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WORLD AIDS DAY 2010



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS lighting the traditional lamp for the World AIDS Day 2010. Also seen are Shri P.K. Mukherjee, Managing Director, Sesa Goa Ltd., Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Director, DHS, Dr. N. V. Markande, DD (BS & QA), Goa SACS, Dr. Pramod Salgaocar, Chairperson, Core Committee, Goa SACS, Smt. Manisha Naik, Chairperson, Social Advisory Board and Shri Ram Babu.



Shri P.K. Mukherjee, Managing Director, Sesa Goa Ltd & Guest of Honour for the function lighting the traditional lamp along with other dignitaries.

Goa State AIDS Control Society observed World AIDS Day on 1st December, 2010 at Goa State Museum Hall, Panaji Goa. On this occasion a mobile blood donation unit was inaugurated at the hands of Dr. Pramod Salgaoncar, Chairperson, Core Committee, Goa SACS in presences of Shri P. K. Mukherjee, M.D., Sesa Goa Ltd., Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS and other dignitaries. More than 150 employees of Sesa Goa Ltd. came forward to donate blood at Sesa Ghor. Population Health Services (India) in collaboration with Goa SACS organised a rally from Sesa Ghor to Azaad Maidan, Panaji. This was followed by a State level function. The Chief Guest of the function was Dr. Pramod Salgaoncar, Chairperson Core committee, Goa SACS and the Guest of Honour was Shri P. K. Mukherjee, M. D. , Sesa Goa, Ltd. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Goa SACS, Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Director, D.H.S, Smt Manisha Naik, Chairperson, Social Advisory Board, Dr. N. V. Markande, DD (BS&QA), Goa SACS and Shri Ram Babu, P.M. , Community Resource Foundation, Margao were dignitaries present on the dais. The blood donors and volunteers were felicitated. A CD on 'HIV/AIDS Situation and Response-2010' was released. Shri Mukherjee declared HIV/AIDS policy of Sesa Goa Ltd. and handed over a copy of the policy to Dr. Pradeep Padwal.

GLIMPSES OF THE EVENT



Shri P. K. Mukherjee, M.D., Sesa Goa Ltd. flagging off the rally.



Staff of Sesa Goa donating blood in the Blood mobile van.



Inauguration of the Blood Mobile van.



Street play being performed on the World AIDS Day.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS briefing the reporters of a news channel on the eve of World AIDS Day 2010.



Dr. Wisemen Pinto, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Pathology, GMC briefing the reporters of news channel on the mobile blood donation van.



Smt. Manisha Naik, Chairperson, Goa State Social Welfare Board donating blood in the mobile blood van.



Dignitaries at the Goa State Museum Hall viewing the street play.



Population Health Services (India) Volunteers participating in the rally on World AIDS Day 2010



Mobile voluntary blood donation unit being flagged off.



Shri P.K. Mukherjee, M.D., Sesa Goa Ltd. briefing the reporters on commitment of his company on corporate social responsibility in prevention of HIV through work place intervention.



Dr. Pramod Salgaocar, Chairperson, Core Committee, Goa SACS flagging off the rally.



A rally organised by Goa SACS in collaboration with PHS(India).



A section of the audience at the World AIDS Day 2010 function.



Dr. Pramod Salgaonkar felicitating a regular blood donor.



Dignitaries releasing the CD on 'HIV/AIDS, Situation and Response in Goa'



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director welcoming the gathering on World AIDS Day 2010.



Shri P. K. Mukherjee, M. D., Sesa Goa Ltd. felicitating a regular blood donor.

