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NATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATED ON 12TH JANUARY 2012



Dr. Manashri Kamat, NSS Programme Co-ordinator presenting a floral bouquet to Dr. Bhanu Murti, Principal of the College.



Dr. Bhanu Murti, Principal of the College welcoming the guests.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS.



Dr. Manashri Kamat, NSS Programme Co-ordinator proposing vote of thanks.



Students of the College attending the programme.

National Youth Day was celebrated at Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao in collaboration with Goa SACS. The programme began with a formal welcome by Shri Bhanu Murti, Principal of the College followed by a talk on HIV/AIDS by Dr. Pradeep Padwal, P.D., Goa SACS. Also present for the function were Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS and Shri Shirish Lawande, District Youth Co-ordinator, South Goa. More than 450 students attended the programme.

AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME ORGANIZED BY THE GOA MOTORCYCLE TAXI-RIDERS' ASSOCIATION



Shri Arun Desai, Director, Department of Transport lighting the traditional lamp at the AIDS awareness Programme organized by Motorcycle Taxi-Riders' Association. Also seen are Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS, Shri Pandurang Gaonkar, President Goa Patrakar Sang, Dr. Clara D'Mello and Shri Suresh Thakur, President, Goa Motorcycle Taxi-Riders' Association.



Shri Suresh Thakur, President, Goa Motorcycle Taxi-Riders' Association and Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS flagging off the rally.



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

An AIDS awareness programme was organized by the Motorcycle Taxi-Riders' Association on 5th January, 2012 at Panaji Goa. Shri Arun Desai, Director, Department of Transport was the Chief Guest and Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS was the Guest of Honour for the function. On the occasion a talk was delivered by Shri Umakant Sawant on HIV/AIDS and a rally was flagged off by Shri Suresh Thakur, President of the Motorcycle Taxi-Riders' Association from Piedade Institute to Miramar, Panaji. Around 70 motorcycle taxi-riders participated in the rally. A Blood Donation camp was also organized by the Association. More than 30 donors donated blood in the camp.

SHRI SHANTADURGA SHIKSHAN SAMITI, KAVALE



Mrs. Baby Parichuru, Principal of S. S. S. Kavale lighting the lamp to mark the inauguration of the program along with Goa SACS Officers.



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC) inaugurating the Red Ribbon Club at Shri Shantadurga Shikshan Samiti, Kavale



Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (YA), Goa SACS giving information about RRCs to the students.



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

A Red Ribbon Club was established at Shri Shantadurga Shikshan Samiti, Kavale, Ponda on 6th January, 2012. Mrs. Baby Parichuru, Principal, Ms. Sonia Dias, Psychology Teacher and Ex-Staff of Goa SACS, Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC) and Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs), Goa SACS inaugurated the RED Ribbon Club by lighting the traditional lamp. Ms. J. Fernandes, C (YA) informed the students about the importance of setting up of Red Ribbon Club. This is the 90th RRC established in the State of Goa. Shri Sawant also delivered a talk on HIV/AIDS in order to create awareness among the students. More than 150 students from the Science Stream attended the programme. The management and staff of the School also attended the programme.

Care Support Treatment and STD - Trainings



Dr. Wanda Veigas, SMO, ART Centre, GMC, Bambolim briefing the participants on OIs, referral formats. etc.



Counselors of ICTCs/PPTCTs and CCCs attending the programme.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS delivering a session on HIV/AIDS for the ORWs. Also seen are Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STI), Goa SACS and Shri Peter Borges, PO, Avert Society.



Dr. Wanda Viegas briefing the doctors on OIs, early detection and treatment, timely referrals of patients for CD4 count/in case of Side effects of ART drugs, etc.

Various trainings conducted under Care Support Treatment for LACs and CCCs

- Training was conducted for counselors and nurses from both LACs and CCCs on 11th January, 2012 in the Conference Hall of Goa SACS. Dr. Wanda Viegas, S. M. O., ART Centre, GMC, Bambolim and Ms. Sheena Castelo, Counselor, ART Centre were the resource persons for the programme. Stress was laid upon timely and correct reporting, Early Detection and management of Opportunistic Infections etc. 12 participants attended the training.
- Training was conducted for Out Reach Workers from both CCCs on 13th January, 2012 in the Conference Hall of Goa SACS. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director initially briefed the participants on the importance of CCCs in NACP-IV and the role of ORWs in the same. Other Resource persons for the training programme included Dr. Wanda Viegas, S. M. O., ART Centre, GMC, Bambolim, Shri Peter Borges, PO, TSU, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD). Topics covered included Basics of HIV/AIDS, STI/RTI, OIs, Roles and Responsibilities of ORWs, etc.
- Training programme was held for doctors from both the CCCs and Link ART Centres at ART Centre, GMC, Bambolim on 25th January, 2012. Dr. Wanda Viegas, S. M. O., ART Centre, GMC, Bambolim was the Resource person for the training programme. She briefed the participants about OIs, early detection and treatment, timely referrals of patients for CD4 count as well as in case of Side effects of ART drugs, etc.

