patients and the community we serve. Like any other year, we focussed on improving our existing infrastructure and facilities, especially expanding our OPDs to accommodate increasing footfall of patients.

I am sure 2025 will be equally rewarding as our Country Strategy for the next few years will take shape, and so will some new initiatives. Like always, I urge you to continue to stand by us and support our mission and contemplate on the Lord's words in **Galatians 6:9**: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

About The Leprosy Mission Trust India

Holistic Care for Leprosy and Beyond

At The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI), we believe in a holistic approach to leprosy care beyond medical treatment. As India's largest leprosy-focused NGO, we operate 15 hospitals across nine states, providing comprehensive medical services. Our work goes a step further, addressing the socio-economic needs of people affected by leprosy, other Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and marginalised communities through our 7 Vocational Training Centres and community projects.

Community-Centric Empowerment

Our community-based initiatives are the cornerstone of our mission to create a more equitable society. Through various projects, we promote sustainable livelihoods, enabling self-sufficiency and economic independence for individuals and families affected by leprosy. We drive inclusive development, ensuring that people who have been marginalised have equal opportunities and a dignified life. Our approach is to empower communities to thrive and overcome the stigma associated with the disease.

Building Expertise and Partnerships

We are dedicated to building a strong ecosystem of care by cultivating skilled professionals through our paramedical institutes, which include nursing and physiotherapy colleges. Our commitment extends to providing specialised training through a central training unit. We believe that by investing in our people and in partnerships, we can create a sustainable impact in the fight against leprosy and contribute to a more just and inclusive society.

A Legacy of Compassion

Founded in 1874 as the Mission to Lepers, TLMTI has a long and storied history of compassionate service. Registered as a society in 1973, we have been at the forefront of leprosy care and advocacy. Our work is guided by the belief that every individual deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to live a fulfilling life. We are committed to achieving at least 10 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals through our multifaceted approach, and we will continue our work towards creating a more equitable society.



Healthcare



Community Empowerment



Training



Sustainable Livelihood



Research



Advocacy & Communication

The programmatic interventions target at least 10 out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals:



Triple Zero

“Triple zero” is a global vision for everyone working towards elimination of leprosy. It is an integrated strategy endorsed by the WHO, wherein the focus is given on achieving three specific goals:

- Zero Transmission
- Zero Disability
- Zero Discrimination

While zero transmission focuses on breaking the chain of transmission by finding and treating cases early, zero disability is about preventing new disabilities and managing leprosy complications. The third goal, zero discrimination, is about addressing social dimensions of leprosy, advocating for inclusion and dignity for all affected individuals.

Each of the ‘Three Zeroes’ are inter-connected. Early detection of leprosy is important for stopping transmission and preventing disability, which, in turn, can reduce discrimination. Similarly, reduced stigma and discrimination leads to reduced transmission as people are more likely to seek treatment early and prevent deformities from setting in.



Zero Transmission

Ending transmission is the ultimate goal in disease control. It is essential for preventing new cases and ensuring a future free from leprosy and its consequences. The National Strategic Plan and Roadmap for Leprosy 2023–2027 focuses on “enhanced measures for prevention of disease” and “provision of quality services” towards interruption of leprosy transmission. TLMTI—through its tertiary care hospitals, community projects and as state coordinators for the National Leprosy Eradication Programme in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra—supports this endeavour by screening patients in communities, identifying suspects, and confirming the suspected cases, besides orienting ASHAs and other frontline health workers.

In 2024, TLMTI screened more than 6,50,000 individuals in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra, leading to confirmation of 1286 leprosy cases. TLMTI’s hospitals are known for prompt diagnosis of leprosy through clinical and lab-based tests, especially slit skin smear (SSS), which helps understand bacterial load and assess the ability of patients to transmit infection. It facilitates prompt treatment and prevention of disease transmission.

The scientists at TLMTI’s Stanley Browne laboratory have developed a Multiplex PCR test as a Truenat, field-friendly diagnostic tool. It is a chip-based, point-of-care, rapid molecular test. Results can be obtained within one hour. Data can be transferred wirelessly. Reports can be printed in the field using a micro-printer provided by the system. This diagnostic tool is being validated in different TLMTI hospitals.

TLMTI is leading a clinical trial to test a new ‘once a month’ drug regimen on newly diagnosed multibacillary patients. This three-year clinical trial funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research started in four TLM hospitals in 2024. The new regimen is expected to be safer, cost-effective, and have improved patient satisfaction. With less pill burden, compliance is expected to improve. Complete, better and faster killing of leprosy bacteria will render patients infection-free, thus, contributing to interruption of transmission.



A training session on clinical trial of the new drug regimen for leprosy conducted in TLM hospital



Field-friendly leprosy diagnostic tool being used

Total Leprosy Consultations: 99255

New leprosy cases treated: 3877 (Over 3% of the total new cases reported in India)

New Leprosy cases identified through Community Projects: 1569

Skin Smears: 4056 (1621 positive and 1144 with BI 3+)

ELISA test: 1271

Zero Disability

Disability due to leprosy can manifest as visible deformities, nerve damage, and sensory loss, significantly impacting an individual's physical capabilities and quality of life.

Prevention and management of leprosy-related disability is one of the key interventions that The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) is known for the hospitals that attend to more than 2,000 patients with reactions, with some requiring weeks of hospitalisation. We receive over 3,000 cases of complicated ulcers, with some requiring debridement to avoid loss of limbs.

The organisation conducts close to 1,000 reconstructive surgeries to correct deformities in hands, eyes and feet. TLMTI's state-of-the-art assistive device units also produce customised MCR footwear for patients to prevent their feet from getting wounded and ulcerated. TLMTI's expertise in producing 3D customised orthotics and prosthetics is well acknowledged and endorsed by the government, which counts on TLMTI for delivering ergonomic devices to people affected by leprosy and other disabilities.

Reaction management: 2144 (More than 15% of total reactions cases managed in India)

Ulcer care: 3199 cases (OPD) + 3403 (IP admissions) + 2334 debridements

Reconstructive Surgery (RCS): 996 (More than 60% of total leprosy-related RCS done in India)

Prevention of Disability (POD) assessments: 3877 (Disability% 47.23)

MCR footwear: 16205

Assistive aids and devices provided: 5106

Protective footwear and orthotics and prosthetic devices are manufactured in several units of TLMTI



Zero Discrimination

For thousands of years, people affected by leprosy have faced deep-rooted stigma, discrimination, and social exclusion. This can lead to segregation, denial of basic rights, and severe psychological distress, including poverty, dehumanisation, mental torture, despair, and even suicide.

TLMTI addresses leprosy-related discrimination at personal, interpersonal, community, and organisational levels. In its health facilities, TLMTI ensures that persons diagnosed with leprosy are counselled at the time of diagnosis and regularly thereafter so that their health condition does not overwhelm them and they adhere to the treatment regime.

TLMTI includes people cured of leprosy in community awareness campaigns and similar activities, and also builds their capacity to be self-advocates. This reduces stigma around the disease. TLMTI trains people in general communities, key stakeholders, young adults affected by leprosy and other disabilities in various technical skills through institution-based training. It also facilitates their employment. With financial freedom, the degree of discrimination is reduced. At the community level, TLMTI trains people to become entrepreneurs by equipping them with vocational skills that are market-driven and ensure high rate of employability.

Counselling: 31426 sessions (including 7578 sessions for new leprosy patients)

Students received skills training: 1322

Students got employed with TLMTI's support: 801

Leprosy champions developed and capacitated: 258

Number of people supported for community-based livelihood generation: 1529



Smiles of resilience and joy, nurtured by the inner wellbeing and counseling programmes at TLM hospitals.

Our State Impact



Students affected by leprosy and other disabilities study at the VTCs in an inclusive and enabling environment.

ANDHRA PRADESH



Hospital – TLM Salur

This is a government-recognised referral centre for leprosy. Over the years, it has expanded its ambit to offer services in other specialties. The hospital is equipped with ICU and ventilator. In 2024, it started a college of nursing, offering courses for students who cannot access quality and affordable paramedical education.



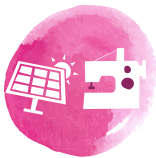
VTC Vizianagaram

Dedicated to skilling young boys and girls from marginalised backgrounds, the vocational training centre in Vizianagaram provides institution-based and community-based trainings. It also runs a weekly clinic.



