

## STOP AIDS

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## **Phone-in Programme on Doordarshan**



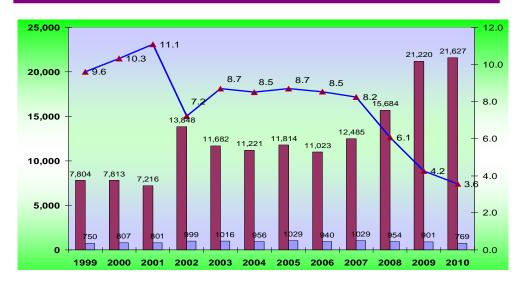
Dr. Pramod Salgaonkar in a Phone-in programme on Doordarshan

A Phone-in programme was telecast on Doordarshan on 17/03/2011. Dr. Pramod Salgaonkar, Chairperson, Core Committee and Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS disseminated information on 'Women and HIV/AIDS'. Smt Jyoti KunKolikar was the compere for the programme.

### **SURVEILLANCE**

#### THE POSITIVITY TREND





HIV/AIDS epidemic in Goa is nearly 23 years old. Since the first reported case of HIV in Goa in 1987, there has been a steady rise in the reported number of HIV/AIDS cases. During the period from 1987 to 2010, as many as 13,454 HIV cases have been detected at the Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres (ICTCs). Prior to 1992, very few HIV cases ranging between 3 to 30 per year were detected but since 1992 the cases have been steadily rising and since the year 2000 more than 800 cases were detected each year. During the year 2010, out of 33,429 (including 11,842 ANC) blood samples tested 821(including 52 ANC) were sero-positive. In Goa, all most all HIV cases have been detected and it is seen that the HIV positive cases are on the decline during the last four years.

#### SENTINEL SURVEILLANCE WORKSHOP



Dr. Arun Risbud, Scientist 'F', NARI, Pune lighting the traditional lamp. Also seen are Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Dr. N.V. Markande, DD(BS), Goa SACS, Shri Michael Pereira, Technical Assistant, NARI, Pune and Ms Preetam Barros, P.O. TI, Avert Society

HIV sentinel surveillance workshop was held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 at Gomantak Maratha Samaj mini Hall, Panaji. NARI, Pune in collaboration with Goa SACS conducted this workshop for the Project Managers of HRG(High Risk Group) sites of NGOs and ICTC Lab. Technicians and counselors participating in the sentinel surveillance. HIV Sentinel Surveillance is the most important tool to monitor HIV epidemic in the country. This surveillance is a vital component of strategic information that provides useful inputs for the setting up of priorities, planning interventions, resource allocations and evaluation of impact under NACP.



Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof & H.O.D, Dept. of Microbiology,GMC, Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS, Dr. Elmira Pereira, CMO(STD), Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD(STD), Shri Michael Pereira, Technical Assistant, NARI, Pune seen with the Project Managers of NGOS, ICTC Lab technicians and Counselors



Project Managers of NGOs and Lab Technicians/Counselors in a practical session

# IEC WORKSHOP ON 'POSITIVE PREVENTION AND LEADERSHIP'



Dr. Anand Amonkar, Retired Chief Medical Officer from DHS-Panaji lighting the traditional lamp. Also seen are Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS, Shri Umakant Sawant, DD(IEC), Goa SACS and Shri Jaffar Inamdar, Project Manager, Positive Lives Foundation

One Day Training program on 'Positive Prevention and Leadership' for *Drop- In Centre staff of Zindagi Goa and Positive Lives Foundation was held on* 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 from 09:00am - 05:00pm at Conference Hall, Secretariat-Porvorim. The dignitaries present for the function were Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS, Dr. Anand Amonkar, Retired Chief Medical Officer from DHS-Panaji, Mr. Jaffar Inamdar, Project Manager, Positive Lives Foundation and Ms. Javashree Ghatge from Zindagi Goa. Mr. Umakant Sawant, Deputy Director and Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs), Goa SACS were the Chief Coordinator and Compere for the program. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS gave a formal welcome to the dignitaries and all the participants. Dr. Anand Amonkar conducted the first session on, 'Positive Prevention and Leadership' followed by group activity. Four groups were formed and each group was given a topic to discuss on and were later asked to deliver a presentation. The topics allotted to the groups were on 1) Condom Promotion, 2) Positive living, 3) Treatment Services, 4) Goa SACS Services. The second session was facilitated by Mr. Jaffar Inamdar on 'GIPA Policy'. An experience sharing was conducted with all the participants and the workshop ended with the vote of thanks by Mr. Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC). The workshop was attended by 40 DIC Staff.



Dr. Anant Amonkar addressing on 'Positive Prevention and Leadership'.