- *Supportive Supervisory visit was conducted to DSRC located at North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa. During the visit, on site mentoring was provided to Medical Officer, staff nurse, STD counselor, ICTC and PPTCT counselor. Importance of strengthening linkages between the STD Clinic and ICTC, verify stock status of colour coded kits and their proper utilization. The supervisory team consisted of State Resource faculty, Dr. Prachi Bhadare, Lecturer, Dept. of Venerology and Dermatology, GMC, Bambolim.*
- *An interactive session on HIV/AIDS and STDs was held for students of DMC College, Assagao on 19th January, 2012 as well as for students of New English HSS, Mandrem. Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS was the resource person for the programme during which relevance of HIV/AIDS, STDs in adolescent group, common sexual problems of this vulnerable group etc. were discussed.*

Awareness on HIV/AIDS organized by Legal Aid Cell, V. M. Salgaokar College of Law, Miramar



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



Women from St. Cruz attending the programme

Legal Aid Cell, V. M. Salgaokar College of Law, Miramar organized an AIDs awareness programme for the people of St. Cruz. Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS was invited to deliver a talk on HIV/AIDS on this occasion in order to create awareness among the people.

National Youth Week celebrated by Goa SACS and Nehru Yuva Kendra



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS lighting the traditional lamp at National Youth week celebration.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS placing a garland around Swami Vivekanand's portrait during National Youth week celebration.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS during National Youth week celebration.



Participants for the National Youth Week Celebration presenting cultural programmes.

Goa State AIDS Control Society in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra (North Goa) celebrated National Youth Week on 18th January, 2011 at Bicholim Municipal Council, Bicholim. Out of School Youth and HSS students participated in the programme. Various Cultural programmes were presented by the students on the occasion. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS inaugurated the function by lighting of traditional lamp. He also delivered talk on HIV/AIDS. Also present for the function were Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS, Shri Kalidas Ghatwal, District Youth Co-ordinator(North Goa), Shri Raju Gawas, Chief Officer, Bicholim Municipal Council, Shri Ashish Sinha, Sesa Goa Programme Officer, Ms. Kajal Kerkar, National Youth Awardee. Around 250 participants were present for the programme.

RED RIBBON CLUB INAUGURATED AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S HSS, SIOLIM



Dr. Laitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (YA), Goa SACS, Fr. Paul Sagayam, Principal, St. Francis Xavier, Siolim, NSS Programme Officer, Mrs. Sandhya Fernandes, YRC in-charge, Mrs. Celine D'Souza, RRC and student Jt. Convenor Ms. Priti Vengurlekar are seen on the dais.

The Red Ribbon Club of St. Francis Xavier's HSS, Siolim was inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp by the chief guest Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, Medical Officer, Goa State AIDS Control Society at a function held on 10th Jan, 2012 in the school auditorium. In her address to the students and teachers, she described the situation of AIDS in the State of Goa and how each one can work towards minimizing HIV-AIDS. Her presentation was very effective and the students actively took part by raising questions. Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant, Youth Affairs explained about the aims and activities of the Red Ribbon Club like self preventive care, organizing awareness programmes and caring the sick. Inspirational and educational films about AIDS were screened. At the outset, Fr. Paul Sagayam, the Principal of the higher secondary school welcomed the chief guest and the consultant, Youth Affairs. The convenor of RRC Mr. Linson M. Thomas proposed the vote of thanks.

Full Site Sensitization Programme



Dr. G. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), Goa SACS and Dr. Vikas Kuvelkar, H.O., CHC, Chicalim are seen during the sensitization programme.

Full Site Sensitization Programme was held for all the staff of CHC Chicalim in HIV/AIDS orientation. Dr. G. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), Goa SACS and Dr. Vikas Kuvelkar, H.O., CHC, Chicalim are seen during the programme.

HIV/AIDS programmes held in existing RRCs in the State

S. E. S HSS, Barazan, Usgao, Ponda

Special Awareness programme was organized for the students of S. E. S HSS, Barazan, Usgao, Ponda. On the occasion, the students took out a rally from the school campus to Usgao Circle Bus Stand and back via Panchayat Building to school followed by a lecture on AIDS awareness delivered by Professor, Shri Gurunath P. Khanolkar who was the resource person. He presented the history of HIV/AIDS, its meaning, symptoms and causes and prevention with facts and figures. After the session, the students were asked to write an essay based on the lecture. The best essay was chosen and the student was given a prize. Information pamphlets were distributed to the students as well as to the general public in the locality.