Services offered

Leprosy, General Medicine, Ophthalmology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, General Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery, and Dental.



Courses offered:

Govt-affiliated: Electrician, Diesel Mechanic, Computer Operator Programme Assistant, Dress Making, Welder.

Non-formal: Solar Technician, Rexine Eco Bag Making, Tailoring, Driving, Fashion Technology, Basic Electric, and Basic Mechanic.

Key highlights

Hospital Data

New leprosy diagnosis	52
Child cases	3
Grade 2 disabilities	9
Leprosy admissions	481
Reactions management	14
Ulcer care	38
RCS	40

Vocational Training provided

Government Recognised Course	111
Non-formal	16



Transgender community members trained in making eco bags



Student at VTC Vizianagaram during the practical class



Students at TLM College of Nursing in Salur

Projects

College on Wheels (CoW)

103 people, including persons affected by leprosy, women with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups, benefitted from skill training in *maggam* (traditional embroidery), eco bags, tailoring, and sewing techniques. The Eco Bag unit received special recognition from the District Collector.

242 trained individuals now earn INR 4,000–8,000 per month, while **245** women accessed essential social and economic rights, improving their livelihood opportunities. Awareness campaigns reached **949** people across **58** villages

Health Education Livelihood Advocacy (HEAL)

158 ASHA and Anganwadi workers were trained in leprosy

7 new leprosy cases were identified and **2** defaulter cases restarted MDT.

326 entitlements were accessed by people, including **44** persons affected by leprosy,

95 persons with disabilities and **187** marginalised women.

BIHAR



Hospital – TLM Muzaffarpur

This 60-bedded tertiary care facility for leprosy is also one of the longest running hospitals in Bihar. Other than advanced leprosy care, the hospital is also known for its dermatology, ophthalmology, and other services, by virtue of its expert in-house doctors and modern equipment.



Services offered

Leprosy, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Diabetes care, Family Medicine, Physiotherapy, and Reconstructive Surgery.

Key highlights

New leprosy diagnosis	570
Child cases	41
Grade 2 disabilities	165
Leprosy admissions	407
Reactions management	198
Ulcer care	1371
RCS	34



Patient being treated at a community health fair in TLM Muzaffarpur hospital



Creating awareness on leprosy through community fairs



Doctor instructing patients after their cataract surgery



Leprosy awareness walkathon

Projects

Mental Health project

TLMTI set up Community Knowledge Exchange Spaces (CKES) comprising individuals affected by leprosy with mild to moderate depression and anxiety, along with their family members.

Conducted **28** meetings with the members of CKES for defining mental well-being, identifying community strengths, and developing context-specific strategies for care and support.

HEAL Bihar

522 people benefited from medical camps. Eight new leprosy cases were detected and referred.

322 women capacitated on women's rights & gender equality; **10** SHGs were supported in accessing government grants worth ₹1,20,000

141 women trained in livelihood opportunities; **23** women affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities, and marginalised women started livelihood initiatives.

CHHATTISGARH



Hospitals – TLM Champa and TLM Chandkhuri

TLM Champa and TLM Chandkhuri: The two leprosy mission hospitals in Chhattisgarh have been serving since the late 19th and early 20th century, respectively. The hospitals in Champa and Chandkhuri are known for their specialty services in leprosy and allied areas, including prevention and management of disabilities.

TLMTI provides technical assistance to the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in Chhattisgarh, serving as the state coordinating agency.



VTC Champa

Each year, the VTC trains more than 120 students affected by leprosy and other disabilities in different trades and helps them get employment. The VTC also provides vocational training to nearby communities to improve their livelihood opportunities.



Services offered

Leprosy, Dermatology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Reconstructive Surgery and Diabetic Care.



Courses offered:

Govt-affiliated: Mechanic Diesel, Electrician, Computer Operator and Programme Assistant, and Diploma in Medical Lab Technician.

Non-formal: Auto Technician, Tailoring and Beautician.



NLEP Support

TLMTI provides technical assistance to the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in Chhattisgarh, serving as the state coordinating agency.

Key highlights

	Champa	Chandkhuri	Total
New leprosy diagnosis	249	364	613
Child cases	21	19	40
Grade 2 disabilities	46	127	173
Leprosy admissions	897	329	1226
Reactions management	370	279	649
Ulcer care	179	328	507
RCS	20	16	36

Vocational Training provided

Government Recognised Course	142
Community Based Training	233
Non-formal	9



Renovated staff quarter at TLM Champa



Mr. A. K. Soni Zonal Director Bilaspur, handed over prize during the ITI Skill competition at VTC Champa



Sati Self-Help Group (SHG) in Sakti block, engaged in waste management activities under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan



Reconstructive surgery being done in TLM Chandkhuri

Project

Health Education Advocacy Livelihood (HEAL)

132 awareness programmes were conducted for community and inclusive SHGs on leprosy and disability, WASH, and women's rights in **35** panchayats of Champa and Chandkhuri.

2610 students and teachers across **35** schools were sensitised on leprosy

106 ASHA and Anganwadi workers were trained in suspecting leprosy

302 people affected by leprosy and other disabilities, and marginalised women were supported in accessing entitlements



HEAL project supported a person affected by leprosy in accessing PM Housing scheme (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana)

DELHI



Hospital - TLM SHAHDARA

The Leprosy Mission hospital in Shahdara is a NABH-compliant government-recognised tertiary care centre for leprosy, with expertise in preventing and managing leprosy complications and advanced disability management services.



STANLEY BROWNE RESEARCH LABORATORY

It works with Govt. of India as a reference centre for the surveillance of drug-resistance cases under the directive of the WHO. It is a recognised centre for Ph.D. studies by the Martin Luther Christian University, Meghalaya. In addition to conducting clinical, basic science, and social research, the laboratory also trains postgraduate students in advanced laboratory research.



Services offered

Leprosy, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Family Medicine, Diabetology, RCS, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Counselling, Protective Footwear.



Facilities available

Real-Time PCR for detection of viability of bacteria and drug resistance; CO₂ Incubator to study immunological aspects of leprosy; ELISA for studying antigen-antibody interaction.

Key highlights

	TLMTI
New leprosy diagnosis	159
Child cases	5
Grade 2 disabilities	23
Leprosy admissions	389
Reactions management	82
Ulcer care	90
RCS	48



Patient undergoing post-operative physiotherapy at TLM Shahdara



Research Symposium was organised in Delhi on the occasion of 150 years of TLM



Received fully automatic Biochemistry analyser from Sud-Chemie India Pvt Ltd



M. Sc. Nursing students from CMC Vellore underwent training in TLM Shahdara



Dr Senthilnathan Subramanian (DDG - Leprosy), Dr Lily Gangmei (CMO - CLD) and Dr Rashmi Shukla (WHO) visited the TLM Shahdara hospital

KARNATAKA



Hospital - TLM BELGAUM

This 25-bedded hospital provides leprosy and general healthcare services. Besides institutional health service delivery, the hospital also conducts community outreach camps and screening camps. It is also a focal centre for training medical students and local healthcare workers.



Services offered

Leprosy (MDT, Reactions, Neuritis, Ulcer care, MCR footwear, Prosthesis, RCS), Physiotherapy



One of the patients who underwent reconstructive surgery that restored mobility in her hand

Key highlights

	TLMTI
New leprosy diagnosis	5
Child cases	0
Grade 2 disabilities	0
Leprosy admissions	126
Reactions management	16
Ulcer care	82
RCS	41



Meeting of SHG members for sharing information on rights and entitlements



Awareness session conducted for members of Children's Parliament



Three reconstructive surgery camps were conducted in 2024, benefiting 39 patients



Dr. Uma, Joint Director of Leprosy Office, Bengaluru visited TLM Belgaum hospital

Project

Health Education Advocacy Livelihood (HEAL)

Conducted **9** Community Outreach Clinics benefiting **909** people.

Conducted **20** awareness programmes, reaching over **2,407** people (**1073** Male, **1334** Female) directly, and a campaign in **50** villages reaching **6,200+** people, spreading knowledge on leprosy, disability, WASH, and general health.

Organised **12** leprosy screening camps that benefited **1,424** individuals, including **57** inmates at Hindalga Jail and **260** school children. These led to identification of **14** new leprosy cases.

