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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY, GOA 2015

Date : 19/08/2015

Location: Dr. Shyama Prasad Stadium, Taleigao.

National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) and Goa State AIDS Control Society organized the National Level Programme to celebrate the **International Youth Day 2015** for the purpose of drawing attention to youth issues.

Goa SACS took up this initiative by collaborating with all the Primary/ Community/ Urban Health Centre's under Directorate of Health Services, Campal across the states and organized marking IYD 2015 on 12/08/2015 by having a **Taluka level Poster Competition** which drew huge response to observe this day in all the Educational Institutions having Red Ribbon Clubs. The 1st Prize winning Posters were then forwarded to SACS which were displayed at the National Level function on 19th of August 2015 at the Exhibition installed at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, Taleigao - Goa University Campus with **Hon.ble SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK, Union Minister for AYUSH (independent charge), MDS Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** who graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The Theme for **International Youth Day** is '**Youth Civic Engagement**' and seeks to promote young people's effective inclusive civic engagement at all levels. The slogan given by NACO for this day was '**Kadam Badhao - Make a Change**'.

On the eve of the daylong event a press conference was held at Goa SACS Conference hall presided over by the Union Minister for AYUSH (independent charge), MDS Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Hon.ble **SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK**, Deputy Director general NACO Dr.Naresh Goel, Project Director Goa SACS Dr. Vandana Patankar, Dr.Rajesh Rana AD Media Director NACO and Umakant Sawant Deputy Director Goa SACS.

The International Youth Day event commenced at 11:00am with Honb'le Union for AYUSH (independent charge), MOS Ministry of Health Family Welfare Shri. Shripad Naik, Chief Guest; the Honb'le Chief Minister Shri. Laxmikant Parsekar Deputy CM/ Health Minister Shri. Francis D' Souza and Sports Minister Shri. Ramesh B Tawadkar, Special Invitees and Dr. Vandana Patankar, Project Director inaugurating the Exhibition, guided by Mr. Ramesh Rathod, AD TI. The stalls had displays by various organisations, Red Ribbon Club Youth Activities conducted from SACS all over India, AIDs Health Care Foundation, NACO, SFWB-DHS, Campal, TB Control, NGO's from Goa like Lifeline, Humsaath Trust, DEMM, Presentation Society, Zindagi-Goa, Positive People, Rishta work done over the years.

The Inaugural Function of the National Event of International Youth Day:

The function commenced with the National anthem being played by the band from 2 Signals Training Centre, Bambolim. The Dignitaries on the dias were Honb'le Union Minister for AYUSH (independent charge), MOS Ministry of Health Family Welfare Shri. Shripad Naik, Chief Guest; the Honb'le Chief Minister Shri. Laxmikant Parsekar Deputy CM/ Health Minister Shri. Francis D' Souza and Sports Minister Shri. Ramesh B Tawadkar, StAndre MLA Vishnu Wagh, Additional Secretary of Department of Health Shri. NS Kang and Deputy Director general NACO Dr.Naresh Goel. The traditional lamp was light by the dignitaries, and the Saraswati Vandana (Nandi on Lord Ganesha who removes all obstacles) welcome prayer Classical Bharatnatyam dance performed by Saiesh Naik from St. Xavier's, Nidhi Raikar and Sai Kanuka from Rosary School students under the guidance of Guru Sapna Kocherekar Naik, Lecturer in Bharatnatyam, Kala Academy all RRC members. Additional Secretary of Department of Health Shri.NS Kang delivered the welcome address.

Shri.Shripad Naik launched the mobile application titled 'HIV Education and Link to prevention (HELP)'and pointed out that Goa being a prime tourist destination is facing a major challenge of keeping HIV at bay , he urged the youth to support governments endeavor to spread awareness about HIV and make the state AIDS free, addressing the gathering of youth he said the International Youth Day, focus is laid on youth problems and to overcome the challenges they may face and encourage them to make positive decisions.