RRC OPENED AT GOVT. COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE, QUEPEM

Red Ribbon Club of Govt. College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem was inaugurated on 2nd Dec. 2010 in the distinguished presence of Shri Sanjay Naik, Project Manager, Prof. S. N. Patil, former Vice-Principal of the college, Dr. R. G. Kulkarni, N.S.S. Convenor, Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) Goa State AIDS Control Society. Prof. S. N. Patil welcomed the gathering and introduced the resource person and explained the theme 'Universal access and Human rights'. Dr. R. G. Kulkarni, N.S.S. Convenor, presented the proposed activities under the Red Ribbon Club to bring awareness of HIV/AIDS among the student community and society at large, through street play, versification, essay-writing, rally & brain storming sessions to sensitize volunteers to the dignity of Human life and strive to protect basic rights of all, including HIV +ve people and also introduced the advisory committee members. Shri Sanjay Naik conducted a session on HIV/AIDS, modes of transmission, prevention, care & support, treatment and answered the questions from the audience. Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes explained the importance of the Red Ribbon Club and its activities in Goa. Later on, short films/songs on HIV/AIDS were screened for motivating the members to spread awareness of HIV/AIDS, to break the silence and talk to people from different cross sections of society and educate them that prevention is the only cure. Proper knowledge about HIV infection and precautions are the only ways to live safely in this world of AIDS. The programme was compered by Prof. Smita Fernandes, N.S.S. programme officer. Shri Anfal Rayani member of Red Ribbon Club proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Reyna Sequeira & Dr. Jyosna Dessai organized the function under the guidance of Dr. R. G. Ambaloor, Vice-Principal of the college & Shri Bhaskar G. Nayak, Director of Higher Education, Campal, Panaji.



Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (YA), Goa SACS inaugurating the Red Ribbon Club for NSS unit of Govt. College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem.



Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, consultant (YA), Goa SACS briefing the students of NSS unit regarding RRC.



Dr. R. G. Kulkarni, N.S.S. Convenor briefing the students on HIV/AIDS.



Students questioning their doubts on HIV/AIDS.

GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC-CURCHOREM

The Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated at Government Polytechnic-Curchorem as part of the activities conducted by Goa SACS for the World AIDS Day fortnight on 2nd December, 2010 in the seminar hall of the institute. On this occasion, Mr. Girish Shirodkar, Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering introduced and presented the welcome note to the guests and resource persons Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) from Goa State AIDS Control Society and Mr. Sanjay Naik, P. M, Community Resource Foundation (CRF)-Margao. The program started with the lighting of the traditional lamp by the guests, staff at the institute and all the newly joined Red Ribbon Club members. The Red Ribbon Club is a voluntary on-campus intervention program for students in educational institutions. The RRC aims at harnessing the potential of the youth by equipping them with correct information on HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, Support and Treatment. It also aims in building their capacities as peer educators in spreading messages on positive health behavior in an enabling environment and increasing voluntary blood donation from among the youth. It is initiated and supported by the State AIDS Control Society with Dr. Pradeep Padwal as the Project Director of Goa State AIDS Control Society-Panaji.

There are 65 Red Ribbon Clubs established in educational institutions in the State of Goa. Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes spoke on the 'Importance of the Red Ribbon Club', the constitution of the RRC committee at the institutional level and activities such as various Competitions, Sessions, Campaigns, Community Programs, Rallies, Camps (Blood Donation, Health), Street Plays/ Drama, Exposure Field Visits to Goa SACS centers and NGOs and screening of films related to HIV/ AIDS that can be taken up by the Club in the institution in the next year. Mr. Sanjay Naik then delivered a talk on 'HIV/AIDS' and spoke on the Modes of Transmission, Prevention, care and support provided by the Goa SACS centers. The programme ended with an interactive question and answer session, wherein all the doubts, myths and misconceptions raised by the students' were clarified. Mr. Gangaram Lambor, Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering proposed the Vote of Thanks.



Shri Gangaram Lambor and Shri Girish Shirodkar, Lecturers in M.E. seen along with Shri Sanjay Naik, P.M, CRF, Margao.