Trained **306** ASHA workers and **37** Anganwadi workers on leprosy signs and referrals to strengthen early detection and community-level response.

Enabled and guided **289** individuals to access entitlements like pensions, UDID cards, and transport passes through awareness, sensitization sessions and guiding through the process.

MAHARASHTRA



Hospitals – TLM NIRAJ, TLM KOTHARA, TLM POLADPUR

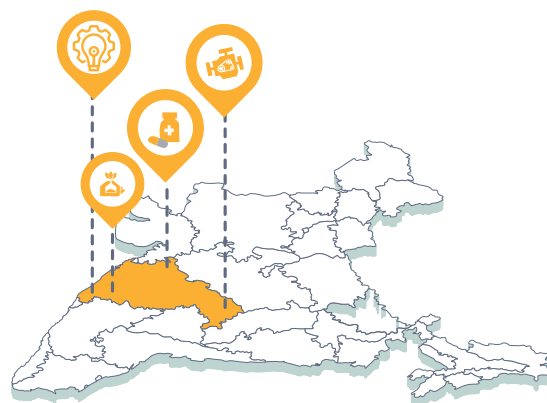
These Leprosy Mission hospitals serve people living in some of the most underserved regions in Maharashtra. The hospital in Miraj is a recognised facility for reconstructive surgery, rehabilitation, and training. Its Central Fabrication Unit designs and fabricates specialised protective footwear and orthotic and prosthetic devices.

TLMTI provides technical assistance to the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in Maharashtra, serving as the state coordinating agency.



VTC Nashik

One of the top ITIs in Nashik, the centre offers government-recognised technical courses to students, largely from leprosy and marginalised households. In 2024, the VTC upgraded its car service centre for offering better service to its clients.



Services offered

Leprosy, Dermatology, Diabetology, Ophthalmology, General Medicine, General Surgery, Physiotherapy and Reconstructive Surgery.



Courses offered:

Govt-affiliated: Welder, Mechanic Diesel, Computer Operator, Mechanic Motor Vehicle.

Non-formal: 2- and 3-wheeler Mechanic, Printing, Tailoring, Electrician, Beautician.



NLEP Support

TLMTI provides technical assistance to the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in Maharashtra, serving as the state coordinating agency.

Key highlights

	Kothara	Miraj and Poladpur	Total	Vocational Training provided	
New leprosy diagnosis	91	29	120	Government Recognised Course	91
Child cases	2	2	4	Community Based Training	11
Grade 2 disabilities	27	15	42	Non-formal	32
Leprosy admissions	523	361	884		
Reactions management	90	40	130		
Ulcer care	159	174	333		
RCS	71	95	166		



VTC Nashik received Special Commendation Award in Corporate Social Responsibility 2024 from the CSR Journal



Leprosy awareness programme conducted for school students



TLM Miraj manufactured and provided 680 orthoses and prostheses in 2024



Organisation of People with Disabilities received training in leprosy

Projects

Children Unite for Action (CUFA)

850+ ASHA, Anganwadi workers and PRI members were provided training in leprosy

102 individuals received vocational training in tailoring, beauty therapy and mobile repairing

Health Education Advocacy Livelihood (HEAL)

18 programmes were conducted for the **20** DPOs wherein they were sensitised on leprosy, rights and entitlements, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, and the functioning of DPOs. A total of **283** people attended the programmes.

2767 people, including **317** people affected by leprosy benefited from **17** health camps conducted. Through these camps, six new leprosy cases were identified.

Interrupting Leprosy Transmission (ILT)

More than **6,50,000** people were screened for leprosy; **1286** people were diagnosed with leprosy.

3068 family members (contacts) were screened and administered a single dose of rifampicin.

Tamil Nadu



Hospitals – TLM DAYAPURAM & TLM VADATHORASALUR

Operating since early 1900s, both TLM hospitals in Dayapuram and Vadathorasalur are tertiary care facilities for leprosy. Besides providing holistic medical care, the hospitals are also involved in building capacity of healthcare workers and paramedical workers.



VTC VADATHORASALUR

In operation since 1996, the vocational training centre in Vadathorasalur offers a wide range of courses for students, especially from leprosy and marginalised households.



Services offered

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Dental, Diabetes, Family medicine, General Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Physiotherapy, Obstetrics and Gynaecology.



Courses offered:

Govt-affiliated: Mechanic Motor Vehicle, Electrician, Sewing Technology, Automobile Mechanic, Mechanic AC & Refrigeration, Electrician DST.

Non-formal: Food processing, Soap/Shampoo making, Tailoring, Driving, Tata Motors automobile service assistant-cum-technician (Tata LEAP).

Key highlights

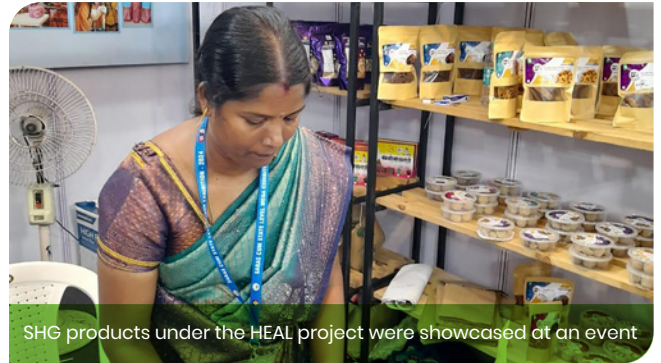
	Vadathorasalur	Dayapuram	Total
New leprosy diagnosis	6	27	33
Child cases	0	1	1
Grade 2 disabilities	5	8	19
Leprosy admissions	365	324	689
Reactions management	14	27	41
Ulcer care	55	24	79
RCS	57	37	84

Vocational Training provided

Government Recognised Course	76
Community Based Training	182
Non-formal	24



Staff children at Vadathorasalur conducted a leprosy awareness programme through mime art



SHG products under the HEAL project were showcased at an event



SHG working on millets products is awarded for their livelihood initiatives by the Women Development Corporation at Chennai



A high-tech Assistive Device Unit was set up in Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu

Projects

Co-creating Inclusive Development (CID)

389 people benefited from the Prevention of Impairment and Disability camps.

472 people affected by leprosy and other disabilities directly benefited through various interventions.

A new Assistive Device Unit was established, equipped with advanced orthotic and prosthetics technology.

484 aids and appliances (including customized footwear) were produced and supplied, enhancing mobility and independence for people affected by leprosy and disabilities.

An MoU was signed with the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities to enhance rehabilitation services, skill development, and academic collaboration.

Collaborated with the Department of Differently Abled Welfare Office (DDAWO), Cuddalore, to conduct a capacity-building workshop on "Creating an Accessible Environment"

College on Wheels (CoW)

157 women were trained in food production and aloe vera products, earning between INR 4000–8000 monthly.

The mobile training unit delivered doorstep training on leprosy, disability rights, and women's empowerment in remote villages.

231 women with disabilities accessed essential rights, and **247** trained women gained employment or started small businesses.

Health Education Advocacy and Livelihood (HEAL)

204 people affected by leprosy and disabilities were trained in livelihood skills, contributing to sustainable livelihoods.

11 Inclusive SHGs were formed by people affected by leprosy, disabilities, and marginalised women, fostering collective livelihood initiatives

84 community champions were trained in advocacy and policy engagement, promoting rights-based empowerment

UTTAR PRADESH



Hospital – TLM Naini, TLM Barabanki, TLM Ayodhya

These TLM hospitals offer specialised leprosy services along with other specialty services in allied areas. These are among the longest-running hospitals focusing on leprosy and other disabilities. TLM Naini is known for doing the highest number of reconstructive surgeries and other corrective procedures in India each year. It has a well known national training unit in 2024, TLM Barabanki received NABH certification.



VTC in Ayodhya and Urban Skill Training Centre in Noida

It has been training students affected by leprosy and other disabilities for more than two decades. It also provides skill development training to nearby communities so that they can have decent livelihoods.

Rotary-TLMTI Skill Training Centre (STC)—a joint initiative of TLMTI and the Rotary Club of South Delhi—was set up in Noida in 2024 to provide quality training in NSDC-approved courses to individuals affected by leprosy, disabilities, and those from vulnerable and marginalised communities.



