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World AIDS Day, 2012



Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, Hon'ble Minister for Health, Chief Guest lighting the lamp on World AIDS Day 2012 along with Special Invitees, Shri Caetan Silva, MLA of Benaulim, Shri Benjamin Silva, MLA of Velim, Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director of GSACS, Dr. Sanjeev Dalvi, Director of DHS, Dr. Prakash Nadkarni, former PD of GSACS and Shri Umakant Sawant, Dy. Director (IEC), GSACS.



Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, Hon'ble Minister for Health addressing the audience on World AIDS Day



Dr. Prakash Nadkarni, former Project Director of GSACS being felicitated by Hon'ble Minister for Health



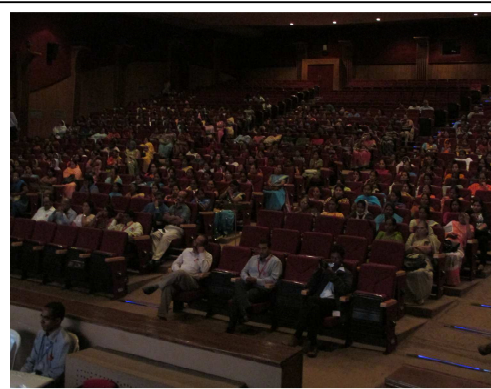
Shri Suresh Thakur, President of Motor Cycle Pilot Association being felicitated by Hon'ble Minister for Health



Sr. Philomena Fernandes from Nitya Seva Niketan Association being felicitated by Hon'ble Minister for Health



Smt. Aarti Gupta addressing the audience on World AIDS Day



Audience seen during the World AIDS Day programme



Dr. Gokuldas Sawant, Dy. Director (Sur) addressing the Anganwadi Workers on World AIDS Day



Anganwadi Workers seen during the workshop on World AIDS Day

World AIDS day was observed on 01/12/2012 in the Auditorium Hall at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao. Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, Hon'ble Minister for Health, was the Chief Guest. Shri Caetan Silva, MLA of Benaulim, Shri Benjamin Silva, MLA of Velim, were Special Invitees. The function was attended by Dr. Sanjeev Dalvi, Director of DHS, Dr. Prakash Nadkarni, former PD of GSACS and Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director of Goa SACS.

Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director of Goa SACS gave a formal welcome to the dignitaries and said that the society is all geared up to meet the challenge on zero new infection, zero discrimination and zero AIDS related deaths.

On this occasion, Goa State AIDS Control Society, Panaji felicitated three prominent personalities who rendered their service for awareness of HIV/ AIDS, Dr. Prakash Nadkarni, former PD of Goa SACS, Mr. Suresh Thakur, President of Motor Cycle Pilot Association and Sr. Phelomina Fernandes (Nitya Seva Niketan).

Smt. Aarti Gupta, the Positive Speaker in her address said that when one gets infected with HIV it is not the end of his/ her life. Young people who get infected should come forward and avail the services. They should create awareness on HIV/ AIDS.

Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, Hon'ble Minister for Health in his address said that Goa accepts the challenge on Zero new HIV cases by 2015. He further stated that the government has accepted the challenge to achieve zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination of HIV patients and zero AIDs related deaths in the fight against the dreaded AIDS disease by 2015 whilst addressing the gathering during the function at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao organized by Goa SACS to commemorate the World AIDS Day. The Health Minister emphasized the need to end discrimination of HIV patients and ensure zero AIDS related deaths.

In his address, Shri Benjamin Silva, MLA of Velim highlighted that there is a need to take the HIV/ AIDS message across the villages and wards of the state. Shri Caetan Silva, MLA of Benaulim also spoke on the occasion urging the people of Goa to join hands with the Government in addressing the AIDS situation in the state.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Umakant Sawant, DD IEC, Goa SACS. In the afternoon session, a workshop was conducted for Anganwadi workers for South Goa District at the conference Hall of Ravindra Bhavan, Margao. In all, 350 Anganwadi workers attended the function.

Inauguration of Red Ribbon Club at Government Polytechnic Mayem, Bicholim



Shri Subhash Borkar, Principal, Govt. Polytechnic, Mayem, Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), GSACS, and Shri Ashish Surlakar, Convener lighting the lamp.



Students of Government Polytechnic attending the RRC Program

RED RIBBON CLUBS recently inaugurated...

