



# STOP AIDS

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OBSERVANCE OF 'WORLD AIDS DAY' ON 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2011

### 'GETTING TO ZERO'

(ZERO NEW HIV INFECTIONS, ZERO DISCRIMINATION AND ZERO AIDS RELATED DEATHS)



Dr. Pramod Salgaokar, Chairperson, Core Committee, Goa SACS lighting the traditional lamp at the inauguration of World AIDS Day 2011. Also seen are Dr. Rajnanda Desai, Director, DHS, Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Dr. G. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), Goa SACS and Shri Shreeni Mallya, Speaker for the function.

A State level function was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 to observe World AIDS Day at the Auditorium of National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula from 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. At the outset, all the dignitaries were welcomed with floral bouquets. The function was inaugurated by the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Dr. Pramod Salgaokar, Chairperson, Core Committee, Goa SACS, the Guest of Honour, Dr. Rajnanda Desai, Director, DHS, Shri Shreeni Mallya, special Invitee, Dr. Pradeep Padwal, P.D., Goa SACS, Dr. G. Sawant, DD (Surv. & BS), Goa SACS and two students from the audience. Dr. Pradeep Padwal formally welcomed the dignitaries and all those present on the occasion. Also present on the occasion were Medical Officers from DHS and GMC, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STI) and Dr. Durga Prasad, M & E Officer. Later, Shri Mallya addressed the audience followed by Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. Dr. Sawant proposed the Vote of thanks. Dr. Pradeep Padwal delivered a presentation on HIV/AIDS. Dr. Jagdish Kakodkar, Prof. & HOD at the Dept. of Preventive and Social Medicine organized the quiz Competition for students. The students representing Goa Medical College won the first prize, CES College, Cuncolim won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was won by St. Francis Xavier College, Mapusa. Later, there were Folk Troupe performances by teams from Sai Arts, Ram & Party, Kalakar, Natraj Natya Mandal, Shree Ganesh Goa, Sai Sankalpana Kala Chetna. The function was organized by Goa SACS and coordinated by Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC). Ms Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (YA), Goa SACS was the compere. The function was attended by 700 staff, NSS POs, Peer Educators/Students from Red Ribbon Clubs of Higher Secondary Schools, Colleges, ITIs and Professional Colleges.

## GLIMPSES



Dr. Rajnanda Desai, Director, DHS delivering a talk at the World AIDS Day (WAD) function.



Dr. Pramod Salgaokar, Chairperson, Core Committee, Goa SACS addressing the gathering at the World AIDS Day, 2011.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS enlightening the audience on 'HIV/AIDS Scenario' at WAD, 2011.



Shri Shreeni Malliya, Speaker for the function addressing the gathering.



Dr. Jagdish Kakodkar and Dr. Lalitha Umraskar conducting the inter-collegiate quiz on HIV/AIDS.



Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (Y.A), Goa SACS with the participants of the quiz.



A song composed on HIV/AIDS is being sung by the students of St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School.

#### PRIZE WINNERS OF THE QUIZ ON HIV/AIDS



1<sup>st</sup> Prize winners - Goa Medical College, Bambolim



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize winners- CES College, Cuncolim



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize winners – St. Xavier's College, Mapusa



## FOLK TROUPE PERFORMANCES



Artists from the various Folk troupe Groups performing at the World AIDS Day, 2011



## Red Ribbon Club inaugurated at ITI, Pernem



Shri J. J. Caldeira, Principal inaugurating the RRC. Also seen are Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (YA) and Dr. Kamat, M.O., CHC, Pernem.



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC) speaking on HIV/AIDS at the RRC inauguration.



Dr. Kamat, M.O., CHC, Pernem answering to the queries of the trainees on HIV/AIDS.



Trainees of ITI, Pernem attending the programme.

An 'Adolescent Health' related talk in collaboration with the Goa State Aids Control Society (GSACS) was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in the C.O.P.A section of the Institute. The talk was organized in connection with the formal establishment of the Red Ribbon Club (RRC). The function began with Shri J. J. Caldeira, Principal and the RRC Chairperson, extending the welcome address, followed by the presentation of floral bouquets to all the dignitaries present, by three trainees of the Institute. The traditional lamp was then lit, by the respected Goa SACS Guests and the local RRC Advisory Committee Members, to signal the inauguration of the Club. An informative talk on the vital topic of 'Adolescent Health', with regard to the dreaded disease of HIV/AIDS was delivered by Dr. M. Kamat, Medical Officer (Pernem Health Centre) aided by a lively Audio-Visual Presentation. Due awareness was created by Dr. Kamat and many myths about the disease were cleared while elaborating on the ways and means of preventing its fast spread. After the talk concluded, Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC) Goa SACS along with Dr. Kamat clarified the doubts put forth by many of the trainees, in a very interactive session. Earlier, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant - Youth Affairs (GSACS) briefly introduced the important RRC objectives and the activities to all present, while Shri Arjun Pednekar, Senior Instructor and the RRC Convenor, later proposed the vote of thanks to bring the well-attended programme to an end. The proceedings were ably animated by Shri Gislain D'Souza, the Institute's Co-ordinator (CoE) as well as RRC Joint Convenor.