Services offered

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, General Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery, General Medicine, Physiotherapy, Orthopaedics, and Diabetes care.



Courses offered:

Govt-affiliated: Mechanic Diesel, Computer Operator and Programme Assistant, Sewing Technology, and Welding.

Non-formal: Electrical and Electronics, AC & Refrigeration Technician, Diesel Mechanic, Basic IT Skills, Metal Fabrication, Beauty Therapist and FTNS (Field Technician - Networking and Storage).

Key highlights

	Ayodhya	Barabanki	Naini	Total
New leprosy diagnosis	206	773	997	1976
Child cases	6	38	40	84
Grade 2 disabilities	58	187	259	504
Leprosy admissions	507	244	1655	2406
Reactions management	71	320	424	815
Ulcer care	106	121	233	460
RCS	75	7	356	438

Vocational Training provided

Government Recognised Course	102
Community Based Training	95
Non-formal	48



Mahindra and Mahindra appointed VTC Ayodhya students to the Quality Control department



Health screening drive as part of the largest community campaign in TLM Ayodhya



76 government lab technicians were provided in-service training in Slit Skin Smear at the Training Unit in TLM Naini



In 2024, 461 eye surgeries were conducted at TLM Barabanki hospital

Projects

Health Education Advocacy Livelihood (HEAL)

12269 individuals benefited from leprosy and disability awareness camps

715 benefited from medical and disability management camps

1195 individuals were supported in the formation of and participation in SHGs, organizations of persons affected by leprosy and other disabilities, Children's parliament, and self-care groups

Children Unite For Action (CUFA)

Trained more than **365** ASHA, Anganwadi workers and PRI members on leprosy and stigma reduction



Members of Children's Parliament accessing free library.

WEST BENGAL



Hospital – TLM KOLKATA & TLM PURULIA

TLM hospitals in Purulia and Kolkata, are government-recognised referral centres for leprosy. The orthotic and prosthetic unit of the Purulia hospital draws patients not just from West Bengal, but also from neighbouring states. In 2024, The Leprosy Mission hospital in Jhalda was revived to meet the healthcare needs of people affected by leprosy. In the same year, TLMTI started a physiotherapy college affiliated with the West Bengal University of Health Sciences, offering Bachelor of Physiotherapy course.



Services offered

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, General Surgery, Reconstructive Surgery, General Medicine, Physiotherapy, Orthopaedics, and Diabetes Care.



Courses offered:

Govt-affiliated: Mechanic Diesel, Welders, Electrician, and Sewing Technology

Non-formal: Eco bag making, Tailoring, Food processing, Incense making, Beautician, Fabrication, Tata Motors automotive service assistant-cum-technician.



VTC BANKURA

The Bill Edgar Memorial Vocational Training Centre in Bankura, for almost three decades, has been training young adults affected by leprosy and from marginalised communities to make them job ready.

Key highlights

	Kolkata	Purulia	Total
New leprosy diagnosis	26	323	349
Child cases	3	26	29
Grade 2 disabilities	8	77	85
Leprosy admissions	350	969	1319
Reactions management	32	167	199
Ulcer care	160	108	268
RCS	42	57	99

Vocational Training provided

Government Recognised Course	84
Community Based Training	60
Non-formal	19



A glimpse of OPD of TLM Jhalda, which was revived in 2024 to provide comprehensive care to leprosy patients



Purulia hospital conducted a bike rally for raising leprosy awareness



Students of VTC Bankura on an Industrial Visit



The Leprosy Mission hospital in Kolkata received the prestigious CII Joyee Award 2024 for dedicated care for leprosy patients

Project

Children Unite for Action (CUFA)

11 Inclusive Children's Parliaments were formed with **347** children affected by leprosy and other disabilities as members

198 Anganwadi workers were trained on leprosy

81 children affected by leprosy were provided educational support of INR 5000 each



Children affected by leprosy trained as members of Children's Parliament in West Bengal

Stories of Transformation

Andhra Pradesh

From Feeling Ignored to Being Empowered

Suvvada Satyavathi has faced many challenges in life due to her locomotor disability. Living with her child and a sister who is also paralysed, Satyavathi often felt isolated and ignored by those around her. Every day brought new struggles, and opportunities seemed out of reach. In 2023, everything began to change when Satyavathi became a member of the Satya Sai OPD group, formed by the TLMTI's HEAL project. Through this group, she received training in making jute bags—a skill that opened new doors for her and her peers. Working together, the group now produces jute bags, and each member earns between Rs. 8,000 and 10,000 per month, bringing much-needed financial stability and pride to their lives.

With the support and guidance of the HEAL Project, Satyavathi also learned about her rights and entitlements. She successfully applied for a monthly pension of Rs. 6,000 and received an electric e-cycle, as well as bus and rail passes. These benefits have given her greater independence and mobility, allowing her to participate more fully in community life.

Satyavathi's journey from isolation to empowerment is a testament to the power of awareness, training, and community support. Thanks to the HEAL project, she and her sister now face life with renewed hope, dignity, and the means to build a better future.



Restoring Health and Reviving Hope for a Better Future

Fourteen-year-old Psini Keerthi had been consulting several doctors for two years, but nobody could diagnose leprosy. She had to drop out of school because of leprosy complications. Psini and her mother travelled 700 km to reach TLM Salur hospital with the hope of some relief. The hospital diagnosed both Psini and her mother with leprosy. The girl had high bacterial load and severe leprosy complications. The hospital started treatment immediately. After two months, Psini's father and elder brother were both screened at the Salur hospital and were diagnosed with leprosy. They were also put on treatment.

Psini is now feeling much better and has joined the school again. She is in the ninth standard. She was encouraged to pursue Nursing at TLM College of Nursing in Salur after completing Class 12. Her brother has completed class 10. After counselling him, he was referred to TLM Vocational Training Centre in Vizianagaram.

TLMTI supported the family to meet medical and socio-economic needs and gave them optimism to believe in a brighter future.



Rebuilding Future with Skilling

Jyothika—a 20-year-old resident of Vizianagaram—belongs to a poor farming household. In school, she noticed strange patches on her hand and foot. She kept silent, not knowing that it was leprosy. It was only when her condition worsened that a private doctor confirmed her diagnosis. She was referred to the District Government Leprosy Hospital, where she was treated for a year.

Due to the stigma, her education and social life suffered. That's when The Leprosy Mission's Platinum Vocational Training Centre (PVTC) reached out to her. It offered free residential training and a chance to rebuild her future. She joined the COPA (Computer Operator & Programming Assistant) course, where she gained skills and confidence. On completion, she was placed as a Data Entry Operator with a monthly salary of ₹11,000, along with free food and accommodation.

Jyothika supports her family financially and proudly stands as a Champion of PVTC Vizianagaram. "My dream is to get a government job and continue transforming my life. Thanks to your support, girls like me can dream again," says Jyothika.



Stories of Transformation

Bihar

From Debt to Dignity

Anjana Devi, a 43-year-old widow and mother of three, was trapped in a cycle of poverty and debt in rural Muzaffarpur. With irregular work as a farm labourer, financial stress was her constant companion.

Her life began to change when she joined a Self-Help Group (SHG) supported by the TLMTI's HEAL Project. Though initially timid, regular training and encouragement helped her find her voice and learn the power of saving. With a small loan of INR 16,000 from her SHG, Anjana started her own goat-rearing business.

Today, Anjana owns 10 goats and a buffalo, bringing newfound economic stability to her family. This empowerment has transformed her into a confident community leader who advocates for her rights. She has since secured a government housing scheme and enrolled her children in school, inspiring other women in her village to chart their own paths.





Defeating Deformity and Starting a New Journey

Narayan Kumar, a 40-year-old resident of Muzaffarpur district, started showing signs of leprosy in 2013. However, due to lack of awareness and misdiagnosis, accurate diagnosis was delayed, leading to multiple deformities. TLM's Mental Health project staff met him at his village and listened to his problems. He was taken to TLM Muzaffarpur hospital where he received complete treatment.

The TLM staff kept visiting him and gave him support during his recovery. They counselled and motivated him to go for surgery, and he got his deformities corrected. The staff also capacitated him to get a leprosy certificate, and disability pension. This support gave him hope and strength to start a new life. Narayan has now started working at an electric shop, where he now earns ₹6,000 per month. He is living a happy life with his wife and two children. From having thoughts of ending his life to starting a new and hopeful journey, Narayan's transformation is for all to see.