124th RRC inaugurated at Government Polytechnic, Bicholim on 1st March 2013

The inaugural function of the RRC establishment at **Government Polytechnic, Mayem, Bicholim (GPB)** was held on 1st of March 2013.

The RRC committee actively organized the program on AIDS control which began with the formal inauguration by lighting of the lamp by the RRC committee members. The Principal, Shri Subhash Borkar, Shri Umakant Sawant, Dy. Director, GSACS, and Shri Ashish Surlakar, Convenor were the dignitaries on the dais. Ms. Dhanashree Talaulikar member of RRC gave a floral welcome to the dignitaries.

In all, 111 students of the final year engineering of the institute attended the awareness program. The Principal Government Polytechnic, Mayem, addressed the gathering highlighting the objective of setting up of the RRC in the institute.

The Principal also briefed on the importance of such awareness programmes among the youth, he later added about this dangerous disease and the various events that could be organized under RRC in the coming year.

Shri Umakant Sawant, Dy. Director (IEC) gave a presentation on HIV/AIDS. The DD (IEC) encouraged the students to clarify their doubts and answered their questions in an interactive session.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks by Convenor of RRC Shri Surlakar. The member of RRC Ms. Smita Aldonkar compeered the function.

Inauguration of Red Ribbon Club at Shree Rayeshwar Institute of Engineering and Information Technology, Shiroda, Goa



Dignitaries on the dais, Dr. B.N Shanthapriya, Principal of the college, Shri Umakant Sawant, Deputy Director (IEC), Goa SACS and and Mrs. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant of Youth Affairs, Goa SACS and Mrs. Zindia Raikar, Lecturer and RRC convenor.



Mrs. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant of Youth Affairs, Goa SACS delivering the RRC talk to the RIT Students.

Shree Rayeshwar Institute of Engineering and Information Technology, Shiroda, Goa

The Inaugural of the Red Ribbon club in collaboration with Goa State AIDS Control Society, Panaji was held on Tuesday, 12th February 2013, at **Shree Rayeshwar Institute of Engineering and Information Technology, Shiroda-Goa.**

The new student RRC members welcomed the dignitaries with a welcome song on HIV/AIDS, 'Haath se Haath Mila'. At the outset, Dr. B.N Shanthapriya, Principal of the college addressed the gathering and welcomed the dignitaries.

Red Ribbons were distributed and the significance of it was told to the students. The function was inaugurated by lighting the lamp in the hands of the Principal, dignitaries of Goa SACS and the RRC Advisory committee members.

The dignitaries Shri Umakant Sawant, Deputy Director, IEC, Goa SACS and Mrs. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant of Youth Affairs, Goa SACS were present and enlightened the students and the faculties of the college on the sensitive issue of HIV/AIDS and provided with the necessary information on the Modes of transmission, care support and treatment. They were also told about the Basic services provided by Goa SACS and the RRC activities that could be conducted to create awareness in the campus as well as in the community. The program was attended by 100 students and staff.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Zindia and the programme was also coordinated by her.

This is the 123rd Red Ribbon Club in the state of Goa.

Vrundavan Institute of Nursing Education Colvale, Bardez-Goa



Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A.,
Goa SACS delivering a talk on
importance of RRC



Dr. B. N. Shantapriya, Principal,
giving the formal welcome



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa
SACS delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS



Students of Vrundavan Institute
attending the interactive session

Vrundavan Institute of Nursing Education Colvale, Bardez-Goa was inaugurated on 9th February, 2013. The Guests of honour were Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Mrs. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A., Goa SACS. At the outset, red ribbons were distributed among all the new RRC members. A brief introduction was given on the importance of RRC, it's aims and objectives and activities which can be conducted by the students. Shri Umakant Sawant conducted a detailed session on creating awareness on HIV/AIDS through a presentation. A video Teach AIDS was screened. An interactive session was then conducted where students cleared their doubts. A role play on nursing implementation AIDS patient was done by nursing students at the end of the inaugural function. It was decided that a puppet show will be conducted by the second and fourth B.Sc. nursing students in the community centre at Aldona and UHC, Mapusa on World AIDS Day 2013 as part of RRC yearly plan activities.



Dignitaries Dr. Allan Abreo, Principal of the College, Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Mrs. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A, Mrs. Karuna Satardekar, Lecturer and RRC Convenor along with the students.

