

## CENTRE FACT SHEET

(For Foreign Visitors to the Hospital)

● **Established** – in 1876 by Mr. Sam Higginbotham an American Presbyterian Missionary. At that time, this was part of the nearby Agricultural Institute and Blind Home. Management of this Institution came under the ‘The Leprosy Mission’ in 1906. It functioned as a home for destitute leprosy patients till the 1960s when it was converted into a hospital. At present this is among the larger leprosy referral hospitals in North India.

● **Location** – Naini is a suburb of Allahabad on the South side of the River Jamuna. Allahabad was previously the capital of Uttar Pradesh and is situated at the confluence of the rivers Ganga, Jamuna and the mythological Saraswati.

● **Facilities** – 150 bedded in-patient facility (107% leprosy occupancy), out-patients consultations of 75,000 per year (including 73% non-leprosy), Laboratory, X-ray, Physiotherapy, Dispensary, Ophthalmology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Surgery (re-constructive and general), General Medicine Footwear, Orthoses & Prosthesis, Occupational Therapy, and Rehabilitation. Hospital working Hours 8:00 am to 5:30 pm (Monday to Friday) and up to 1 pm on Saturday. Out-patients are seen every day.

● **Training Centre** – available for all categories of leprosy workers from the State Government and other Voluntary Organization. The emphases will now be on **Training of Trainers** at Government level to ease the process of integration of Health Services at PHC level. **In-service** training is available on request.

● **Staff** – the hospital currently employs 102 staff.(Hospital – 92, TU – 6, Snehalaya – 4)

● **Accommodation** – the guest house can comfortably accommodate up to 14 people, with all meals provided. In case of overflow, Hostel facility can accommodate 30 men and 10 women in dormitory type accommodation. All meals are provided.

● **Electricity** – 220 Volts, 50 Hz. Frequent loss / power cuts from main supply. Generator available on campus.

● **Water** – adequate water supply available from wells on campus. Tap water is not drinking quality. Mineral water is supplied in Guest House.

● **Fellowship** – work begins daily at 8:00 am with morning devotion in Hindi in the hospital chapel. Sunday service in Hindi in the hospital chapel at 8.30 am. English Service is conducted in the nearby Church of Agriculture Institute at 8.30 am, for which transportation can be arranged.

● **Bible Study** – Bible Study in Hindi in the chapel or individual homes every week.

● **Sunday School** – every Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Community Hall of the hospital. Mostly for children of staff, in Hindi and English.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Recreation** – Outdoor games: Shuttle badminton, Volleyball, Basketball and Cricket
  - Indoor Games: Table tennis and Carrom
- **Visas** – all visa extensions can be done only in Delhi. All foreign guests must report to the Local Intelligence Unit (LIU), on arrival, by filling a registration form. This can be done through the hospital office.
- **Foreign Exchange** – changing cash or traveller's cheques can be done at State Bank of India, Allahabad. Credit Card and ATM facilities are available.
- **Clothing** – Allahabad has a wide range of seasonal changes of temperature
  - Summer* (Mar to Jun) temperature 40 – 50 degrees Centigrade light cotton clothing
  - Monsoon* (Jul to Sep) temperature 35 – 40 degrees Centigrade with high humidity, only moderate rain-fall -- light cotton clothing.
  - Winter* (Oct. /Nov to Feb) temperature 4 – 10 degrees Centigrade – Sweaters and coats in December to January.

*Please dress modestly (No shorts for girls)*
- **Health** – it is essential to take precautions against water / food borne infections by drinking only boiled water or bottled mineral water (easily available in Guest house). You may need sun-screen lotion and insect repellents.
- **Prophylaxis** – Hepatitis A (Hepatitis B for Medical Personnel), Tetanus, Malaria, Typhoid, Cholera etc.
- **Transport** – Naini is approximately 8 km south of Allahabad.
- **Shopping** – Allahabad has a fairly good market for all necessities. Shops are open Monday to Saturday and closed on Sundays.
- **Mail** – is collected daily from Naini Post Office by hospital staff, and can be picked up at the office. Fax, phone calls and e-mail can be arranged through the office.
- **Reading Material** – *Lonely Planet Series – India* is a useful book to have. Reading material on leprosy is available at the Training Unit Office & Library.
- **Elective Students** – are only accepted through The Leprosy Mission International via The Leprosy Mission Delhi Office. Once accepted please send details including home contact address, phone number or fax, e-mail and that of next of kin. It is helpful for us in planning your programme if you list the objectives of your visit. TLM requires all students to prepare a small project during their stay. For example a survey/audit research topic of mutual benefit and for presentation to the TLM Council.

## How to reach Naini?

The easiest way to reach Allahabad is to get to Delhi and then take a train –

- **Prayag Raj Express** (No. 12418) – which leaves Delhi at 9.30p.m daily and arrives in Allahabad the next morning at 6.50a.m. You will be met at the station if we know your travel plans in advance.
- **Duronto Express** (No. 12276) – which leaves Delhi at 23:00 hrs and arrives in Allahabad the next morning at 06:20 hrs. Runs 3 days a week – Wed, Fri, Sun.
- **Several other trains from Delhi**, passing through and stopping at Allahabad.

*If you are coming on your own from Allahabad Railway station to Naini Hospital*

– Rickshaw (cycle) costs Rs. 50

– Auto rickshaw costs Rs. 100

The nearest Airport (Domestic) is at Lucknow, which is a 4 hour drive from Allahabad.

The airport at Allahabad connects from Lucknow and Kolkata on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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