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## Observance of Voluntary Blood Donation Day



Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, Minister for Health, Government of Goa inaugurating the function. Also seen on the dais are Shri Parimal Rai, Principal Secretary (Health), Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director, Goa SACS, Shri Gourish Dhond, President, Indian Red Cross Society, Goa Branch, Dr. G. V. Sawant, Dy. Director, Goa SACS and Dr. Claire D'Mello, I/C, Blood Bank, GMC



Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, Minister for Health, Government of Goa launching the Bulk SMS for tracking of PLHIVs



A Student receiving prize for poster competition at the hands of Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, Minister for Health, Government of Goa

## **A. State level function: National Voluntary Blood Donation Day 2012**

*A function was held on 1st October, 2012 at Seminar Hall, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa to observe National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. The theme for this year was 'Somewhere, someone needs you. Your blood is precious'. The Chief Guest for the function was Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, Honourable Minister for Health, Government of Goa and the Guest of Honour was Shri Parimal Rai, Principal Secretary (Health), Government of Goa. Other dignitaries present for the function were Shri Gourish Dhond, President, Indian Red Cross Society, Panjim, Dr. Digambar Naik, Chairperson, Core Committee, Goa SACS, Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director, Goa SACS, Dr. G. V. Sawant, Deputy Director (Surveillance), Goa SACS and Dr. Claire D'Mello, Medical Officer, Blood Bank, Goa Medical College, Bambolim. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of lamp, followed by address from Chief Guest, Shri Laxmikant Parsekar. This was preceded by State Blood Transfusion meeting in Secretariat Porvorim on 26-9-12.*

*On this occasion, Honourable Minister for Health, Shri Laxmikant Parsekar also launched bulk SMS for effective tracking of patients for follow up reminders.*

*Goa SACS, Blood Safety Division felicitated regular voluntary blood donors who have donated blood for seven or more times in the years 2010 and 2011.*

*Following 11 Regular Voluntary blood Donors were felicitated on this occasion:*

### **Donor Names**

1. Sainath Mashelkar
2. Avinash Chilkaya
3. Alex R. Rodrigues
4. Raskah V. Tavares
5. Lavina De Abreu
6. Arthur Rodrigues
7. Anand Acharya
8. Laxman Samant
9. Ramesh Bhat
10. Vaibhav Tamba
11. Viraj Govekar

*Later, Dr. Claire D'Mello delivered a key note address on 'Voluntary Blood Donation'. Health Officers, Extension Educators, staff from PHC/CHC, Paramedics and staff from NGOs attended the function.*

## **B. Blood donation camps in the month of October**

- *Voluntary Blood Donation camps conducted by Hospicio Hospital, Margao - 20*
- *Voluntary Blood Donation camps conducted by Goa Medical College, Bambolim - 4*
- *Total Voluntary Blood Donation camps conducted in October 2012 - 24*
- *Total Blood units collected in Voluntary Blood donation camps in October 2012- 1299*

## REPORT ON THE RED RIBBON CLUB INAUGURATION AT MOUNT MARY'S HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL



Principal, Mr. Herman Pereira lighting the traditional lamp



Dignitaries, Dr. Shanti, M.O., PHC, Chinchinim and Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, CYA, Goa SACS



Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, CYA, Goa SACS giving a talk on RCC



Dr. Shanti, M.O., PHC, Chinchinim addressing the students



RRC members attending the function

*The 104<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Club was established in the State of Goa and a session on HIV/ AIDS was held for the students of **Mount Mary's Higher Secondary School, Chinchinim on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012**. The Red Ribbon Club for HIV / AIDS prevention by Goa State Aids Control Society, Panjim was inaugurated at Mount Mary's Higher Secondary School, Chinchinim at the hands of the Principal, Mr. Herman Pereira on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012. At the outset, he welcomed the august gathering and the dignitaries at the function. In the Key note address, the Health Officer of Primary Health Centre, Chinchinim, Dr. Shanti Pereira explained the Modes of transmission of HIV / AIDS and its prevention strategies. Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) Goa State Aids Control Society explained the Aims and Objectives of Red Ribbon Club and urged the students to play a major role in educating the youth about HIV / AIDS and support people living with AIDS. She also answered questions posed by students about HIV / AIDS. A Short film on HIV/ AIDS was screened for the benefit of the students along with an audio visual song on HIV/AIDS. The RRC Advisory Committee at the Institutional level comprising of Mr. Herman Pereira, IC Principal, the Chairperson, Mr. Jack Rodrigues, Teacher, the Co-Chairperson, Ms. Anthea Colaco, Teacher, the Convener and other members with staff and students were formed. The NSS programme Officer, Tr. Anthea Colaco, compered the programme and the vote of thanks was proposed by Tr. Simone Mascarenhas. The program was attended by more than 300 students.*



## Outreach worker training



Resource persons briefing the ORWs about their roles and responsibilities.