Stories of Transformation

Chhattisgarh

How Awareness and Early Action Changed Siya's Life!

Siya, a resident of Mungeli District, lives with her mother, two brothers, and one sister. Her family relies on her mother's daily wage to survive, with an annual income of only ₹40,000. One day, Siya's mother noticed an unusual, numb patch on Siya's face. Because she had attended a leprosy awareness programme organised by the HEAL Project staff, she recognised the signs and suspected it could be leprosy. Siya herself had also learned about leprosy symptoms through a magic show awareness event at her school, so she understood the importance of getting diagnosed.

The doctors at TLM Hospital confirmed that she had leprosy. Treatment was started immediately and now she is on her way to full recovery. Despite the challenges, Siya has shown great courage and determination. Siya's journey shows the power of awareness and early action. Thanks to her mother's knowledge and the support from leprosy awareness programmes, Siya was able to get timely treatment and avoid complications. Her story is an example of how education and community support can change lives and give hope to families facing adversity.



From Pain to Progress: Anil's Journey

A 38-year-old farmer and father of two, Anil's ability to provide for his family was threatened by leprosy. Diagnosed as highly positive, his condition was complicated by crippling nerve pain which manifested as highly positive bacterial infection and painful reactions. His symptoms were so severe they required him to be admitted to The Leprosy Mission Hospital in Champa multiple times.

Anil found a new beginning at the hospital. After three prior admissions, he returned for the fourth time where doctors initiated Thalidomide therapy to combat his severe Type 2 reactions. After nearly a year and a half of struggle, Anil is physically and mentally well. His journey is a powerful testament to his resilience. He returns home to his wife and children with a renewed spirit, ready to resume his life and work. His future is no longer defined by the disease.



Breaking Cycle of Poverty and Charting New Path

The weight of poverty and a leprosy diagnosis defined the first two decades of Hanshuram's life. This resident of Chhattisgarh carried the burden of the disease and stigma that came with it, while striving to support his family. His dreams of education were set aside, replaced by the daily struggle for survival. But with the support of The Leprosy Mission, his health—and hope—were restored.

Determined to break the cycle of poverty, he enrolled in the Diesel Mechanic training programme at the TLMT's Vocational Training Center at Champa. He acquired skills with utmost sincerity and got selected by Kesar Earth Moving Solutions during campus recruitment. Now earning a stable income of ₹10,000 a month, Hanshuram is not just a skilled professional, he is a provider. His journey proves that with the right support, one man's courage can change the destiny of an entire family.



Stories of Transformation

Delhi

Beating Leprosy and Emerging Strong

In 2022, Zafre developed numbness in his finger and toes. For the next 18 months, he consulted over fifteen doctors and spent over INR 1 lakh on medication and investigation, but there was no improvement in the condition. On his elder sister's suggestion, Zafre consulted a doctor in a government hospital in Delhi, where he was diagnosed with leprosy.

Zafre started treatment from the government hospital and within five months of the treatment, he developed mild clawing in the fingers of right hand. On completing a year-long treatment with antibiotics, Zafar's doctor referred him to TLM Shahdara hospital for correction of deformity.

After undergoing reconstructive surgery, he underwent post-operative physiotherapy. He is now able to make a fist, hold a glass of water and become functionally independent.



Stories of Transformation

Karnataka

Choosing Empowerment Over Fear

For Shanta, a simple life as a village labourer was shattered by a leprosy diagnosis. For eight years, she lived with disfiguring patches and a clawed left hand, fearing a curse as her community ostracised her. A dedicated ASHA worker became her beacon of hope, connecting her with help and dispelling the myths she had come to believe. With this new understanding, Shanta completed a year of Multi-Drug Therapy, and The Leprosy Mission Hospital in Belgaum performed a reconstructive surgery that restored function to her hand.

But her transformation didn't end there. Empowered by the experience, Shanta joined a Disabled People's Organisation, becoming a vocal advocate for others and educating her community, dispelling myths and fighting stigma. Her transformation from a woman lost to fear to a vocal advocate is a powerful testament to her courage and the power of proper care.



Stories of Transformation

Maharashtra

Rebuilding Life with Care and Confidence

At just 17, Vaibhav Nikode learned a different kind of lesson: the sting of social rejection. Leprosy diagnosis did not just affect his health, the social discrimination against him almost shattered his dreams.

In 2022, he started pursuing vocational training in Diesel Mechanic course at TLMTI's Nashik VTC. It was a space where he was seen for his potential, not his diagnosis. He didn't just learn to be a diesel mechanic; he learned to believe in himself again. The counseling and life skills became the tools that rebuilt his confidence, brick by brick.

The job he secured as a CNC operator at Sharada Motors was not just a paycheck; it was an act of defiance against stigma that had once defined him. With a monthly salary of ₹15,000, he is now the provider for his family.



Opening the Doors to Healing and Dignity

Leprosy diagnosis put a stop to Aditya Khillare's lifelong dream of joining the army. Nerve damage resulted in lagophthalmos, a condition that prevented the 18-year-old from fully closing his eyelids. Left untreated, it would have led to permanent blindness, a fate that threatened to extinguish his future entirely.

But at The Leprosy Mission Hospital in Kothara, Aditya found hope. He underwent reconstructive surgery on his right eye, a procedure that not only saved his sight but also gave him a new perspective on life. His old dream of a military career may be gone, but the surgery has opened a new path.

Today, the smile on Aditya's face is a testament to his incredible resilience. He is now envisioning a future in administration or accounts, ready to build a life on his own terms.



Standing on Her Feet, for the First Time in 38 Years

Pramodini was diagnosed with leprosy when she was barely 16. She developed a footdrop in her right leg due to leprosy-related nerve damage. She was stigmatised for her unusual walking style. She did not know how to address this. It continued for 38 long years till she came to know about TLM Richardson Leprosy hospital in Miraj in 2024. She got to know how the hospital helps in physical rehabilitation of leprosy patients with deformity.

On visiting the hospital, the doctors counselled her and motivated her to undergo reconstructive surgery. Pramodini was operated on in July 2024, following which she received post-op physiotherapy for a month. Slowly she could see the difference in her condition. Previously she could not think of walking with her dynamic splint, but under the guidance of the physiotherapist she started walking properly without support or any splint. She and her family were overjoyed by what they saw. Pramodini, for the first time in 38 years, walked without any splint. On being discharged from the hospital, she walked away with confidence and dignity.

Stories of Transformation

Tamil Nadu

Going Green: Bharathraj Contributes to the Environment

Diagnosed with leprosy in 2021 and having lost his father to the disease, Bharathraj, the youngest son in his family, faced an uncertain future. TLMTI's Vocational Training Centre offered him a new path. After completing his 12th grade, he enrolled in the two-year Electrician trade, showing immense dedication and hard work.

His perseverance paid off. Following his training, TLMTI registered him on the NAPS portal, and he secured a prestigious NLC Apprentice Training Programme opportunity after attending a job fair. Today, Bharathraj earns a stipend of ₹10,019 per month, which includes food and accommodation. He has built a bright career for himself and also become a pillar of support for his mother and family. His journey is a testament to how skills, opportunity, and the right guidance can overcome life's greatest challenges. In the photo below, he is seen installing solar panels.



Beyond the Surgery: Rajeswari's Transformation

Nadupuri Rajeswari's world was turned upside down by a leprosy diagnosis in 2017, just after her marriage and the birth of her daughter. Despite her efforts, inconsistent treatment led to painful ulcers and a claw hand deformity, threatening her ability to care for her family.

Hope arrived at The Leprosy Mission (TLM) Hospital in Salur, where reconstructive surgery restored function to her hand. Further, through TLM's innovative College on Wheels project, she learned valuable Maggam embroidery skills and business practices, alongside her rights as a person with a disability. This training helped her secure a disability pension, and she joined a self-help group.

Now, earning a steady income by creating and selling her beautiful embroidery, Rajeswari has become a proud contributor to her family's livelihood.



Healing and Skilling Made Impossible, Possible

Diagnosed with leprosy at just 23, Silambarasan, a BBA graduate from a fisherman family, faced a double blow: lepra reactions and the crushing weight of family responsibility after his brother's tragic death. Stigma isolated him from friends and forced him to stay indoors, making it impossible to continue studies and work.