The gathering took a pledge led by the Honb'le Union for AYUSH (independent charge), MOS Ministry of Health Family Welfare Shri. Shripad Naik. *"I hereby solemnly swear that as the youth of the nation, to understand and do good to the society and self. To think, before I act and always reflect on my actions. I swear to contemplate the deeds around me and judge what is best for me in terms of mental, physical, social and psychological health and well being. I swear to abide by this oath and spread the same spirit within my peers to be safe, secure, and aware and grow as a global citizen of my country."*

The Chief Minister said the students are the future citizens of the nation. He urged the people to pledge their support to those with HIV/AIDS. The DY. CM /Health Minister appealed to the students to spread on HIV/AIDS and seek their support to achieve zero HIV cases in the state. The minister of Sports and Youth affairs encouraged the youth to be positive role models.

An entertainment programme depicting the local folk dances was performed by the students of Narayan Zantye College of Commerce. Two HIV-positive children Manik Prabhu and Babu of Bangalore based NGO spoke about their experiences in participating in the recently concluded international children's games held at Netherlands. They were felicitated by the Union Minister for AYUSH. The Deputy Director General NACO Dr.Naresh Goel delivered the vote of thanks. Mementos were presented to the dignitaries by the Director of Directorate of Health Services Dr. Sanjeev Dalvi.

The main event was followed by two technical sessions on Social Protection for Youth and Drugs concluding the day long National Event.

There was good representation from all the Educational Institutions due to the personal interest taken by the Director of Education & Higher Education to encourage the Schools and Colleges, Red Ribbon Club Member's, NSS PO's Officers from Dept of Sports and Youth Affairs, Head Masters and Principals from Directorate of Higher Education, Officers from Directorate of Health Services, Goa Medical College Staff, Officials from various Govt. Departments, staff from NGO's, TSU-PHFI, NACO Officers, Goa SACS and VIP's along with other ministers and legislators will be attending the programme. More than 7000 students were present for the event.

The press conference as well as the main event was covered extensively by the media.

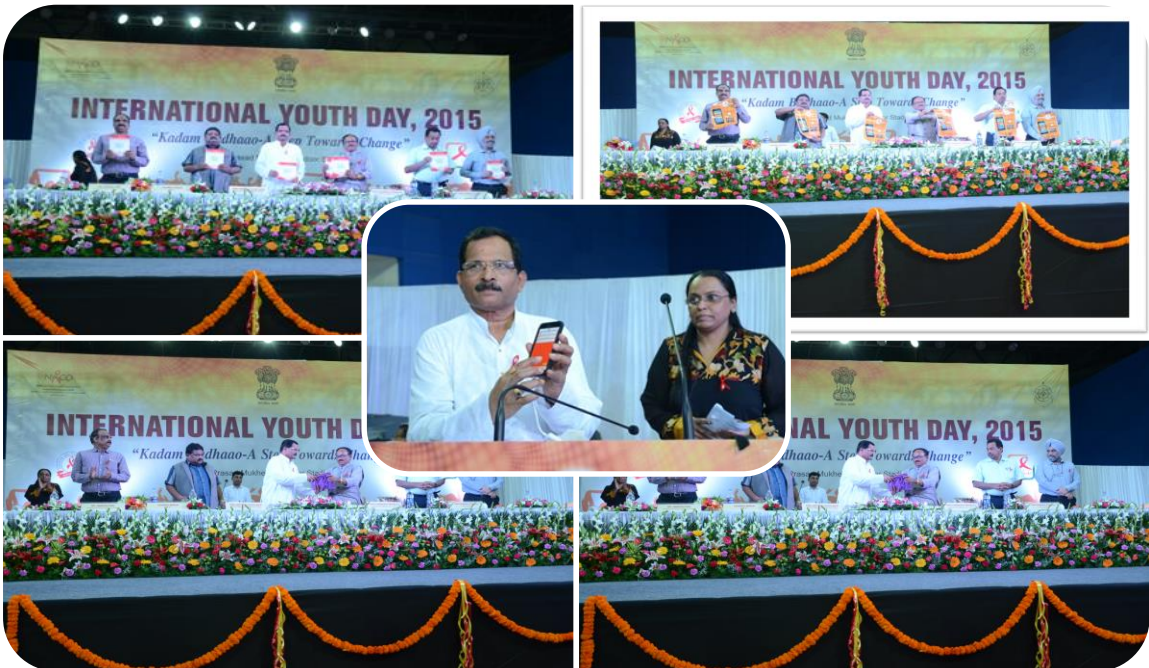
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Exhibition



main event



Launching of Mobile App & release of Poster and booklet



Cultural programme



AUDIENCE

GLIMPSES OF THE NEWS COVERAGE IN PRINT MEDIA



REFRESHER TRAINING OF OUTREACH WORKERS (ORW) CORE & BRIDGE TI PROJECTS ON

Date: **22nd and 23rd July 2015**

Venue: **Seminar Hall, Secretariat, Porvorim.**

Glimpses of ORW Refresher Training:



Dr. Vandana Patankar, Project Director & **RAMESH RATHOD** AD (TI) WELCOMING THE PARTICIPANTS



Ramesh Rathod AD (TI) Goa SACS conducted a session on Basics of HIV/AIDS & Dr. **Lalita Umraskar**, Lead Medical Officer, (LMO) DHS delivered the session on Basics of STI



Zeenat Pathan PM, Sai Life Care explained the Components of TI & **Ashpak Shaikh**

PM, Life Line Foundation explained Behavior Change Communication.



Outreach Planning along with Practice session, discussion and group activities discussion was conducted by **Mahesh Govekar** PM Darpan Goa & Condom Promotion Discussion and practice was conducted by **Lal Baig**, PM Humsaath Trust.



Group discussions in progress



Sessions were also held on Team Building, Outreach Planning Hot Spot wise Data analysis MIS and documentation, Roles and Responsibility & Referral and Linkages.



The two day workshop ended with Presentation of Group work and discussion on the presentations.

Sensitisation programme held at Shree Sharada English High School, Anandwadi-Sanvordem

HIV/ AIDS sensitization session was held at Shree Sharada English High School, Anandwadi-Sanvordem, Goa on 10/09/2015 in collaboration with the CHC, Curchorem and Savordem Panchayat.

The Principal Mrs. Smitha P Kamat welcomed the Officials for the session by speaking about HIV/AIDS and how one must take care of themselves to prevent it.

Deputy Director (IEC) Mr. Umakant Sawant spoke about the work done by Goa State AIDS Control society and IEC awareness programs done through the Adolescent Education Program conducted by Goa SACS through SCERT-Porvorim in 9th and 10th standard school for students and training teachers of each school across various talukas.

The Health Officer Dr. Mohanrao Dessai spoke on understanding what HIV is/ AIDS, discuss basics of transmission & prevention of HIV, difference between HIV and AIDS, Four root causes of how it spreads and how it does not spread. Also he spoke on symptoms of AIDS, to know about HIV testing and diagnosis, Window period and discussed myths and misconceptions related to HIV.

Mr. Sanjay Naik, Project Director, CRF, Margao and Sarpanch of Savordem Panchayat and Mrs. Asha Vernekar, Team Leader TSU, PHFI revised the entire session with the students to clarify their doubts. The extension educator, CHC Curchorem Mr. Sridhar also urged the students to visit the ICTC at the CHC Curchorem and meet the counselor for further help and information. They were requested to maintain a Question Box of questions by students which could be answered by the next resource person (medical Officer) visiting the school from CHC, Curchorem.



The program was attended by 8th, 9th and 10th standard students of Sharada English High School and Teachers of the school.

Vasco Saptah:

Zindagi-Goa a state level network for people living with HIV/AIDS in Goa (Vasco Based NGO) in collaboration with Vihaan Care and Support Centre project of Goa, Darpan Goa a Targeted intervention project of MSM in North Goa funded by Goa State AIDS Control Society Panaji and Vasco muslim social Trust NGO organized HIV/AIDS awareness programme at vasco on 22nd August 2015 to sensitize youth population of Goa towards HIV/AIDS. Held an exhibition of poster painted by Goan youths on the topic on HIV/AIDS where they got tremendous response of the public. Mr. Mahesh Govekar, Director of Zindagi Goa.



Every year the organizing the programme on the occasion on Vasco Saptah to reach out to maximum general community as more than one lakh devotees visit vasco city from the different part of Goa to worship "Lord Shree Damodar" and also hawkers from the countrywide to sell their goods at the fair. This year "Zindagi Goa" focused specially on youth.

Upcoming event:

Voluntary Blood Donation Day
1st October 2015.

