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GSACS had a phone-in programme on 08/04/2015 on Panaji Doordarshan to commemorate ten years of ART in Goa.



The panelists were:

Dr. Vandana Patankar, Project Director, Goa State AIDS Control Society.

Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Professor and Head of Department Microbiology, Goa Medical College.

Dr. Edwin Gomes, Professor and Head of Department Medicine, Goa Medical College.

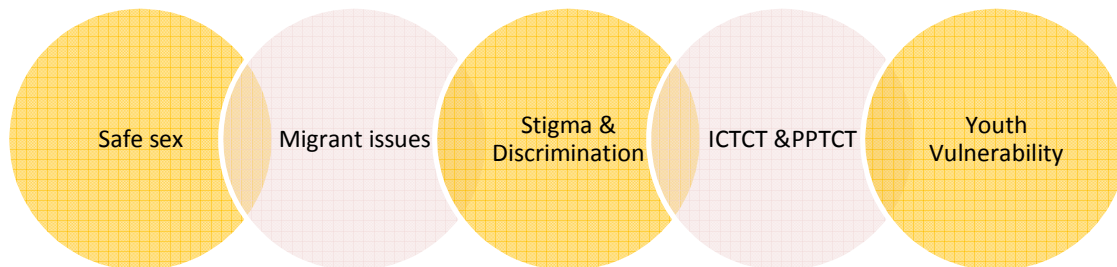
The programme began with a discussion on how a person can get tested for HIV and if positive then the ways in which Anti Retroviral Therapy can help them to live a good quality life.



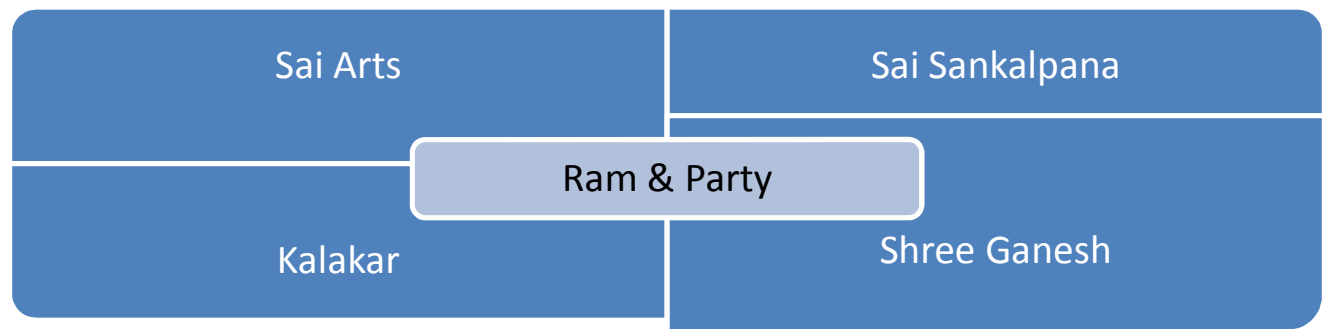
There were A wide range of questions ranging from relieving the positive status before marriage, confidentiality of HIV test results, to the discrimination of the child on the basis of positive status. The Project Director gave details about universal precautions and the availability of prophylaxis at the health centres. The entire programme was very informative.

Folk Troupes

The following themes were the focus of the performances:



Troupes engaged:



Sensitization Workshop for Targeted Vulnerable Women and Young Girls HIV/AIDS

Venue: Ravindra Bhavan , Mini Hall, Baina.

Date: 7/4/2015.

A sensitization workshop was held for vulnerable women and young girls from Baina, Vasco on HIV/AIDS by Konkani Development Society, Don Bosco Society Panaji, Goa . As part of faith based sensitizations, Don Bosco KDS has been very active in the community especially with vulnerable groups hence we collated with them.



Dr. Rahul Ramakrishnan, GSACS, held an informative session on HIV/AIDS, prevention, myths and misconceptions and stigma and discrimination, services and referrals, etc. The audience was shown an animated movie which helped them understand the concepts of HIV/AIDS better.

Ms. Saiesta Shaik, Project Manager, Presentation Society, Vasco shared her experiences working with HIV/AIDS patients, services available in Vasco and stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS. The program ended with a positive note.



State Adolescent Convention



Sanghmitra Stakeholders



Sanghmitra is project of Centre for Women's Studies at Goa University funded by National Mission for Empowerment of Women, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. Sanghmitra aims at convergence of schemes and services for adolescents by involving stakeholders from government and non-government organizations. Goa SACS was a project partner for the state coalition one day Adolescent Convention on 24/04/2015 at Taleigao Community hall. Various project partners working with adolescents were invited to display their work conduct activities and adolescents were given an opportunity to display through stage events. Various activities were organized for the 1300 adolescents from across the state.



The Project Director Dr. Vandana Patankar addressed the gathering and A.D Youth Affairs Jeunesse D. Fernandes was actively involved in organizing the convention and conducted spot quizzes.



Goa State Adolescent Convention.



Goa SACS stall at the Adolescent Convention



DD(IEC) & AD(Mainstreaming) along with other stakeholders at GSACS Stall at the convention

Meetings

The following Committees of GSACS held their meetings on 19th May 2015 at the Conference Hall at Goa Secretariat complex under the chairmanship of Dr. Sharat Chauhan, Commissioner & Secretary (Health).

- **Governing body**
- **Executive committee**
- **Core Committee**
- **State Blood Transfusion Council**
- **State Grievances Redressal Committee**
- **State Co-ordination committee & Technical working group for HIV/TB activities.**



The members present reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings and contributed their valuable suggestions regarding the issues presented at the meetings.



Safe blood supplies are a scarce commodity –**World Blood Donor Day** is an occasion to raise awareness of the problem and thank donors worldwide. It is held annually on **June 14**. **Goa SACS is observing this day with a program me at Directorate of Health Services, Conference Hall. The Chief Guest for the Programme is Shri. Sidharth Kuncalienkar Honb’le MLA for Panaji constituency.**

World Blood Donor Day falls on the birthday of Karl Landsteiner (June 14, 1868). He developed the modern system of classification of blood groups the ABO blood group system, which is still used today to ensure the safety of blood transfusions.

The theme of this year’s campaign is "Thank you for saving my life". It focuses on thanking blood donors who save lives every day through their blood donations and strongly encourages more people all over the world to donate blood voluntarily.