He found a new beginning at The Leprosy Mission's campus. Here, his persistent lepra reactions were expertly managed, and his health was stabilised. More than just medical care, TLMTI provided him with a nurturing community where he found new friends and a sense of family. He enrolled in a mechanical motor vehicle course to build a new career and found spiritual healing through gardening and volunteering. Silambarasan's story shows TLMTI's commitment to heal, provide supportive community and skills to empower individuals for a brighter future.

Stories of Transformation

Uttar Pradesh

Healing a Life; Restoring a Family

Shankar Lal's life as a mason came to a painful halt when leprosy caused his fingers to claw. After initial treatment, his fear of surgery led him to avoid care for years, costing him his livelihood and forcing him to mortgage his land, plunging his family into financial despair.

In 2023, The Leprosy Mission's HEAL project in Uttar Pradesh found him. Through continuous counseling, they helped him overcome his fear, and he underwent a successful reconstructive surgery that corrected his deformities.

The support didn't stop there. The project team empowered his wife to join a self-help group, from where she secured a loan to start a grocery shop. Combined with disability pension, this new venture now provides the family with a steady income. Shankar Lal has not only regained his physical ability but has also seen financial stability in his family. This is how holistic care can transform a life from despair to dignity.



Overcoming Odds and Emerging a Champion

Fourteen-year-old Ritika's life took a difficult turn when she was diagnosed with leprosy. The physical symptoms were painful, but the social stigma proved to be the most challenging part of her journey. Shunned by her community and forced to leave school due to her family's financial struggles, she felt isolated and without hope.

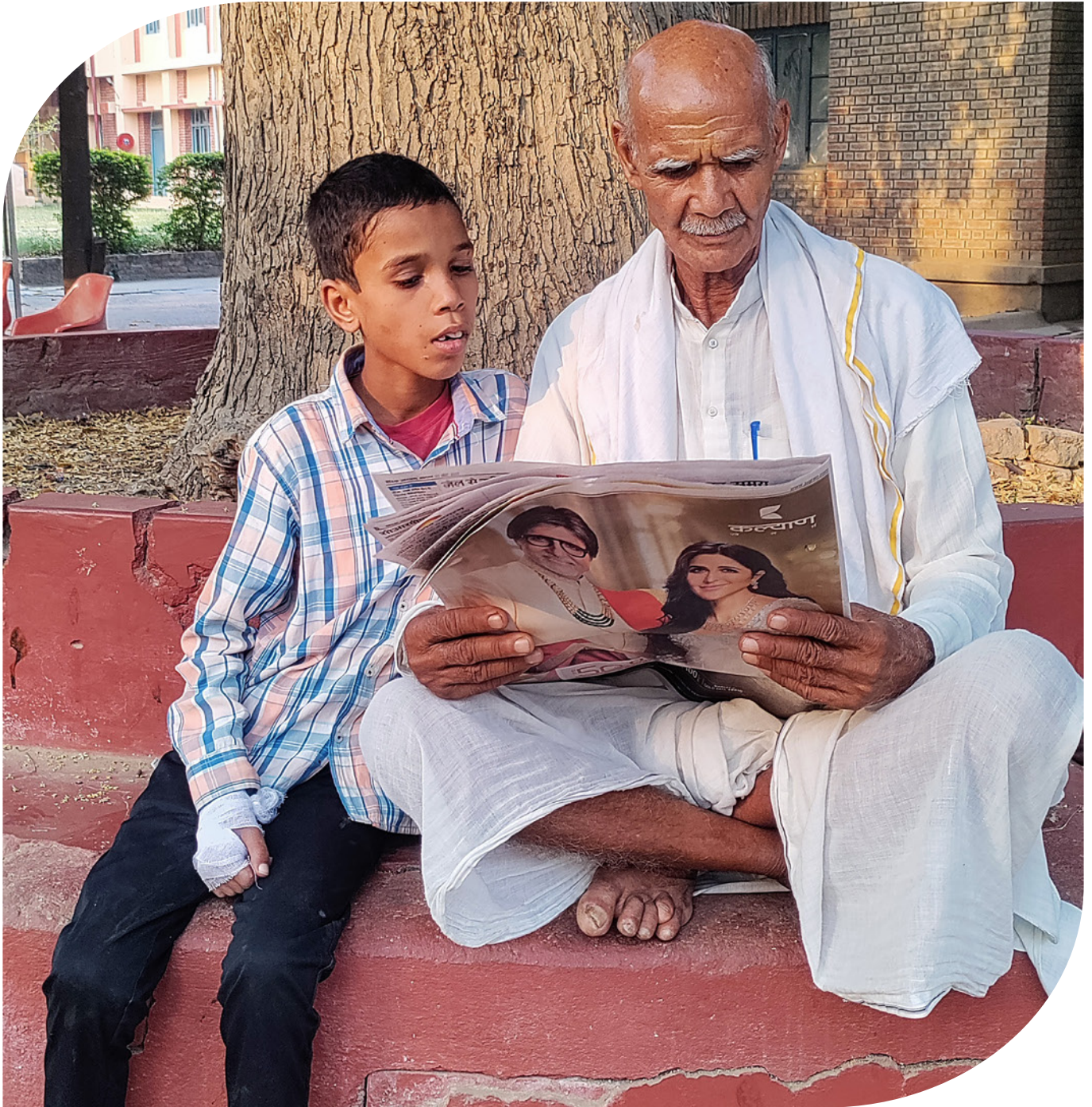
A turning point came when The Leprosy Mission's CUFA project intervened. They enabled her to continue her education through their Award Programme and begin the treatment that would restore her health. More than just a patient, Ritika was empowered to become a "Champion" within the project, learning about personal hygiene education, and community cleanliness and most importantly, finding her voice.

Now, as an active member of her Children's Parliament, Ritika fearlessly educates her community, dispelling myths and spreading awareness about leprosy. Healthy and confident, she has returned to school. She is a testament that leprosy is curable and that with proper treatment and support, anyone can not only recover but thrive.



Leaving behind days of distress and deformity

When Rahul was 10 years old, he was diagnosed with leprosy, that too after 3 years of misdiagnosis and wrong treatment leading to deformity. Despite his health condition, he started working in Mumbai at a very young age to support his parents and siblings. When he was back home on leave from his job, an ASHA worker referred him to the District Leprosy Office, who, in turn, contacted TLM Ayodhya hospital for RCS. His deformity was severe and needed pre-operative physiotherapy. Both Rahul and the physiotherapist's determination paid off. After the reconstructive surgery was performed, his deformity was corrected. He responded well to the post-operative rehabilitation protocol. The hope of restoring his hand, which once appeared impossible, was made possible. Rahul now wants to continue his studies and also work to support his family.



Anand's Journey from Despair to Dreams

Anand, an 11-year-old from Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, dreamt of becoming a medical professional. However, since 2020, weakness in his right hand due to leprosy has been threatening his aspirations. Despite his parents' efforts, financial struggles led them to a local quack, whose misguided home remedy tragically worsened Anand's condition with severe burns.

A compassionate well-wisher referred Anand's family to The Leprosy Mission Hospital in Naini. There, doctors swiftly diagnosed leprosy and began Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT), halting the progression of disease. His painful ulcer is now healing, with reconstructive surgery on his right hand planned to restore crucial functionality. This intervention has rekindled Anand's spirit, transforming despair into a powerful journey of healing and renewed hope. He can now envision holding a glass, writing in school, and reclaiming his childhood, empowering him to pursue his medical dreams.

Stories of Transformation

West Bengal

A New Chapter: Rabina's Path to Healing

Rabina Kishku, a 20-year-old from West Bengal, faced a challenging health issue. At 15, she noticed a numb, light patch on her right hand, which she initially overlooked. Later, health visitors identified it, leading to a diagnosis of leprosy at a government hospital. She completed a year-long MDT course, but a hand deformity, a "claw hand," developed.

Rabina was referred to the Premananda Leprosy Mission Hospital of TLMTI in Kolkata where she underwent reconstructive surgery on November 23, 2024. Following the successful operation, she diligently completed her physiotherapy. The outcome has been positive, restoring function to her hand. Rabina is now back home with renewed hope and improved mental health too, grateful for the care that has significantly improved her quality of life.