G. V. Ms. Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education, Ponda

The Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated at G.V.Ms. Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education on 7th of February 2013 at 2.30 p.m. at the hands of Dr. Allan Abreo, Principal of the College and Shri S. J. Pinto, Vice Principal along with officers from Goa SACS.

Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Mrs. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A. A lecture was delivered on HIV/AIDS by Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC). An audio visual on HIV/AIDS was also screened by Ms. Jeunesse.

This programme was attended by 100 students along with staff of the institute. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Karuna Satardekar. The posters provided by Goa SACS were displayed in the college to create awareness about HIV/AIDS and blood donation.

Inauguration of Red Ribbon Club at Goa Engineering College, Shiroda – Ponda



Mrs. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant Youth Affairs, Goa SACS and Dr. Nutan Dev HO, CHC, Ponda inaugurating the RRC program.



Dr. Nutan Dev, HO, CHC-Ponda the resource person delivering a talk on HIV/ AIDS.

Goa College of Engineering

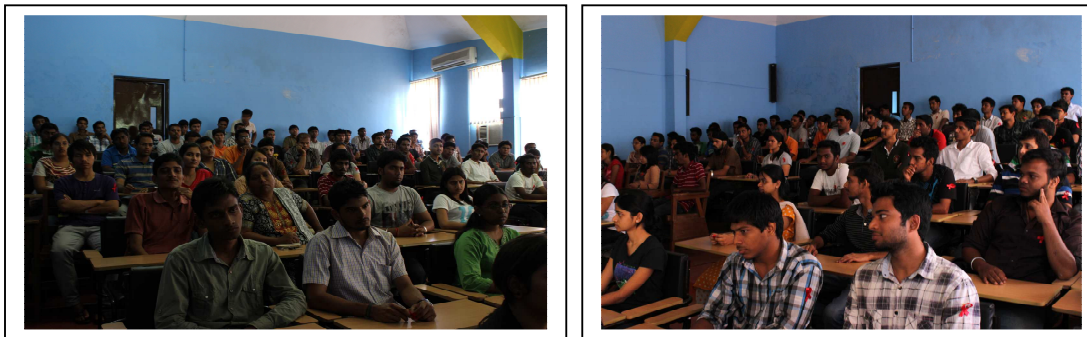
The Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated on 05/02/2013 at Goa College of Engineering, Shiroda with the traditional lighting of the lamp.

The dignitaries who were present for the function were Dr. Nutan Dev, Health officer, Community Health Centre, Ponda the Chief Guest of the function and Mrs. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant Youth Affairs, Goa SACS and the Guest of Honor.

Dr. R. B. Lohani, Principal gave the formal welcome to the dignitaries, staff and students. Then, Mrs. Jeunesse delivered a talk with a presentation on Red Ribbon Club, the aims and objectives and activities to be conducted.

Dr. Nutan Dev was also the resource person and delivered a talk on HIV/ AIDS. The questions from the question box put in by the students were also answered. The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Clarence Henriques, student. The program was coordinated by the convenor, Prof. Milind Sakhardande, event coordinator.

RRC activities at P. E. S. College of Arts and Science, Farmagudi – Ponda



GEC students attending the RRC function

P. E. S College of Arts and Science, Farmagudi-Ponda

In association with Goa SACS, the RRC was established in PES College Farmagudi on Friday, 1st of February, 2013 in Sawami Vivekanand Sabhagruha. This programme was attended by 300 students, management and Principal.

The dignitaries who were present were Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Mrs. Jeunesse Fernandes, C.Y.A. and Dr. Nutan Dev, H.O., CHC, Ponda and the Chief Guest, Shri R. G. Desai, Treasurer, PES. The formal welcome was given by Principal, Dr. Anil Dinge.

The programme started with the invocation song presented by a student Ms. Shambhavi Ghaisas and group. The lamp was lit by the RRC advisory committee and student members Mr. Vuijendra and Ms. Raveena.

A talk was given by Ms. Jeunesse on the importance of RRC. Keynote speakers for the function, Dr. Nutan Dev delivered a talk on HIV, modes of transmission and basic services.

Audience was enlightened to poetry recitations in Hindi on AIDS by the conveyor Dr. P. Bhattacharya. The programme was compered by Ms. Linnete Fernandes and vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Deepa Fernandes.