Shri Sanjay Naik, P.M., Community Resource Foundation, Margao talking on HIV/AIDS

RRC's inaugurated at Rosary Higher Secondary School & Rosary College of Commerce & Arts

The Rosary College of Commerce and Arts and the Rosary Higher Secondary School, Navelim; in collaboration with the NSS Unit inaugurated the Red Ribbon Club as part of the activities conducted by Goa SACS for the World AIDS Day fortnight on 6th December, 2010 in the seminar hall of Rosary college at 10 a.m. Miss Melina Pacheco was the compeer for the day. The program started with a prayer service. Miss Preeti Coutinho did the gospel reading and the reflection after which the students sang the hymn 'God still loves the world'. The Principal Rev. Dr. Simao Diniz, Mr. Sanjay Naik, Project Manager Community Resource Foundation, Miss Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant Youth Affairs GSACS; Miss Rifa Rodrigues, Convenor of RRC of Rosary College and Mr. Virendra Amonkar, Convenor of RRC of Rosary HSSC along with students of the two institutions lighted the traditional lamp inaugurating the two RRCs. The Red Ribbon Club is a voluntary on-campus intervention program for students in educational institutions. The RRC aims at harnessing the potential of the youth by equipping them with correct information on HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, Support and Treatment. It also aims in building their capacities as peer educators in spreading messages on positive health behavior in an enabling environment and increasing voluntary blood donation from among youth. It is initiated and supported by the State AIDS Control Society with Dr. Pradeep Padwal as the Project Director of Goa State AIDS Control Society-Panaji. There are 65 Red Ribbon Clubs established in educational institutions in the state of Goa. Rev. Dr. Simao Diniz, Principal of Rosary College in his address said that the Red Ribbon Club is an important club since it tries to control the pandemic of HIV/AIDS. He also mentioned that "the only solution to this pandemic is self-control". Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes spoke on the 'Importance of the Red Ribbon Club' and gave a presentation sharing the aims and objectives of the RRC, the function of the Club, the constitution of the RRC committee at the institutional level, and the activities that can be taken up by the Club in the institution. Mr. Sanjay Naik then facilitated the talk on 'Know AIDS to No AIDS' and spoke on the modes of transmission, prevention and the centers in Goa that do an AIDS test and provide support. The programme ended with an interactive question and answer session. The members of the Red Ribbon Club of the Rosary College sang the song 'We are the World' to show their dedication as new active members of the newly formed Red Ribbon Clubs. Mr. Maxwell Pinto, a student of the Rosary Higher Secondary School, proposed the Vote of Thanks.



Rev. Dr. Simao Diniz, Principal of Rosary College briefing the students on importance of RRC

One Day workshop conducted for 'Sensitization of NSS Programme Officers on HIV/ AIDS'

One day workshop for 'Sensitisation of NSS programme Officers on HIV/ AIDS', was organised by NSS Cell of Goa University under the aegis of Goa State AIDS Control Society on 7th December 2010 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Seminar Hall, Arts Faculty Building, Goa University. Dr. S. B. Patkar, co-ordinator, NSS Cell, Goa University formally welcomed the gathering. He is also the principal of Saraswat Vidyalyaya Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Khorlim-Mapusa. The Chief Guest of the function was Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director of Goa State AIDS Control Society, Panaji. The other dignitaries/ Goa SACS officers present were Dr. Ramakrishnan J. Halarnekar, Teacher at Deepvihar Higher Secondary School, Vasco and Mrs. Ana Andrade e Sousa, Assistant Professor, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa and Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant Youth Affairs. Dr. Padwal then gave a presentation on HIV/ AIDS: Situation and Response in Goan Scenario. Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Professor, Department of Microbiology, Goa Medical College gave a presentations on Epidemiology, transmission, social aspect and HIV/ AIDS in Women and Children. Dr. Jagdish Kakodkar, Professor, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine facilitated the sessions on the Importance of HIV/ AIDS Counseling, Dispelling myths and misconceptions, the need for establishment of Red Ribbon clubs in all Educational Institutions and later conducted an activity with the NSS Programme Officers by doing a Role play. The Workshop concluded with Shri A. Marathe, Program Officer, Saraswat College, Mapusa giving the Vote of Thanks. The workshop was compered and coordinated by Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes. 70 NSS Programme Officers from various Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools. attended the workshop.



