



# STOP AIDS

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### World AIDS orphans' day observed

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**Panaji:** "Avoid falling prey to HIV/AIDS and thus prevent your children from becoming AIDS orphans," was one of the messages given at a function to observe World AIDS Orphans' Day in Vasco recently.

Speaking at the function, project director of the Goa state AIDS control society (GSACS) Dr Pradeep Padwal sought to draw the attention of society to the plight of AIDS orphans in Goa. He urged members of all communities to avoid falling prey to the scourge of AIDS and thus prevent their children from becoming AIDS orphans.

The function was organised in Vasco jointly by the GSACS and other NGOs including Zindagi, World Vision and Francios Xavier Bagnoud (FXB). Revenue minister Jose Philip D'Souza was the chief guest. World AIDS Orphans' day is observ-



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ed to bring the plight of millions of hapless children world-wide who have lost one or both parents to AIDS, to the notice of all and to mobilize attention of government and communities.

About 100 children affected by HIV/AIDS in Goa attended the function. Two AIDS orphans narrated their experience about the stigma and discrimination they faced in educational institutions and their ostracisation in society.

Moved by their plight, chief guest Jose Philip D'Souza assured to do all he can, both in his personal capacity and as cabinet minister, to address their problems.

Talking to TOI, Dr Padwal said the problem of HIV/AIDS in Goa is declining but there are quite a number of AIDS orphans in the state. He said World AIDS Orphans' day was first started by former UN secretary general Kofi Anan to focus the attention of the world community on the plight of children who become orphans due to one or both parents being AIDS patients.

"If the child is himself HIV positive, then his plight is worsened. He faces health, social, educational and other problems. That is why the United Nations has urged all governments of the world over to keep 10 per cent of the total funds meant for HIV/AIDS for AIDS orphans," Dr Padwal said.

# PERFORMANCES

## IEC

### World AIDS Orphans' Day celebrated

World AIDS Orphans' Day was commemorated by Goa SACS in collaboration with the NGO: Zindagi Goa, World Vision & FXB( Francios Xavier Bagnoud) on 7th May,2010 in Vasco. The function was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Jose Philip D' Souza, Revenue Minister. Project Director, Goa SACS, Dr. Pradeep Padwal was also present during the function. About 100 children affected with HIV/AIDS participated with their performances.



Mr. Jose Philip D' Souza inaugurating the event



Children attending the programme



Revenue Minister addressing the children



Children performing during the event

## Other activities conducted by Goa SACS:

- ✚ Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated on 9th may, 2010 in Pernem in the hands of Panchayat Minister, Mr. Manohar Azgaonkar. It was also attended by the President of North Goa Zilla Panchayat, Mr. Pandurang Parab, Mr. Kalidas Ghatwal Coordinator, of Nehru Yuva Kendra (North Goa), & Mr. Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC) from Goa SACS.
- ✚ On 9th may, 2010 in Pernem in Dadachiwadi another Red Ribbon Club was established by Goa SACS which was attended by Mr. Kalidas Ghatwal Coordinator, of Nehru Yuva Kendra (North Goa), & Mr. Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC) from Goa SACS.
- ✚ Live Phone-in Programme was organized by Goa SACS which was telecast on Doordarshan. The panel for the discussion on STI included Dr. Lalita Umraskar (Deputy Dir., STI, GSACS), Dr. Saroj Salelkar (Clinical Officer, TSU, Avert Society) and Mr. Ramdas Kerkar (Principal, Khalap Higher Secondary School).
- ✚ On 28th May, 2010, training programme for the Police Personnel was organized at Police Training Institute, Valpoi. More than 100 people attended the training. Resource persons for the said programme were Mr. Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC, Goa SACS) and Dr. Saroj Salelkar (Clinical Officer, TSU, Avert Society).



Dr. Saroj Salelkar (Clinical Officer, TSU, Avert Society) addressing the police personnel at Valpoi





Police personnel attending the training

✚ Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated on 29th may, 2010 at Pernem. The Chief Guest was Mr. Pandurang Parab, President of North Goa Zilla Panchayat. Also present were Mr. Kalidas Ghatwal, Coordinator of Nehru Yuva Kendra, North Goa and Mr. Umakant Sawant Deputy Director, IEC from Goa SACS.



