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SENSITISATION PROGRAMME FOR POLICE PERSONNEL BY GOASACS



Shri Shekhar PrabhuDesai, S.P. South Goa inaugurating the function by traditional lighting of the lamp. Also seen are Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI, TSU, Shri Ramesh Rathod, AD (TI), Goa SACS and Shri Sanjay Naik, Project Director, CRF

Sensitisation programme for police personnel was organized by Goa State AIDS Control Society on 10/11/12 at Margao Police Station. Shri Shekhar PrabhuDesai, S.P. South Goa inaugurated the function by traditional lighting of the lamp. Welcome address was delivered by Ms. Carol Martes, Project Manager, Positive People (FSW). This was followed by a presentation on 'HIV/AIDS' by Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI, TSU and Shri Bethoven Fonseca, Training Officer, Nirmala Institute, Panaji on 'Immoral Trafficking Act (ITP)-1986'. In all, 50 police personnel attended the function from different police stations from South Goa. Shri Ramesh Rathod, AD (TI), Smt Asha Vernakar, TL, TI, TSU, Shri Sanjay Naik, Ms. Carol Martes and Shri Ibrahim Khan were present for the function.



Shri Mohan Naik, Dy. S.P., Margao
inaugurating the function



Shri Mohan Naik, Dy. S.P., Margao seen
addressing the attendees for the programme



Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI, TSU making a
presenting on HIV/AIDS



Shri Sanjay Naik, Project Director, CRF answering
the questions on HIV/AIDS



Shri Ibrahim Khan, Project Manager, IDU (South)
proposing vote of thanks



Police personnel attending the function

RRC inaugurated at St. Alex HSS

The Goa State AIDS Control Society inaugurated the Red Ribbon Club of St. Alex Higher Secondary School on 2nd November 2012 at 11 a.m. Dr. Sakshi Parkar was the chief guest for the function. The aim of the program was to ensure effective functioning and constitution of the Red Ribbon Club for the students. The program began with a welcome song followed by formal welcome by the Principal of the school Mr. Paramjyoti Dasary. Later, the traditional lamp was lit by the chief guest, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) Goa State AIDS Control Society, Principal and two students of the school. The Chief Guest Dr. Sakshi Kappor in her address to the students spoke on HIV/AIDS, its modes of transmission, its prevention strategies, care and support, treatment and basic services. Later, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes stressed on the importance of the Red Ribbon Club and the RRC Activities. She later screened a short film on the causes, modes and prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS for the students. A song on HIV/AIDS was also played. In the second half of the session Dr. Sakshi Kapoor cleared all the doubts of the students which were posed to her in the form of questions which were earlier noted down on paper slips. Last but not the least the NSS Officer, Mrs. Carmen Pimenta introduced the RRC Advisory Committee Members and the yearly plan of activities. The program came to an end with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Carmen Pimenta.

109th Red Ribbon Club established in the state of Goa at Fr. Basilio Andrade Memorial Higher Secondary School, Majorda on 05/11/12



Mr. Trevor V. Barretto, Principal, at Fr. Basilio Andrade Memorial H.S.S, Majorda inaugurating the RRC. Also seen are Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A., Goa SACS and Tr. Marilyn Gonsalves with HSS students



Students of HSS along with staff attending the HIV/AIDS session

RED RIBBON CLUB was inaugurated at Fr. Basilio Andrade Memorial H.S.S, Majorda on 5th November 2012. The *RED RIBBON CLUB* which is a voluntary on-campus intervention programme for students in educational institutions initiated and supported by the Goa State AIDS Control Society (SACS). Every student was pinned the Red Ribbon as they entered to show their oneness to the programme. The formal welcome was given by Tr. Marilyn Gonsalves followed by a brief introduction of the guest by Tr. Cecilia. The traditional lighting of the lamp is an inevitable feature of any inauguration and it was the privilege of our Principal, Mr. Trevor V. Barretto, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) Officer at Goa State AIDS Control Society, Tr. Sarita Raiker, students Ms. Nazreen and Master Jogeshwar, Dr. Surekha Rao, Medical Officer at Health Center, Cansaulim, Ms. Karishma, Extension Educator to light the lamp.

Later, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes addressed the students and touched upon topics concerning HIV/ AIDS, Modes of transmission, Prevention strategies, Care and support, Treatment and Basic services provided and screened an animated film on HIV/ AIDS which was very comprehensive. She also briefed the students on HIV/ AIDS and the significance of the Red Ribbon Club and its activities through a power point presentation.