Dr. S. B. Patkar, co-ordinator, NSS Cell Goa University expressing his views on HIV/AIDS.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS briefing the attendees on HIV/AIDS

Govt. Polytechnic, Altinho- Panaji



Seen are Shri Umakant Sawant, DD(IEC), Goa SACS, Shri L. R. Fernandes, Principal, Govt. Polytechnic, Panaji and Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant(YA), Goa SACS(L.H.S.) and the participants for the programme(R.H.S).

Two Sessions were conducted at Government Polytechnic, first session for students from the Extension Wing at Government Polytechnic-Panaji and the second session for final year students at the Main Centre. The first session on the 15th of December 2010 was conducted by Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant Youth Affairs who explained the extent of HIV/ AIDS in Youth and the Importance of Red Ribbon Club and how they can actively participate in Club Activities as RRC members and Mr. Umakant Sawant, Deputy Director (IEC) who delivered a detailed session on HIV/ AIDS and a Question Round where the students were asked to clarify ant doubts, myths and misconceptions. On the 16th of December 2010 the Red Ribbon Club of Government Polytechnic at Altinho, Panaji was then formally inaugurated in the distinguished presence of Shri Luis R. Fernandes, Principal of the Institute, Smt. Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, Deputy Director (S. T. D), the Chief Guest, Shri. Umakant Sawant, Deputy Director (I. E. C), Kum. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) and Smt. Sucharita Kumar, Quality Manager (B. S) Officers from Goa State AIDS Control Society. Shri. Luis R. Fernandes, the Principal welcomed the gathering, introduced the resource person Shri. Govind V. Bhagat, Professor introduced the RRC Advisory Committee members at the institute selected for the smooth functioning of the Club. A Hindi song, 'Haath Se Haath Milaa' was screened to motivate the members to join hands to spread awareness of HIV/AIDS, to break the silence and talk to people from of different cross sections of society and educates them that prevention is the only cure. Dr. Lalitha Umraskar the Chief Guest conducted a detailed session on HIV/AIDS, modes of transmission, prevention, care & support, treatment, STI's and STI symptoms found in men and women, how to find out ones HIV Status, window period in context to HIV Testing and various Goa SACS centres where treatment is made available. Dr. also answered the questions asked by the students. Later Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes explained the importance and the main aims of the Red Ribbon Club and how it help brings awareness of HIV/AIDS Prevention among the student, community and society at large through RRC activities by RRC members at the institute also how each one can support a person living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA). The programme was compered by Shri. Govind V. Bhagat other staff members present were Smt. Sarita Roy, Smt. Josmina Fernandes and Kum. Anusha Jog.

GOVT. H.S.S., KHANDOLA, MARCEL-GOIA



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS lighting the traditional lamp at the inauguration function of RRC



Seen are Dr. Pradeep, Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant(YA), Goa SACS along with the RRC members.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS addressing the RRC members



Seen are Smt. Vijaya V. Borkar, Principal, of Govt. Hr. Secondary School, Khandola, Mr. M. B. Karapurkar, NSS Co-ordinator and Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS.