Mr. Pandurang Parab inaugurating RRC



Mr. Pandurang Parab facilitating the youth



Inauguration of RRC at Pernem



DD (IEC) taking the session

# STI

## Activities carried out by Goa SACS:

- ✚ Supportive Supervisory Visits were conducted by Deputy Director (STI) and Clinical Officer, TSU (Avert Society) along with M & E Officer and Finance Assistant from Goa SACS to Cottage Hospital (Chicalim), STD Clinics & ICTCs (Integrated Counseling & Testing Centre) at Baina & Goa Medical College (Bambolim) & Asilo Hospital (Mapusa) and also to the ART Centre at Bambolim.
- ✚ Mentoring Visits were carried out by Goa SACS to the TI NGOs: Humsaath, Lifeline Foundation and to the Drop-In-Centre of Zindagi located at Vasco.
- ✚ First Quarterly Review Meeting was held at Goa Medical College (Bambolim) which was attended by faculty from the dept. of Microbiology, PSM (Preventive & Social Medicine), Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Venerology & Dermatology, CMO (STD Control Programme) from DHS & the STI in charges from the four designated STI & RTI Clinics.

# BLOOD SAFETY

Blood Donation Camps organized by Goa State AIDS

Control Society:

Sr. No.	Date	Organizers & Venue	Units
1.	03/05/10	JCI, MADKAI	26
2.	10/05/10	5 TTR, Bambolim	76
3.	14/05/10	Nestle, India Ltd.	51
4.	24/05/10	I. T. I. Canacona	30
5.	25/05/10	Dayanand Arya School, Nevra	15
6.	31/05/10	AITUC, Bicholim	37



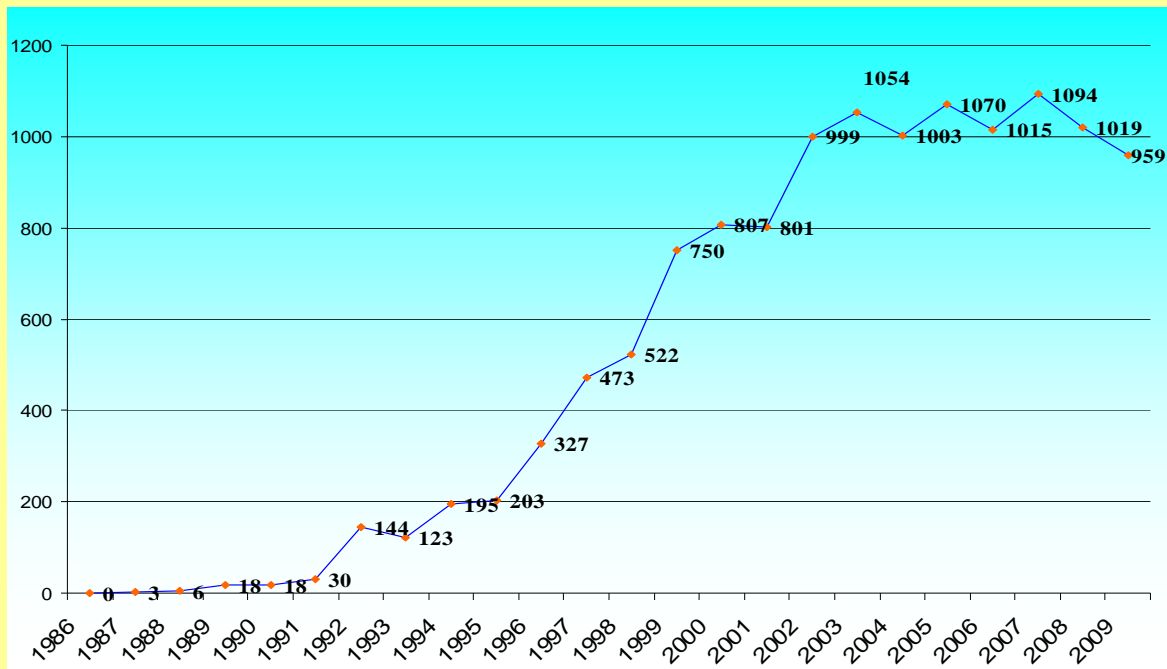
Blood Donation Camp at 5 TTR, Bambolim



Project director, Goa SACS present during Blood Donation Camp at Nevra

# STATISTICS

Trend in HIV cases in Goa over the years till 2009



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