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Regional Leprosy Training and Research Institute (RLTRI), Raipur established in the year 1979, is one of the 3 RLTRIs in the country, established with the aim to provide specialized care to the leprosy cases, undertake research in the field of leprosy and develop specialized manpower by imparting training to vertical leprosy staff, deployed all over the country. With the concerted and dedicated efforts for over two and half decades we have been able to bring down the case load to a level, enabling India to achieve elimination in 2005.

Thereafter the programme became integrated with General Health System (GHS) and implementation of NLEP came under the preview of State health system, with RLTRI primarily as supportive institute. During the crucial pre and post integration period (2000-2010) the institute has undertaken Operational and Health System research and nation wise evaluation of leprosy control acuties (LEM & MLEC etc.).

Current role of the institute is of referral institution to provide support and specialized quality services to difficult to manage complicated cases of leprosy. Institute continued to impart training to various health functionaries viz. Regional Directors, State Leprosy Officer, District Leprosy Officers, Block Medical Officer, and Para Medical Personnel, Laboratory staff, Physiotherapist and other categories of staff from general health care system of various states.

As a subordinate office of Central Leprosy Division (CLD) it is involved in special case detection drives awareness drives (LCDC & SPARSH) with the aim of achieving elimination at subnational, regional and state level.

In the year 2005, the institute has been designated as Regional Office of Health and Family welfare for the State of Chhattisgarh for monitoring various national Health programmes including NVBDCP, RNTCP, RMNCHA+, HIV, AIDS, NPCDCS, NBCP, IDSP, Disaster Management. Thus, the institute at present is holding the dual responsibility of RLTRI & ROHFW, Chhattisgarh.

In addition to Epidemiological and training wings, the institute also has a hospital including OPD, 57 bedded indoor wards, a laboratory to undertake Microscopy confirmation of M Leprae by skin smear examination and an OT to undertake reconstructive surgeries for leprosy related deformities which is closed for over 3 years and is now under the process of renovation/repair. Presently the Institute is undertaking RCS surgeries in camp mode in various districts of the state. DPMR services are also provided to PAL.

During the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, under the guidance of the DGHS, the institute has played an important role in supporting the state. It has assessed the Covid hospital and health facilities, made recommendation for improvement of functioning, doing daily reporting of hospitalised cases. The hospital complex is currently working as Isolation Centre / dedicated Covid Health Centre. Covid diagnostic lab with TrueNet facility, with capacity of undertaking about 150-200 has also been developed in the hospital complex of the institute.

The institute is committed to Goal of Leprosy free society, by empowering the health manpower and the community through competency based training and IEC, undertaking need based research and providing quality care to Person effected with leprosy (PAL).

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