Vocational Education – Bankura

Rising Beyond Limits

Tarashankar Malakar, a 25-year-old from Purulia, West Bengal, faced profound challenges due to his physical disability, enduring constant mockery and social rejection. Despite graduating, two years of joblessness left him feeling lost and without purpose.

A pivotal moment arrived with a visit from a TLMTI Bankura Vocational Training Centre (VTC) staff, who saw beyond his limitations. In 2023, Tarashankar enrolled in the two-year Electrician trade at the VTC, a decision that transformed his life. He not only mastered electrical mechanics, wiring, and tool handling but also gained immense confidence, even learning to operate a computer.

Supported by GRSE, this training empowered Tarashankar to dream of entrepreneurship. He now envisions starting his own electrical repair and installation service in his village, aiming to prove that disability does not define worth. His goal is to support his family, easing his father's burden and bringing dignity to their home. Tarashankar's journey is a powerful testament to how vocational training can foster independence and success for individuals with disabilities.



TLM 150 year celebrations

A Sesquicentennial of Impact: The Leprosy Mission's Enduring Legacy

The 150th anniversary of **The Leprosy Mission (TLM)** marked a pivotal moment, to spotlight its illustrious history and profound contributions to leprosy elimination globally. This significant milestone served as an unparalleled opportunity to engage a diverse spectrum of stakeholders, including communities, partner organisations, and government officials, in celebrating TLM's enduring impact.

Across India, all TLMTI's hospitals, vocational training centers, and community projects conducted a series of impactful events, culminating in a grand celebration in New Delhi on November 15th. All units collaboratively undertook three key initiatives:

- 1. Commemorative Publications:** They released souvenirs documenting each unit's unique journey, highlighting pivotal milestones, and honoring the remarkable individuals who have significantly contributed to the mission.
- 2. Insightful Dialogues:** Major events were organised to reflect the challenges TLMTI has overcome, the groundbreaking innovations it has pioneered, and the dedication of experts who have selflessly devoted their lives to those affected by leprosy.
- 3. Expressions of Gratitude:** Thanksgiving events were hosted to acknowledge blessings and express profound appreciation for the unwavering support received from local communities, generous donors, well-wishers, dedicated staff members and people affected by leprosy.

To commemorate its sesquicentennial year, TLMTI strategically expanded its reach by launching an **Urban Skill Training Centre in Noida**, a **Physiotherapy College in Purulia**, and a **College of Nursing in Salur**. Further solidifying its leadership, TLMTI hosted the **Inclusive India Summit** in New Delhi on November 14th. This prestigious summit convened experts from leprosy, public health, and other sectors to deliberate on crucial topics: integrating social determinants of health into leprosy elimination programmes, advocating for robust disability-inclusive policies, and fostering the growth of the start-up ecosystem for assistive aids.



Thanksgiving ceremony in Delhi on the occasion of 150 years of TLM



Winners of the Wellesley Bailey Awards in discussion with Jayashree Kunju at 150 years celebratory event in Delhi

An impressive **coffee table book** was also produced, serving as a comprehensive chronicle of the mission's 150-year journey. It meticulously details important interventions, celebrates the invaluable contributions of medical, paramedical, and other staff members, and immortalizes unique historical moments.

TLMTI played a crucial role in supporting TLM International in organising the global event to observe this momentous occasion. This included the significant launch of the **Global Fellowship Strategy** and the creation of an immersive **experiential space** designed to provide visitors with a profound understanding of a patient's journey. During the event, the prestigious **Wellesley Bailey Awards** were proudly bestowed upon exemplary leprosy champions, recognising their unwavering commitment to restoring dignity and fostering inclusion for their peers. The Union Health Minister's powerful video message for TLM was screened, and vibrant folk performances from various Indian states added to the celebratory atmosphere. The momentous celebration concluded with a heartfelt Thanksgiving ceremony in New Delhi.



Dr D.P.N. Prasad received appreciation for long-term association and leadership



Dr D Vijayakumar received Lifetime Achievement award on the gala night in New Delhi



Members of TLM and the partners during the celebration of 150 years in New Delhi

TLM Changemaker Awards

From the inception to its formative years and now as a global organisation serving millions of people each year, The Leprosy Mission has drawn immense strength from its supporters and well-wishers. Their generosity, empathy and support made all the difference in the impact that the mission had and will continue to have in the coming days.

For the first time, as a part of the sesquicentennial year, TLMTI instituted **The Changemakers Awards** to acknowledge the CSR partners and technical partners as Changemakers and felicitate them for their contribution.

Mr Shombi Sharp—the UN Resident Coordinator, and Shri K J Alphons—former Union Minister, graced the awards ceremony as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour, respectively. They delivered motivational addresses to the audience and handed over the awards to TLMTI's supporters.

The awards event was followed by a panel discussion on 'Corporate Social Responsibility towards Fighting Leprosy', which brought out several strands of ideas on partnering with corporations to mobilise resources for the people affected by leprosy.



The GIC Re received TLM Changemaker Award from Mr Shombi Sharp - UN Resident Coordinator in India



The Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy received TLM Changemaker Award from Mr Shombi Sharp - UN Resident Coordinator in India



The NCPEDP received TLM Changemaker Award from Mr Shombi Sharp - UN Resident Coordinator in India



The Rotary Club of Delhi South received TLM Changemaker Award from Shri K J Alphons - Former Union Minister of State



The Muthoot Group received TLM Changemaker Award from Shri K J Alphons – Former Union Minister of State



The Majeed Foundation received TLM Changemaker Award from Shri K J Alphons – Former Union Minister of State



Dr Sunil Chandy, Shri K J Alphons and Mr Shombi Sharp inaugurating TLM Changemaker Awards



Dr Sunil Chandy, Former Director of CMC Vellore and Mr Rajeev Bhadauria, a Global Speaker, Mentor and Coach in conversation with Chhavi Tyagi on CSR for leprosy



The SBI Foundation received TLM Changemaker Award from Mr Shombi Sharp – UN Resident Coordinator in India

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Financials

Abridged Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	INR (As on 31.12.2024)	INR (As on 31.12.2023)
SOURCES OF FUNDS:		
Capital Fund (Represented by Fixed Assets)	50,92,37,714	50,59,77,567
Capital Project Fund	3,36,09,476	4,34,22,088
General Fund	1,95,23,808	7,16,83,925
Advance Against Sale of Assets	5,83,16,938	6,24,38,439
Designated / Programmes / Other Funds	7,44,24,424	6,23,69,653
Total	69,51,12,360	74,58,91,672
APPLICATION OF FUNDS:		
Fixed Assets:		
Gross Block	1,20,81,44,276	1,16,17,18,713
Less : Depreciation	69,89,06,562	65,57,41,146
Net Block	50,92,37,714	50,59,77,567
Capital Work in Progress	2,21,54,882	1,45,19,637
	53,13,92,596	52,04,97,204
Investments	12,43,30,392	9,29,16,092
Current Assets:		
Cash and Bank Balances	10,93,03,757	15,48,28,784
Amount Receivable	3,03,76,874	6,15,03,554
Less : Current Liabilities:		
Amount Payable	10,02,91,259	8,38,53,962
Net Current Assets	3,93,89,372	13,24,78,376
Total	69,51,12,360	74,58,91,672