Participants attending the workshop

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

Two Radio programs (Chat Shows) were broadcasted on Prasar Bharati, All India Radio-Altinho, Panaji sponsored by Goa State AIDS Control Society-Panaji on HIV/ AIDS this month and aired on AIR FM Rainbow Channel. These programs are mainly conducted to motivate youth to make a difference and also come forward and donate blood and actively participate in this campaign against HIV/ AIDS. The second program was on Goa SACS, IEC (Information, Education and Communication), other IEC programmes undertaken by Goa State AIDS Control Society to raise awareness levels and to bring about behaviour changes and Youth Related Programs focusing mainly on Red Ribbon Clubs in Goa. Shri Umakant Sawant, Deputy Director and Ms. Jeunesse Ditosa Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs), Goa SACS conducted the chat show. The listeners were informed about the Aims and Objectives of RRC, the Rational behind focussing on Youth, the awareness it creates, how does one form the RRC in an educational institution, the RRC advisory committee at institutional level and how many RRC's have been established till date. Also what is the role of the RRC Advisory Committee and the RRC members and activities one can conduct being an active student member of RRC. The second program was conducted by Dr. N. V. Markande, Deputy Director (Blood Safety) and Ms. Jeunesse Ditosa Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs), Goa SACS on Blood Safety and Voluntary Blood Donation Program in Goa. The topics covered on basic knowledge about Blood, Safe Blood and Safe Donor. Also explaining the Blood safety and VBD Program, different types of Donors, the Goal and Objectives and benefits and the VBD Policy and also where one can donate blood. Since one of the modes of transmission of HIV/ AIDS is through Blood Transfer, this program was conducted to let the listeners know how this could be prevented through Blood Safety and VBD Program undertaken by Goa SACS.

#### TALK ON 'HIV/AIDS' AT WORKSHOP



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS delivering a talk on 'HIV/AIDS' at Shri Bhumika HSS at Parye-Sankhali



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS making a presentation on HIV/AIDS



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD(IEC), Goa SACS answering to the queries of the students



Students attending the workshop

A workshop was held at Shri Bhumika HSS, Parye, Sanquelim on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra, North Goa under Adolescent Development Project. Shri Sadanand Hinde, Principal of Shri Bhumika HSS and Ms Bunty Gosavi, P.O., Nehru Yuva Kendra were present for the work shop. Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS delivered a talk on 'HIV/AIDS' to the students. More than 100 students participated in this workshop.

## **STD**

#### WORKSHOP FOR AYUSH INTERNS AT GOMATAK AYURVEDIC MAHAVIDYALAYA, SHIRODA



Dr. Anura Bale, Principal, Gomantak Ayurvedic Mahavidyalaya lighting the traditional lamp at the inauguration of the workshop. Also seen are Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD(STD), Goa SACS and Dr. Korde



Dr. Anura Bale, Principal, Gomantak Ayurvedic Mahavidyalaya giving the welcome address



Dr. Pradeep Padwal Project Director making a presentation on 'HIV/AIDS'



Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD) delivering a talk on STI/RTI syndromic management and service delivery

Workshop for AYUSH interns was held on 30/03/2011. Around 50 Ayurvedic and Homeopathic interns were trained on STI/RTI syndromic management and service delivery during the workshop on HIV/AIDS held at Gomantak Ayurvedic Mahavidyalaya, Shiroda. Dr. Anura Bale, Principal, Gomantak ayurvedic Mahavidyalaya welcomed the AYUSH interns. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS made a presentation on 'HIV/AIDS' and Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (IEC), Goa SACS delivered a talk on 'STI/RTI Syndromic management and service delivery

#### Other STD activities under taken by Goa SACS during March, 2011

- Supportive Supervisory visit was conducted by mentor Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof. & H.O.D., Dept. of Microbiology, GMC to DSRC at Hospicio hospital, Margao on 25/03/2011. During the supervisory visit on-site mentoring was provided in addition to supervision and evaluation of the clinic.
- Monthly Meeting of counselors was held on 05.03.11. Reports and stock status of colour coded kits were discussed. Feedback was received from 4 STI/RTI counselor who attended the training held at Baroda from 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.
- DD(STD) attended RCH camp conducted by UHC, Mapusa on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 to screen patients of STI/RTI.
- On the occasion of International Woman's Day, a talk show was held on Doordarshan on 17/03/2011. During the talk show role of women in HIV/AIDS especially in STI/RTI including prevention, management etc was discussed.
- On the occasion of International Woman's Day, programme was held for PLHIVs on 08/03/2011 at Conference Hall, Caritas Goa. During the programme, the PLHIVs were sensitized on HIV/AIDS, STI/RTI-early detection, management, care, support etc.

## TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

#### TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TI COUNSELORS



Participants at the training programme for TI counselors



Ms. Milan Velip, Counselor, Positive People (FSW) explaining the case study to the participants



Shri Sopan Jadhav, Training Officer, AIILSG conducting a mock session on counseling.



Ms. Prabha Jadhav, Resource Person, Path Finder, Pune delivering a session on 'Basic Counseling'



Participants at the training programme

Training programme for TI counselors was conducted from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 25<sup>th</sup> March at Hotel PETES Hide Away, Miramar. 14 participants attended the training programme. Ms Prabha Jadhav and Shri Sopan Jadhav, Ms. Pooja Sanghvi, Avert Society were the Resource persons for the training programme. Shri Ramesh Rathod, AD (TI), Goa SACS and Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL-TI, Avert Society were also present for the training programme.

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