The Red Ribbon Club at the Govt. Higher Secondary School, Khandola- Marcela (NSS unit) in collaboration with Goa State AIDS Control Society was inaugurated on 8th Dec 2010 with fervor at the hands of the Chief Guest, Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa State AIDS Control Society. The members of the advisory committee of the club including the chairperson Smt. Vijaya V. Borkar, Principal, of Govt. Hr. Secondary School, Khandola, Mr. M. B. Karapurkar, NSS Co-ordinator and Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (YA) Goa SACS were also present for the inaugural function. The other office members of the newly appointed club are Vice Chairman, Mr. M. Kadam, Vice Principal, Joint Convenor, Mr. Ulhas Gaonkar, Mrs. Urmila V. Barve, Finance Officer Miss Swathi Vaygankar other staff appointee Mr. Suraj Naik, Miss Siddhi Naik and student representative are Miss Sanika Dessai and Master Khomesh D. Kamat. The welcome speech was given by Chairperson Smt. Vijaya V. Borkar who appealed the students to spread and make the awareness of causes of AIDS by being active members of the RRC Club. Later on Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Director of Goa SACS elaborated on the importance of creating awareness and expect co-operation from students to create awareness in the society. Dr. Pradeep Padwal clarified the doubts raised by the Teachers and students. Mr. M. B. Karapurkar (NSS Co-ordinator) in his speech read out the activities which are going to be conducted in the next 4 months with the object of creating the AIDS awareness and requested the students to spread the knowledge that they have gained from Dr. Pradeep Padwal to spread in their village community. The programme was well compeered by Mrs. Urmila Barve while the vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Ulhas Gaonkar. The proceeding ended with screening of the short film on AIDS awareness developed by the Goa AIDS Control Society. The club, with over 260 registered members in the school will be organizing various activities with the main object of creating AIDS awareness and voluntary blood donation drives both in the college as well as outside campus with the help of NGO/Local club.

Shri Shantadurga H.S.S., Bicholim-Goa



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD(IEC), Goa SACS enlightening the NSS students on HIV/AIDS.



NSS students of Shri Shantadurga H.S.S., Bicholim listening to the talk on HIV/AIDS delivered by Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS.

A talk on HIV/AIDS was delivered to the NSS students of Shri shantadurga HSS, Bicholim on 25th December at Arvalem, Sankhali. Prof. Rajesh Vajrikar, NSS Co-ordinator and Prof. Mashelkar were present for this function.

STD

As per NACO guidelines to enhance the functioning of Designated STI/RTI clinics (DSRCs), supportive supervisory visits are to be conducted by the state Resource faculty from Goa Medical College, Bambolim. Accordingly, the first visit was conducted to STD Clinic Baina and Cottage hospital, Chicalim by Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof. & H.O.D., Dept. of Microbiology, GMC and Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS. During the visit on site mentoring, monitoring and evaluation was done of the STD programme in the respective clinic. So also ICTC Cottage Hospital, Chicalim was visited to monitor the referrals to and from STD clinic, STD kits availability etc.

Further, Supervisory visits were conducted by Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, Ms. Sucharitha S. and Shri Sandesh Bhagat to PHC, Candolim and Asilo Hospital, Mapusa during which not only the STD programme also ICTC functioning was monitored.

Further, supervisory visit was conducted by Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD(STD), Mr. Ramesh Rathod, AD (TI) and Ms. Sucharitha S., Quality Manager to Hospicio Hospital, CHC- Canacona and CHC-Curchorem to monitor and to evaluate STI/RTI programme, ICTC functioning and strengthen the referrals between DSRCs, ICTCs and NGOs.

BLOOD SAFETY



Dr. Suresh Mandrekar and Dr. Sangita Amonkar, Prof., Dept of Pathology, GMC and Resource persons for this programme giving a training session (L.H.S.) and the participants attending the training (R.H.S)

A training programme for Medical Officers and Consultants of Asilo Hospital, Mapusa was conducted by Goa SACS on 20th December, 2010. Dr. N. V. Markande, DD (BS&QA) & I/C(CST) and Smt. Sucharitha S., Quality Manager were present from Goa SACS. Dr. Suresh Mandrekar and Dr. Sangita Amonkar, Professors, Dept. of Pathology, GMC were the resource persons for the training. 29 participants attended this training programme.

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