## VISIT FOR SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISION



Dr. Savio Rodrigues, State Resource faculty, Prof. & HOD, GMC conducting Supportive Supervisory Visit at DSRC, Hospicio Hospital. Also seen are Dr. Marcia Pacheco and Dr. Lalitha Umraskar.



Seen are Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof. & HOD., Dept of Microbiology, GMC, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS and Dr. Marcia Pacheco, H.O., Hospicio hospital, sensitizing Shri Raju Velip, Counselor of the STD Clinic.



Dr. Savio Rodrigues, HOD., Dept of Microbiology, GMC and Ms. Ruella D'Silva, T.O., SRL inspecting the registers/records maintained by the Lab technicians.



Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof. & HOD, Dept of Microbiology, GMC and Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS are seen discussing with Ms. Rossene Ferrao, Counselor during their visit to ICTC, Hospicio Hospital, Margao.

*Supportive Supervisory visits were conducted to DSRCs located at Hospicio Hospital, Margao and to CHC, Curchorem on 09/12/2011 for monitoring STI/RTI reports; strengthening of linkages between the STD Clinic and ICTC, verify stock status of colour coded kits and their proper utilization. On site mentoring was provided to the Health Officer/Medical Officer in the clinic, ANM and counselor. The supervisory team consisted of State Resource faculty, Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof. & HOD, Dept of Microbiology, GMC, Bambolim, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS and Ms. Ruella D'Silva, T.O.(SRL).*



## Re-orientation Training Programme in PPTCT



A MPH W from CHC, Ponda offering a bouquet to Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS. Also seen are Dr. G. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD) and Dr. Nutan Dev, M.O., I/C, CHC, Ponda.



Dr. G. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), Goa SACS delivering a talk on PPTCT to the MPH Ws of CHC, Ponda

*Re-orientation training programme in PPTCT for Multipurpose Health Workers (MPHWs) of CHC, Ponda, PHC Marcaim and PHC, Betki was held on 02/12/2011 in IMA Hall Ponda. Around 80 MPHWs attended the training programme. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director and Dr. G. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), Goa SACS delivered a talk on PPTCTs and other services of Goa SACS. Dr. Nutan Dev, M.O., I/C, CHC, Ponda and Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS were also present during the training.*



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS delivering a talk on PPTCT to the MPH Ws of CHC, Ponda.



MPH Ws of CHC Ponda attending the training programme.

## RRC INAUGURATED AT M.E.S HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ZUARI NAGAR



Mrs. Melita Quadros, Principal, MES HSS welcoming the attendees for the RRC inauguration



Students of MES HSS, Zuari Nagar at the inauguration of RRC.

*Red Ribbon Club inaugural function was held at M.E.S Higher Secondary School on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Welcome address was given by Principal, Mrs. Melita Quadros. The traditional lamp was lit by the Chief Guest, Dr. Paramjeet Singh, Guest of Honour, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Mrs. Melita Quadros, Principal, and Mrs. Candelina Gonsalves, RRC Co-ordinator. Dr. Paramjeet Singh spoke on HIV AIDS and answered various questions. A video clipping on HIV/AIDS was screened for the benefit of the students followed by a talk on RRC activities by Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes for motivating the students. Shri Ahmar Saeed proposed the vote of thanks and Ms. Amira Salkar was the anchor for the programme.*

### INAUGURATION OF RRC AT SACORDEM EDUCATION SOCIETY'S, MADHAVRAO TALAULICAR HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SACORDA, TISCA-GOA



Shri. Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS lighting the traditional lamp at the inauguration of RRC. Also seen are Mrs. Uttara Patil, Principal and Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Cons. (YA), Goa SACS



Inauguration of RRC at Sacordem Education Society's, Madhavrao Talaulicar Higher Secondary School, Sacorda, Tisca-Goa was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 at 11:30 am in the institute hall at the hands of Mrs. Uttara R. Patil, Principal In-charge and Chairperson of RRC, Mr. Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs), Staff and students. The Principal formally welcomed the gathering and congratulated the new RRC members. She also stressed on the need to create awareness on HIV/AIDS and requested the students to clear all their doubts, myths and misconceptions. Mr. Sawant and Ms. Fernandes then gave a talk on HIV/AIDS and RRC respectively. Thereafter, all the questions were answered during the Question round. The main aims and objectives of the RRC were shared and activities that can be conducted by the members were discussed. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Seema P. Raut, Teacher/ Convenor of RRC. The inauguration function was attended by 75 students of the 11th and 12th Standard (Science stream).