The Medical officer present on the occasion Dr Surekha Rao spoke about the high risk factors associated with HIV/AIDS. At the end of it all, there was a question answer session with our Principal asking a couple of questions and an overwhelming response of thought provoking questions from the students. Dr Surekha Rao and Ms Jeunesse played a video song for the students featuring many bollywood artists, the message sent through was that we all need to join hands for this noble cause-'Stop AIDS - Keep the Promise'. The programme was wrapped up with a vote of thanks proposed by a student Ms. Arishma Gomes. The programme was well organised and was a success. The programme was co-ordinated by Tr. Marushka, Tr. Cecilia and Tr. Marilyn along with Ms Jeunesse Fernandes of Goa SACS. The function was attended by 100 students and staff.

110th Red Ribbon Club Installed at Maria Bambina Higher Secondary School

All at *Maria Bambina Higher Secondary School* were set to inaugurate the Red Ribbon Club. The compere for the day was a faculty staff, Mrs. Anchita Pereira Mascarenhas. She extended an informal welcome to all gathered, and introduced the guests of the day: the Health Officer, Dr. Vijaya Halarnakar and Medical Officer, Dr. Prajakt Kamulkar, both hailing from Balli Primary Health Centre. It was followed by a welcome song by the students of Std XII Com. The Principal, Sr. Thresia then accorded a warm welcome to the dignitaries and expressed her appreciation to Miss Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant Youth Officer who was instrumental in motivating the Institution to inaugurate the Red Ribbon Club. The Principal also acknowledged the good work done by the GOA SACS in harnessing the potential of the youth by equipping them with correct information on HIV/AIDS prevention, care, support and treatment.

The formal ceremony started with the pinning of the Red Ribbon badges and lighting of the traditional lamp. The compere invited the distinguished guests of the day and the members of the RRC Advisory Committee to light the lamp. Meanwhile, all present burst into a hymn asking God to keep the flame burning brightly.

Dr. Vijaya Halarnakar made a brief introduction about the programmes of RRC, which was followed by Dr. Prajakt Kamulkar who explained the risk and the sufferings of HIV/AIDS patients.

Miss Jeunesse Fernandes, in a very enthusiastic and eloquent style delivered her digital presentation and highlighted the importance of running a Red Ribbon Club in every Higher Secondary School where the youth are the most vulnerable lot in contracting this deadly disease.

Miss Fernandes said that since there was no cure to AIDS it is absolutely necessary to know the causes and adopt preventive measures. She also mentioned that unconditional love should be shown to HIV/ AIDS affected patients as they go through trauma and distress. The audience asked a few questions and those were answered by the team.

Mr. Celestino, Treasurer of the Club proposed a Vote of Thanks. He said Prevention is better than no Cure and stressed on the words no cure. He summarized by saying that the main objective of the club was to prevent AIDS, promote good health and protect life. He thanked the resource persons, Principal and students for their participation.

The Programme ended with a video clipping which was enjoyed thoroughly by all the participants. The students took keen interest and benefited from the information provided.

The Management, Staff and students expressed their sincere gratitude to the Goa State Aids Control Society and all those involved in educating the masses on social issues and prayed that God Almighty may bless all their endeavors and reward them abundantly.

Maria Bambina Higher Secondary School



Sr. Thresia, Principal, inaugurating the RRC. Also seen are Dr. Vijaya Halamakar, H.O. , Dr. Prajakt Kamulkar, M.O. from PHC, Balli, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A.,Goa SACS and students



Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A. , Goa SACS delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS to the students.



Students presenting a welcome song



Dr. Prajakt Kamulkar, M.O. from PHC, Balli answering the questions asked by students



HSS students attending the function



Dr. Vijaya Halamakar, H.O, PHC, Balli addressing the students

RRC at M. E. S College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar



Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A, Goa SACS
delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS



Shri Rajesh Shetgaokar, NSS P.O. proposing
the vote of thanks



Students attending the RRC programme

The NSS Unit of ***M. E. S College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar*** – Goa inaugurated the Red Ribbon Club on 29th November 2012 in college campus. The Inauguration of Red Ribbon Club marks the beginning of creating awareness of HIV/ AIDS among the students and the community in the vicinity of the Institute through the NSS Unit in the college.

The Club was inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp by the Chief Guest Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs), Goa State AIDS Control Society, Panjim-Goa, Programme Officer In-charge Prof. Rajesh V. Shetgaokar and the NSS student volunteers. The Chief Guest Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, gave insight through a power point presentation on HIV/ AIDS, Prevention strategies and healthy behavior practices. She also explained in detail the various causes for the spread of diseases.

After the presentation, the discussion was held about the various aspects of AIDS and questions were answered by the resource person. A total of 138 NSS Volunteers were present for the Inaugural function. The programme was compared by Miss Tejasway, TY B.Com Student. The NSS Programme Officer In-charge, Prof. Rajesh Shetgaokar delivered the welcome address and introduced the Chief Guest while the vote of thanks was proposed by Programme Officer, Teja Temkar.

