

LEPER ASYLUM IN PURULIA AND THE GERMAN MISSIONARIES: A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Chotanagpur plateau, especially Purulia was a fertile land of the Lepers. It is a matter of sadness that the history of leprosy and its interaction with human being is one of suffering and misunderstanding. This disease is not hereditary or epidemic. Rev. Uffmann, a German missionary, cared for it. He established Leper asylum in Purulia. After that thousands of people cured from here and freed from the curse. This is a natural Asylum and still functioning from 1883.

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