Holy Trinity Higher Secondary School, Mazilwado, **Benaulim on 07/12/12**

The inauguration of Red Ribbon Club of Holy Trinity Higher Secondary School was held on **7th December 2012** by lighting the traditional lamp in the hands of the advisory committee. The program started with a brief introduction by Teacher, Hipssy Almeida.

Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, from Goa SACS explained the meaning of Red Ribbon Symbol. It is the Universal Symbol showing that you care. She informed the students about the National AIDS Control Organization in Goa and its funders and the various AIDS Care & treatment centres in Goa. She further told the students about the mission of AIDS & explained the following four aims:

- 1) To equip oneself with correct information on HIV/ AIDS
- 2) To encourage Peer Educators to spread awareness
- 3) To promote Voluntary blood donation
- 4) To help reduce stigma & discrimination of PLHIVs in the society.

Later, Mrs. Karishma Kerkar Extn. Educator from Cansaulim health centre also spoke on HIV & AIDS. A meaningful PowerPoint presentation of informative slides was shown to the students. The slides displayed the four known routes of HIV transmission, how to prevent AIDS, signs & symptoms of AIDS, etc.

Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes further said that it is the responsibility of the students to protect themselves from AIDS & that Prevention is better than Cure. She advised the students to practice healthy behavior.

This was followed by a Questionnaire session which cleared many doubts of the students. The program ended with a vote of thanks by the Principal, Mrs. Isabel Juliana Fernandes.

Inauguration of Red Ribbon Club at Mandrem College of Economics, Commerce and Management, Pernem



Shri Ramdas Kelkar, Principal in charge and Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS lighting the lamp along with the RRC members.



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC) delivering a talk on 'HIV/ AIDS'.

Mandrem College of Economics, Commerce and Management, Pernem on 22/01/13

Inauguration of RRC was held at Mandrem College of Commerce, Economics and Management, Goa on 22nd January 2013 at the hands of Shri Umakant Sawant, DD IEC and Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs). The program started with the introduction of dignitaries followed by formal welcome by Shri Ramdas Kelkar, Principal in charge. The event was marked by lighting of traditional lamp with the promise that students will spread the knowledge and create awareness for preventing the spread of HIV/ AIDS. Students displayed the posters prepared on HIV/ AIDS on the occasion which were appreciated by GSACS team.

Ms. Jeunesse guided the new RRC members on the importance of RRC activities to generate awareness on HIV/ AIDS and Mr. Sawant enlightened the students about HIV/ AIDS and Basic services which can be availed by the general public. Short films and songs were screened for the students and an interactive question and answer session was held, the questions from the drop box were also answered. The questions by the boys were answered separately. The IEC materials were distributed and the Advisory committee was formed. The program concluded with the vote of thanks and coordinated by the convener Ms. Sulochana Pednekar, Asst Prof. The program was attended by staff and 25 students of the newly established institute.

Activities conducted during the month (Coordination Meetings/ trainings/ Reviews/ Supervisory visits/ Procurement/Recruitment/Regional STI centers/ others)

