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**International Leprosy Union elects Ram Naik-President,
Justice Dharmadhikari-Patron**

Mumbai, Tuesday: Annual General Meeting of International Leprosy Union (ILU) internationally acclaimed organization in the service of lepers unanimously elected Shri Ram Naik, former Petroleum Minister as its new President. ILU also honoured Justice (Retd) C.S. Dharmadhikari as its Patron. This information is given in a press statement issued by ILU.

Shri Ram Naik's efforts of bringing together various institutions working for lepers for empowerment of leprosy affected persons are well-known. Last year ILU bestowed chairmanship of its National Human Rights Committee on Shri Ram Naik. Since it was generally felt that there is need of continuous support of Shri Ram Naik in the service of leprosy affected persons, ILU elected him unanimously as its President in the annual general meeting held in Pune. Dr. S.D. Gokhale is Hon. President of ILU.

Late President Shri Venkatraman was Patron of ILU. The General Body also decided to honour Justice (Retd) C.S. Dharmadhikari as its Patron in the place of late Shri Venkatraman. Major Dr. Pradeep Gaikwad, retired Jt. Director, Health, Leprosy and T B Department, Maharashtra Government is also appointed as the Executive Director of ILU.

ILU has selected 10 women working in various lepers colonies of the country for their outstanding work. They will be soon felicitated in a public programme.

for (**Office Secretary**)

Note: Photographs of Shri Ram Naik and Justice (Retd) C.S. Dharmadhikari are emailed.