Participants discussing practical problems faced by them on the field

*Refresher's training workshop was held for Outreach Workers (ORWs) of both CCCs and DIC (South Goa) on 15/10/12 in Conference Hall of Goa SAC. The training programme was conducted to sensitize ORWs about their roles and functions in care of PLHIVs including referral to and from ART Centre, CCC, Positive network, tracing of Lost to follow up patients (LFUs) etc. Resource persons included Shri Zabiullah, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS and Dr. G.V. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), Goa SACS.*

- *A Live Dial-in programme was conducted by Doordarshan on 22/10/12 on HIV/AIDS during which viewers phoned in their concerns/questions on various aspects of HIV/AIDS which were addressed by Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS.*
- *Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD) attended TOT for STI counselors conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 during which feedback was given regarding the previous induction training workshop and training was imparted for refresher's training.*

## **SIMS training for FICTCs and PPP-ICTCs**



Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director addressing the participants at the SIMS training. Also seen are Dr. G.V. Sawant, D.D. (Surveillance) and Dr. Y. Durga Prasad, M & E Officer, Goa SACS.



Health Officers/ Medical Officers and Data Entry Operators of all FICTCs attending the training programme on SIMS. Also seen is Shri Tolentino Furtado, Statistical Officer, Goa SACS.

*A one day training programme on 'Strategic Information Management System' (SIMS) module was organized for the Medical Officers/Health Officers and Data Entry Operators on 30/10/12 at GIRDA, Ella, Old-Goa. At the outset, Dr Y. Durga Prasad, M & E Officer, Goa SACS welcomed the participants. Thereafter, Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director, Goa SACS addressed the gathering. Dr. G. V. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), stressed upon lost to follow up cases for ART treatment. He cautioned the HOs/MOs that whenever a client is found positive in the FICTC, he/she should be referred to ICTC to confirm positivity. He also spoke on the level of CD 4 Count in the human body. Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD), Goa SACS stressed on filling correct data in reporting formats of STI/RTI cases, Syphilis and Syndromic Diagnosis. Dr. Y. Durga Prasad explained the participants about the SIMS software by way of a presentation. The training was held as per NACO guidelines for all FICTCs in order to sensitize and facilitate the Medical Officers and Data Entry Operators in submitting their respective reports through SIMS software. During the training, all the formats were discussed and thereafter, a hands on session was held for all the participants in order to understand the functioning of the software. In all, 29 participants attended the training.*

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF RRC AT FR. AGNEL MULTIPURPOSE HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL**

***Establishment of RRC at Fr. Agnel Multipurpose Higher Secondary School, Verna on 26/10/12 organised by Goa State AIDS Control Society, Panaji***

*The Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated at Fr. Agnel Multipurpose Higher Secondary School, Verna on 26/10/2012 at the hands of Mr. Bruno Carvalho, Principal of the Institute, Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) Officer at Goa SACS-Panaji, Mr. Vivek Rodrigues, vice-Principal and Mr. Sanjay Chari, NSS Program Officer.*

*At the outset, the Principal welcomed the students. Later, Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) addressed the students on the RRC which is a voluntary on-campus intervention program for students in the age of 15 to 29 years in educational institutions. She also explained the aims of the RRC which harness the potential of the youth by equipping them with correct information on HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, Support and Treatment and builds their capacities as peer educators in spreading messages on positive health behavior in an enabling environment and increasing voluntary blood donation from among youth. A movie was screened on HIV/ AIDS for the students and an interactive discussion was facilitated among students on the myths and misconceptions on the issue. Ms. Jeunesse also answered the questions put forth by the students along with Social Worker, PHC Cortalim Mr. Agnel.*

*The program was attended by 400 students of the institute. The NSS Program Officer, Mr. Sanjay Chari proposed the vote of thanks.*

## **RRC ESTABLISHED AT GUARDIAN ANGEL HSS, CURCHOREM**

***Guardian Angel HSS, Curchorem*** inaugurated the RRC for HIV/ AIDS prevention at the hands of the Principal, Fr. Frank Mendes on 30/10/12. In his keynote address, the health officer of Primary Health Centre, Curchorem, Dr. Ganpati Kakodkar explained the modes of transmission and its prevention strategies. 'The RRC scheme targets youth who are invariably in the age group of 15 to 29 and will cover all educational institutions in order to reach out to most vulnerable youth population' said Dr. Kakodkar. While explaining the aims and objectives of RRC and its activities, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant Youth affairs, Goa SACS urged the students to play a major role in educating the youth about HIV/ AIDS and support people living with it. She also answered some questions posed by students regarding HIV/ AIDS. A short film and songs on HIV/ AIDS by various artists were screened. Later, the RRC Advisory committee at the institutional level comprising of Chairperson, co-Chairperson, convener, joint convenor with staff and students were formed. Earlier, NSS Officer, Mr. Wilson Fernandes welcomed the gathering and later proposed a vote of thanks. Teacher Mr. Joaquim Fernandes compered the programme.