Professor, Shri Gurunath P. Khanolkar delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS to the students



Students of S. E. S HSS, Barazan, Usgao, Ponda attending the programme

Our Lady of Rosary Higher Secondary School, Dona Paula

Red Ribbon Club of Our Lady of Rosary Higher Secondary School, Dona Paula observed the World AIDS Day by organizing a talk on Personal Hygiene and AIDS awareness by Dr. Jagadish Kakodkar. Programme began with welcome address and the speaker inaugurated the function with the lighting of the traditional lamp. 200 Volunteers and students from 11th STD from the Arts, Science and Commerce stream attended the talk. Each volunteer was given HIV/AIDS pamphlets. All the questions asked by the students were answered by Dr. Kakodkar.



Students taking a pledge to be active RRC members along with Dr. Jagadish Kakodkar, Professor , PSM Dept., GMC, Bambolim

V. V. M's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao

NSS unit of V. V. M's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao organized HIV awareness programme in the college premises under the Red Ribbon Club of the College. At the outset, the resource person of the programme Dr. J. Kakodkar, Prof., Dept of PSM, GMC, Bambolim was welcomed by Dr. Bhanu Murthy, Principal. He highlighted the importance of World AIDS Day and further emphasized on the various aspects of this dreaded disease. He also emphasized on the role of the youth in controlling the spread of the disease. As an awareness activity, the college students made Red Ribbons in the College and distributed them to the villagers in the vicinity. Around 150 students participated in the awareness programme.

Shree Damodar Higher Secondary School of Science, Comba, Margao

The RRC of Shree Damodar Higher Secondary School of Science, Comba, Margao organized a programme for the students. Shri U.V. Ballikar, Principal delivered a talk to the students. Dr. V. Muralidharan was the guest lecturer. He gave a session on HIV/AIDS, modes of transmission, prevention, treatment and answered the questions put forth by the students. The session was attended by students of Std. XI in the age group of 15-17 years.

D. M's P.V. S. Sarojini Madhusudhan Kushe Higher Secondary School and Institute of vocational studies, Kushenagar, Assagao

An interclass poster competition on the theme Goa AIDS Free was conducted for the students as part of World AIDS Day celebration on 1st December. The RRC in collaboration with the PHC, Siolim also organized the programme on AIDS awareness for the students. The judges and resource persons for the same were Dr. Chandrakant Parab, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar and Shri Premnath Bandekar. The programme was co-ordinated by Mrs. Sheela Souza, RRC convenor. This programme was attended by students of XI and XII RRC members.

Talk on HIV/AIDS at Shri Bhumika HSS, Paryem



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



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS and Shri
Sadanand Hinde, Principal, Shri Bhumika HSS, Paryem are
seen with the students during the programme.



Shri Ram Naik, Magician performing a magic
show during the programme.

Talk on HIV/AIDS at Govt. HSS, Sanquelim



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

A session on HIV/AIDS was organized by Goa State AIDS Control Society on 7th January, 2012 at Govt. HSS, Sanquelim for Std. XI & XII students. Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS delivered a talk on HIV/AIDS. Around 120 students participated in this programme. Smt. Sunita Pai, Vice-Principal, HSS was also present during the programme.

Talk on HIV/AIDS



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS
delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS for the
general public at Brahmakarmali.



Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Goa SACS
delivering a talk on HIV/AIDS for the
general public at Massordem.



Shri Ram Naik, Magician performing
a magic show at Massordem.

TARGETTED INTERVENTION

Out Reach Worker's Refresher Training



Counselor Refresher Training



ORWs and Counselors of all TI projects attending the programme. Also seen is Ms. Preetam Barros, PO, TSU (RHS)

ORW and Counselor Refresher trainings were organized by STRC Training officer Ms. Zeenath Pathan at Institute of Piedade, Panaji in January 2012. ORWs and Counselors of all TI projects attended the training session. Basics of HIV/AIDS, STI, Positive prevention, crisis management, condom promotion, out reach planning, Behaviour Change Communication etc were some of the topics covered during the training. Project Managers namely Shri Ahspak Shaikh (Lifeline Foundation), Ms. Sophia Caldeira (Rishta), Shri Deepak Parab (Humsaath), Shri Lal Beig (Humsath-Pehchan), Shri Mahesh Govekar (Darpan-Goa) were the resource persons. Supportive supervision was provided by Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL-TI, TSU and Ms. Preetam Barros, PO, TSU monitored the reporting formats.

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