## Red Ribbon Club Youth Convention on HIV/AIDS



Shri Kalidas Ghatwal, District Youth Co-ordinator, North Goa lighting the traditional lamp. Also seen are Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS, Prof. Praveen Sawant, Shri Rajdeep Naik, Artist and others.



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS and Red Ribbon Club.



Street Play being performed by Punjab State artists on HIV/AIDS.



Youth from different States participating in the Youth Convention Programme.

*Red Ribbon Club Youth Convention on HIV/AIDS in National Integration Camp was organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra at Narayan Zantye College, Sarvan, Bicholim on 26/12/11. The compere for the programme was Prof. Praveen Sawant. Shri Kalidas Ghatwal, District Youth Co-ordinator, North Goa, Shri Rajdeep Naik, Artist, Shri Umakant Sawant, DD(IEC) and Shri Sandesh Bhagat, Goa SACS were present for the programme. Youth from six States attended the Youth Convention programme. Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Premanand Naik, Teacher.*

TALK ON HIV/AIDS AT MORLEM FOR NSS CAMP



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS addressing the students on HIV/AIDS at NSS camp. Also seen is Dr. Sadanand Hinde, Principal, Bhumika HSS, Paryem.



Students seen at the NSS camp attending the programme.



Folk troupe performance by Kala Chetna Group, Volvoi at Government High School, Morlem

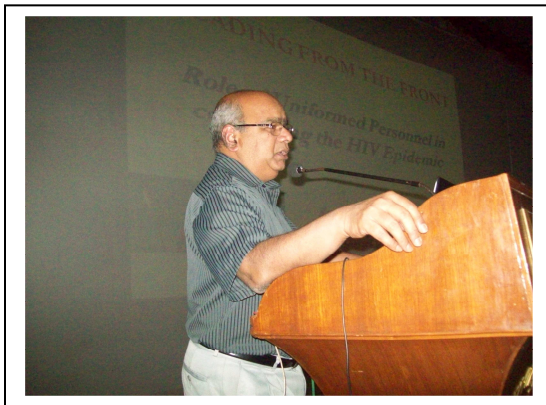
*A talk on HIV/AIDS was delivered by Shri Umakant Sawant at the NSS camp organized by Bhumika Higher Secondary School, Paryem at Morlem on 26/12/11. Dr. Sadanand Hinde, Principal, Bhumika HSS was present for the function. Awareness on HIV/AIDS was created among the students participating in the NSS camp.*



## Advocacy workshop for army personnel



Shri A. S. Chauhan, Brigadier, 2 Signal Training Centre (STC) lighting the traditional lamp at the advocacy workshop. Also seen are Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director and Shri Ramesh Rathod, AD (TI), Goa SACS



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS addressing the army personnel on HIV/AIDS.



Col. Sharma, Shri A.S. Chauhan, Brigadier and Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS viewing a film on HIV/AIDS at the workshop.



Army personnel attending the advocacy workshop

An advocacy workshop was organized for army personnel on HIV/AIDS in collaboration with Lifeline Foundation, Panaji on 09/12/11 at 2 Signal Training Centre (STC), Bambolim. The dignitaries present were Shri A. S. Chauhan, Brigadier, 2 STC, Col. Sharma, 2 STC, Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS and Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI, TSU. Dr. Pradeep Padwal addressed the army personnel on HIV/AIDS. A film on HIV/AIDS awareness was also screened for the army personnel. About 450 army personnel attended the programme.

## Advocacy workshop for families of army personnel



Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI, TSU lighting the traditional lamp at the inauguration of advocacy workshop on HIV/AIDS. Also seen is Smt. Madhu Chauhan, wife of Brigadier A.S. Chauhan, 2 STC, Bambolim.



Families of army personnel at the advocacy workshop on HIV/AIDS at 2 STC, Bambolim.

Goa SACS in collaboration with Lifeline Foundation, Panaji organized an advocacy workshop for the families of army personnel on 10/12/11 at 2 STC, Bambolim. Smt. Madhu Chauhan, wife of Brigadier A. S. Chauhan attended the programme with families of other army personnel. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of lamp by the dignitaries followed by talk on HIV/AIDS by Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD) and Shri Ramesh Rathod, AD (TI), Goa SACS. Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI, TSU and Shri Ashpak Shaikh, Project Manager, Lifeline Foundation also attended the programme.

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