## **RED RIBBON CLUB ACTIVITIES**

### **INTER-STREAM MIME COMPETITION held at P. V. S. Kushe Higher Secondary School, Kushe-Assagao on 31/10/12.**

*The Red Ribbon Club of P. V. S. Kushe Higher Secondary School, Kushe-Assagao believes in giving different platforms to the student volunteers to explore their talents. The institution also wants them to have an opportunity to get an exposure to different educative experiences. In view of the same, the institution along with Goa State AIDS Control Society, Panaji organized an Inter-Stream Mime competition for students on 31/10/2012.*

*The theme was ‘Bursting the Myths about AIDS’. The Judges for this competition were Mr. Alfwold Silveira – a multifaceted personality, well known in the field of theatre and Ms. Juenesse Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs) at Goa State AIDS Control Society, Panaji Goa.*

*All the 4 streams participated, the 2 myths that they burst were “I am an AIDS patient and therefore my life is over” and “AIDS is spread by food sharing and meeting people”. The teachers who guided them were:*

- 1. Arts Stream: Ms. Aquillia Periera and Mr. Xavier Fernandes.*
- 2. Science Stream: Ms. Shradda Narvekar*
- 3. Commerce Stream: Mrs. Neeta Kauthankar and Mr. Kuldeep Kamat*
- 4. Vocational Stream: Ms. Dipti Khalap.*

*The winners of this competition were the Commerce Stream and the second prize was bagged by the Arts Stream. Mr. Alwold Silviera in his address congratulated the students on their excellent performances and advised them to actively participate in all the activities organized by the RRC.*

*He ended by advising the students that it was far better to act on AIDS than to be treated for it.*

**97<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Club established at**  
**St. Theresa's Higher Secondary School, Candolim on 04/07/2012,**



Rev. Fr. Rumualdo Robbin Rodrigues, Dr. Anil Khandeparcar, M.O., PHC, Candolim, Principal, Ms. Melba Vaz, Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Cons. (YA), Goa SACS and Mrs. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI, PHFI



RRC members performing a welcome dance

*The 97<sup>th</sup> RRC was established at St. Theresa's Higher Secondary School, Candolim by Goa SACS on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The main aim of the RRC is to equip youth with correct information on HIV/AIDS, prevention, care, support and treatment. It builds student's capacities as peer educators in spreading messages on positive health behavior and increases voluntary blood donation among youth. The function was inaugurated at the hands of Rev. Fr. Rumualdo Robbin Rodrigues. He welcomed the guest and lighted the lamp along with dignitaries. Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes gave a talk on RRC and its functioning in the institution. The Medical Officer, Dr. Anil Khandeparcar gave information on HIV/AIDS and its prevention. Mrs. Asha Vernekar gave the guidelines to the RRC advisory committee members and motivated the youth to donate blood. Principal, Ms. Melba Vaz also motivated the RRC members to take interest in fulfilling the objectives of the Red Ribbon Club. The RRC convenor & NSS programme Officer; Mr. Manoj Naik proposed the vote of thanks to the guest speakers from Goa SACS and M.O, Health Centre, Candolim for their help and support to make this programme a success.*



## **FULL SITE SENSITISATION PROGRAMMES BY GOASACS**

- *Full Site Sensitization programme was conducted at TB & Chest Hospital, St. Inez on 10/10/12. Dr. Mesquita, HOD, Dept. of TB, Dr. Vandana Dhume, Health Officer, RNTCP and Dr. G. V. Sawant were present for the programme. In all, 40 participants attended the programme.*
- *Work Place Intervention was held for the staff of Goa SACS, Panaji on 12/10/12. Dr. Rajnanda Dessai, Project Director, Dr. G.V. Sawant, DD (Surveillance), Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD) addressed the staff on the topics such as HIV/AIDS, STI/RTI, Stigma & discrimination, PEP etc. Smt Liza Pereira, Finance Officer, Shri Umakant Sawant, DD (IEC), Shri Ramesh Rathod, AD (TI) along with other staff members of Goa SACS participated in this session.*
- *Full Site Sensitization programme was conducted at CHC, Ponda on 16/10/12. Dr. Nutan Dev, Health officer with the staff of CHC Ponda attended this training programme. Dr. G. V. Sawant was the resource person for the same.*
- *Full Site Sensitization programme was conducted at Central Hospital, Tisk. Dr. Sampurna Bhomkar, Medical Officer, In-charge along with the staff attended this programme. Dr. G. V. Sawant was the resource person for the same.*
- *Full Site Sensitization programme was conducted at PHC, Sankhali on 30/10/12. Dr. Nishant Halarnkar, Medical Officer with the staff of CHC Ponda attended this training programme. Dr. G. V. Sawant was the resource person for the same.*



Staff of PHC, Sankhali attending the training on HIV/AIDS



Dr. Nishant Halarnkar, Medical Officer, PHC, Sankhali addressing the staff

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