RRC activity at DM's PVS Kushe Higher Secondary School



Students performing the mime on HIV/AIDS



Rally organized by students with posters on HIV/AIDS on World AIDS Day 2012

The RED RIBBON CLUB of DM's PVS Kushe Higher Secondary School organized a Hand Print Poster Competition on the 29th November 2012 for all the volunteers.

In all, 30 volunteers participated in the competition. The participants could use only water colors. Use of pencil or pen was not allowed. The theme given was Aids Awareness and the time limit was half an hour.

Prizes were awarded stream wise. In the commerce section the prize was won by Ms. Siffa Sheikh. From the vocational stream the prize was bagged by Mast. Tushar Chari. From the science stream it was won by Ms Ankita Pednekar and from the Arts stream by Ms. Valencia Fernandes. The posters were a treat to the eyes. They were used in the rally which took place on the 1st December on the occasion of World AIDS Day as Placards.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), Goa SACS

Activities carried out in the month of November 2012

- **Full Site Sensitization Training Programme on 02.11.2012 at Hospicio Hospital, Margao**

Sensitization on STI /RTI Service delivery and Syndromic Management/Blood Safety and Voluntary Blood Donations and HIV/AIDS was conducted by Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Dr. Gokuldas Sawant DD (M & E & SUR) for doctors, Medical Officers, Staff nurses, and supervisory staff.

- **ESRM of TI NGOs was held on 5th & 6th November 2012**

6 months review of TI NG Os was conducted during ESRM of TI NG Os held on 5th & 6th November 2012 including STI Programme.

- **Executive committee meeting, State Grievances Redressal Committee Meeting, State Co-ordination HIV/TB was held on 07.11.2012**

Discussion held regarding Health Officer to be posted in DSRC.

- **Supportive Supervisory visit to ART Centre on 08.11.2012**

Supportive Supervisory visit to ART Centre on 08.11.2012 was conducted by Project Director, DD (STD) and M & E Officer.

- **STD- HIV Training Workshop for Extension / Educators held on 09/11/2012**

Orientation Workshop in STI/RTI/ HIV/AIDS Stigma Discrimination, Red Ribbon Club, other IEC Activities related to HIV/AIDS. 24 Health Educators/ Extension Educators and LHV participated in the programme. Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD, (STD) and Dr. G.V. Sawant DD (Surveillance) were the Resource Persons

- **Visit to PPP, DEMM, Vasco on 15.11.2012**

Visit was conducted to PPP of DEMM wherein she was oriented about STI /RTI Service Delivery for HRGs by Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD).

- **Monthly meeting of TI NGOs was held on 19. 11. 2012**

Monthly meeting of TI NG Os were conducted on 19th November 2012 chaired by Project Director and attended by AD (TI), TL (TI), Pos of TSU, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD). Detailed discussion was held regarding RMC (Financial Aspect), STI detection and RPR /HIV testing and achievement of these targets.

- **Visit to DEMM, Vasco on 22. 11.**

Supportive Supervisory visit conducted to Desterro Eves Mahila Mandal Centre by Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar DD (STD), Smt. Liza Pereira, Finance Officer, GSACS, Ms. Sabina Godinho, Accountant & Ms. Sarita Kurtikar, D.A.

- **Supportive Supervisory visit to Hospicio Hospital, Margao Goa and Counsellors meeting at ART Centre, Goa Medical College, Bambolim Goa on 24.11.2012**

Visit was conducted by Ms. Melita Vaz, Training Officer, NACO to STD Clinic Margao, ICTC/ PPTCT, Margao & GMC. This was followed by meeting of all North Goa Counsellors in ART Centre. Discussion was on Maintenance of Registers and planning of outreach activity

- **ASICON from 23rd to 25th November 2012.**

Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Dr. Gokuldas Sawant, DD (M&E & SUR), attended ASICON from 23rd to 25th November 2012

- **Doordarshan Programme on 28.11.2012**

Panel Discussion held on Doordarshan by DD (STD), SMO ART Centre, Prof. & HOD., Dept of Microbiology.

Folk troupe performance



‘Kalakar’ Folk Troupe group performing Street play at Sanquelim market



‘Kalakar’ Folk Troupe group performing Street play at Valpoi bus stand



Seen are Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS, Shri Narayan Nandivale, P.M., Lifeline Foundation, extension educator, Smt Gauri Mandrekar and artists.

Folk troupe performances were held at Sanquelim market and Valpoi bus stand on 18th and 19th November respectively. 'Kalakar' Folk troupe performed the street play creating awareness on HIV/AIDS among the masses. Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS, Shri Narayan Nandivale, P.M., Lifeline Foundation and extension educator, Smt. Gauri Mandrekar were present for this event.

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