PREFACE

This work refers to the study of the psychological consequences of Hansen’s disease. Behavior of the patients of Hansen’s disease in terms of the variables like Learned helplessness and Death anxiety has remained neglected in the sphere of understanding about this disease. I feel that the present work will stand as a significant contribution to one of the most needed areas of research undertaking. It is my observation that patients of this disease, Usually die a psychological death that can be preventing through boosting up of their self or ego, as well as by educating the society about the disease for eradication of social stigma.

The work has been a creative effort with scientific approach and as such remains highly promising and worthy adventure. It is expected that observations made in this study will go a long way in the rehabilitation of these patients.

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