#### REPORT ON WORLD LEPROSY DAY -2025

THEME: "Unite, Act, Eliminate,".

World Leprosy Day – 2025 was observed by the NSS Unit of Narayana College of Nursing, in collaboration with the Department of Community Health Nursing, on 30th January 2025 at the Narayana Rural Health Center. The event was conducted from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM with the aim of raising awareness about leprosy, promoting early detection and treatment, and eliminating the stigma associated with the disease. The theme for this year, "Unite. Act. Eliminate.", emphasized the need for collective efforts in combating leprosy and supporting those affected.

The program commenced with a rally organized from the Narayana Rural Health Center to Venkatachalam village. The rally was flagged off in the presence of esteemed dignitaries including **Dr. Khadhar Valli**, Additional District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO), who served as the chief guest, **Dr. Vidya Sagar**, Medical Officer, **Mr. Chengaiah**, Sanitary Officer, and **Mrs. Lakshmi**, ANM Nurse. Members of the **Narayana Medical College – Department of SPM (Social and Preventive Medicine)** also actively participated in the event.

The rally saw enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers who held placards with powerful messages and chanted slogans promoting awareness about leprosy. The volunteers walked through the streets of Venkatachalam village, attracting the attention of local residents and creating awareness through their spirited engagement. The placards highlighted key messages like "Early Detection is Key," "Stop Leprosy Stigma," and "Unite. Act. Eliminate." The rally helped in disseminating vital information about the disease, its symptoms, and the importance of early medical intervention.

Addressing the gathering, **Dr. Khadhar Valli** spoke about the importance of spreading awareness and eliminating the stigma that still surrounds leprosy. He

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appreciated the efforts of the students and emphasized that consistent public health education is crucial for early diagnosis and treatment, which can help prevent disabilities associated with the disease. His motivational speech encouraged students and health professionals to continue their advocacy in rural and underserved communities.

The event was successfully led by **Mrs. S. Suhitra**, NSS Program Officer, who guided the volunteers throughout the rally. The program was conducted under the valuable guidance and support of **Dr. B. Vanaja Kumari**, Principal of Narayana College of Nursing, whose leadership ensured the smooth execution of the event. The combined efforts of faculty, students, and community health professionals contributed to the success of this meaningful initiative.

The rally concluded with a positive response from the community, who appreciated the awareness efforts made by the students and health workers. The event served as an important reminder of the role that nursing students and health professionals can play in promoting public health and social responsibility. By uniting for a common cause, the participants contributed to the global mission of eliminating leprosy and building a more inclusive society.

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### Photos:



Rally inauguration by Dr. Khadhar Valli, Additional District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO)



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The students actively participated in a rally to spread awareness about leprosy



Dr. Khadhar Valli Garu addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of observing World Leprosy Day."



Group gathered for the program

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