Sr. No	Name of activity with date	Details (Brief write up)
1.	All India Radio Programme on 11.02.2013	Programme was conducted on 11.02.2013 at All India Radio regarding Reproductive Health Day and STI/ RTI in Adults.
2.	Monthly Meeting of ICTC and STD Counselors and SIMS Training was held on 12.02.2013	During the monthly meeting of Counselors discussion was held regarding Outreach activity and improvement of the STD Clinic performance. Annual indent to be submitted.
3.	Executive Committee Meeting and Governing meeting on 13.02.2013	AAP of various programmes was discussed during both the meetings.
4.	Training for CME Blood Banking in Library Auditorium, GMC, on 14.02.2013	Interactive Seminar on 'Recent advances in Blood Banking' on 14 th February, 2013 in Library Auditorium, GMC. Chairperson of the panel discussion will be Dr. Wiseman Pinto, Professor & H.O.D., Dept. of Pathology, GMC
5.	Supportive Supervisory visit to Desttero Eves Mahila Mandal, Vasco & Humsaath Trust, Vasco on 20/2/2013.	Supportive Supervisory visit was conducted by Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof & HOD, Dept of Microbiology, GMC, Bambolim & Dr. Lalitha Umraskar DD (STD) to FSW project, DEMM, Vasco & MSM project, Humsaath Trust on 20/2/2013. It was found that some suggestions from the previous visit were implemented. During this visit the NGOs were advised to improve their Clinic Footfalls (Esp. STI episodes + RMCs) The PPPs were also visited and advised regarding PEP.
6.	Supportive Supervisory visit to Sai Life Care, (FSW), Tisk Usgao on 21/02/13.	Supportive Supervisory visit was conducted by Dr. Prachi Bhandare, Consultant Skin & V.D., Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Dr. Y. Durga Prasad M & E Officer, Asha Vernekar (TSU), Pritam Barros, Programme Officer and Ms. Sarita Kurtikar, D.A. to Sai Life Care, Tisk Usgao on 21/02/2013. Various aspects of STI delivery including Target Achievements, correct selection of clients, maintenance of various registers, updation of network clinic forms etc were discussed during the visit.
7.	Training for Senior Cadre Nurses on 25/2/2013 in Nursing Institute, Bambolim	Training for Senior Cadre Nurses was conducted by Dr Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD). 66 Nurses attended training on 25/02/2013.
8.	Visit to GMC on 27/2/2013	Visit to ART centre, GMC, Bambolim Goa, on 27/2/2013
9.	Monthly meeting of TI NGOs was held on 27. 2. 2013	Monthly meeting of TI NGOs were conducted on 27 th February 2013 chaired by Project Director and attended by AD (TI), TL (TI), PO of TSU, Dr Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD). Detailed discussion was held regarding RMC, STI detection Clinic footfalls and RPR /HIV testing and achievement of these targets. NGOs were advised regarding their annual target for the next year and also the kit requirement indent.

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Sr. No	Name of activity with date	Details (Brief write up)
1.	Monthly Meeting of ICTC and STD Counselors was held on 04.01.2013	During the monthly meeting of Counselors discussion was held regarding Outreach activity and improvement of the STD Clinic performance. Annual indent to be submitted.
2.	Meeting of Annual Action Plan on 08.01.2013	Annual Action Plan meeting was held with all the Officers of GSACS.
3.	Training for DSRC Doctors on 10/1/2013 in Library Auditorium, GMC.	Training for DSRC Doctors in STI/RTI Service Delivery was conducted on 10/01/2013 in Library Auditorium, GMC, Bambolim. Dr. Manju Jindal, Professor, Dept of OBG, GMC, was Resource Person for the Training. Utilisation of kit 1 & kit2 which are of short expiry was discussed.
4.	ART- LAC-CCC Co-ordination Meeting on 13.12.2012	ART-LAC-CCC Co-ordination Meeting was held on 13.12.2012 to review the functioning and linkages of ART-LAC-CCC.
5.	Monthly meeting of TI NGOs was held on 15. 1. 2013	Monthly meeting of TI NGOs were conducted on 15 th January 2013 chaired by Project Director and attended by AD (TI), TL (TI), PO of TSU, Dr Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD). Detailed discussion was held regarding RMC, STI detection Clinic footfalls and RPR /HIV testing and achievement of these targets. NGOs were advised regarding their annual target for the next year and also the kit requirement indent.
6.	Training in STI/RTI Service Delivery for Doctors in ESI Dispensaries on 18.1.2013	Training in STI/RTI Service Delivery for Doctors in ESI Dispensaries was conducted on 18.1.2013 by Project Director, DD (STD). In addition, drug kits 1 and 2 were distributed to various dispensaries.
7.	Supportive Supervisory visit by Regional Co-ordinator Dr. Anwar	Supportive Supervisory visit by Dr. Anwar to ART Centre, both LACs and both CCCs on 22 & 23/01/2013
8.	Quarterly Review Meeting of NGOs on 22.01.2013	Review Meeting of NGOs was conducted on 22 nd & 23 rd Jan. 2013 to review last quarter performance.
9.	Training for ART Centre on 23/01/2013	Training for staff of ART Centre and Counselors of both LACs was conducted by Regional Co-ordinator, Dr. Anwar.
10.	SIMS Training on 28/01/2013	Refresher training in SIMS was conducted on 28/01/2013 for Counselors and Data Managers of TI NGOs, during which STI/RTI Service Delivery, Maintenance of records, network clinic forms CMIS forms and SIMS were discussed.
11.	Programme on Doordarshan on 30.01.2013	Interview was conducted on 30/01/2013 on Doordarshan attended by DD (STD). Topic of discussion was Reproductive and Sexual Health.

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