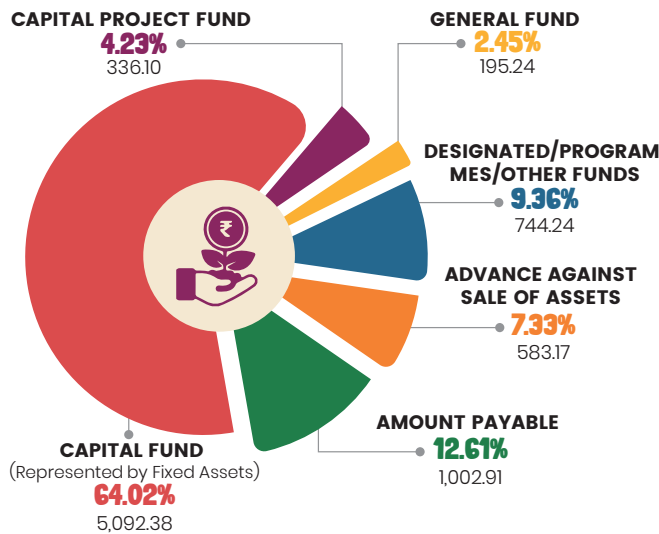
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	INR (2024)	INR (2023)
INCOME		
Foreign Contributions	25,01,70,248	25,13,66,560
Local Contributions	8,85,83,126	5,58,18,388
Receipts from Patient Care	62,74,00,258	60,37,24,259
Receipts from other Services	2,72,48,314	2,78,38,062
Local Fund Raising	8,65,37,629	6,73,58,483
Interest	1,35,55,984	88,53,778
Excess of Expenditure Over Income / Deficit	1,65,25,665	5,63,85,103
Total	1,11,00,21,224	1,07,13,44,633
EXPENDITURE		
Programme Expenses:		
Patient Care	70,07,04,861	67,63,74,299
Public Health	81,25,263	1,42,17,907
Livelihood Programmes	9,89,08,070	10,83,77,548
Prevention of Disabilities	2,60,14,789	3,69,68,721
Advocacy	3,29,21,761	3,33,13,603
Research	4,31,11,600	3,38,91,196
Training	2,31,42,326	1,64,44,297
Fund Raising	5,36,49,921	4,19,61,727
Administrative Expenses	12,34,42,633	10,97,95,335
Total	1,11,00,21,224	1,07,13,44,633

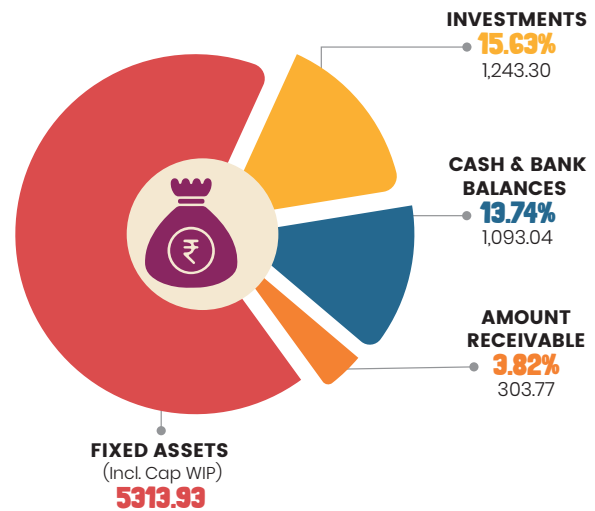
FINANCIAL POSITION AS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

(Figures INR in Lakhs)

SOURCES OF FUNDS



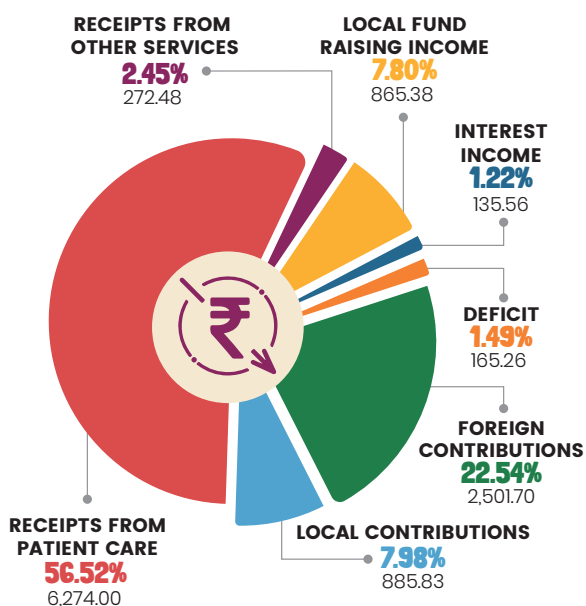
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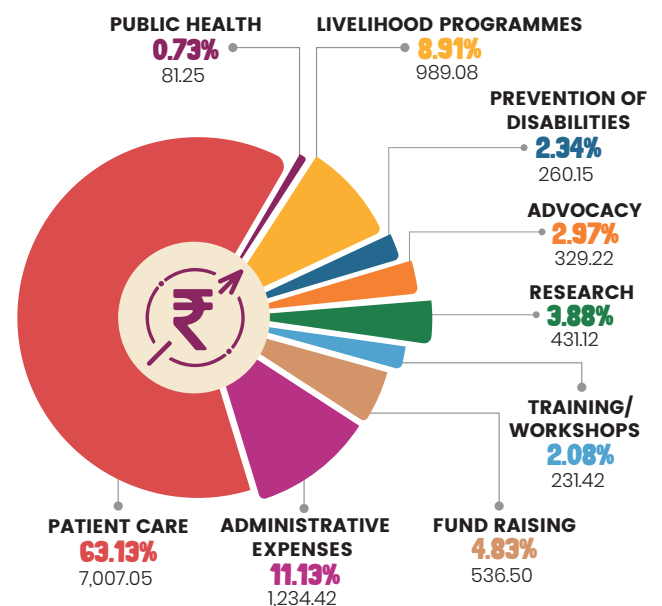
WORKING RESULTS FOR THE YEAR 2024

(Figures INR in Lakhs)

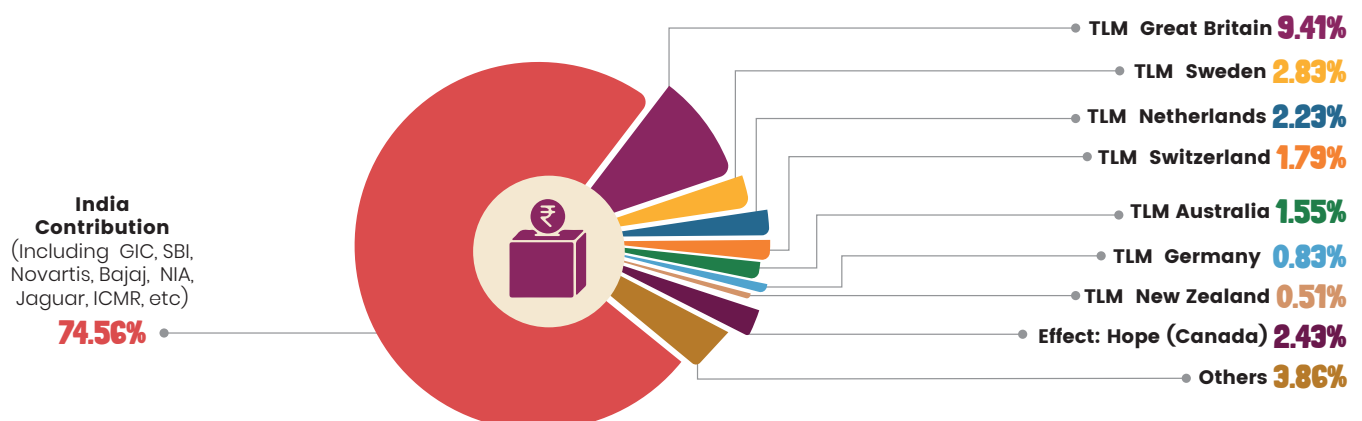
INCOME



EXPENDITURE



FUNDING OF TLMTI PROGRAMMES 2024



Tree Plantation Programme in Ayodhya in collaboration with Government

As a part of the Uttar Pradesh government's plantation campaign, 'Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan 2024', the District Forest Department partnered with The Leprosy Mission Hospital in Ayodhya and planted 1600 saplings in the hospital campus. The forest department has committed to maintain and take care of these saplings for the next three years, following which the trees will be handed over to TLM. The District Forest Officer, Sub-divisional Magistrate and Panchayat members, hospital staff, leprosy patients undergoing treatment, joined hands in planting the saplings.



Zero Carbon campus in Belgaum

In 2024, the TLM hospital in Belgaum started a zero-carbon initiative aiming to make the hospital campus a net-zero carbon centre through sustainable practices in waste management, water conservation, clean energy generation, and mobility.

A rainwater harvesting system was installed in the campus, collecting rooftop water into a well for use in washrooms and gardening. A hybrid solar electricity system was installed on the hospital rooftop to reduce dependence on the electric grid and to lower energy costs. Efforts were taken to enhance carbon sequestration by planting bamboo along the campus boundaries and distributing native tree species like neem, mango, sapota, and moringa across the campus. The combined measures are expected to offset the hospital's carbon footprint and create a positive carbon balance, demonstrating the potential for healthcare facilities to contribute actively to climate action.

