

STOP AIDS



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Surveillance



Shri V. K. Rao, Secretary (Health), Govt. of Goa is seen with Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS, Dr. Rajananda Desai, Director, DHS, Dr. D. Bachani, DDG, (NACO) and Dr. V. N. Jindal, Dean, GMC.



Shri V. K. Rao, Secretary (Health), Govt. of Goa is seen lighting the traditional lamp at the inaugural function.

Workshop on introduction of Unique ID number to PLHIV

A workshop on introduction of Unique ID number to PLHIV was held on 16th October, 2010 at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Health Services, Campal, Panaji. The workshop was attended by all the ICTC Counselors, Lab. Technician, Data Manager, Dr. Vanda Viegas, SMO, ART centre, Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof. & HOD., Microbiology, GMC, Dr. Naguesh Dubhashi, Prof. & HOD, Dept. of Medicine, GMC, Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS, Dr. N. V. Markande, DD (BS & QA), Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STD) and officers/staff from M & E section, Goa SACS. Dr. Damodar Bachani, DDG (CST & M&E), Dr. Ruchi Sogarwal, Programme Officer (Evaluation & Research), NACO and Dr. Suresh Shastri., Regional Co-ordinator, NACO were the resource persons. The Chief Guest for the function was Shri V.K. Rao, Secretary (Health), Govt. of Goa. Dr. Rajananda Desai, Director, DHS and Dr. V. N. Jindal, Dean, GMC were the other dignitaries present for the function.

The main recommendation of the pilot project was to introduce standard case definitions and reporting system for each HIV positive person detected at the ICTCs. In addition, it was decided to allot a Unique Identification Number to every HIV positive person identified to facilitate care, treatment and follow-up and to minimize duplication of reported cases. This will be pre-requisite for the smart card system being introduced under NACP-III. NACO has decided to pilot unique ID system for PLHIV in a small State like Goa before expansion of the system throughout the country. After the dignitaries addressed the audience, Dr. N. V. Markande DD (BS) gave the vote of thanks. The resource persons from NACO then made a presentation on the Relevance of HIV Case reporting.

Glimpses of the training programme on Unique ID to PLHIVs



Shri V. K. Rao Secretary (Health) and Chief Guest for the function addressing the gathering.



Dr. Rajananda Desai, Director, Directorate of Health Services expressing her views at the training programme.



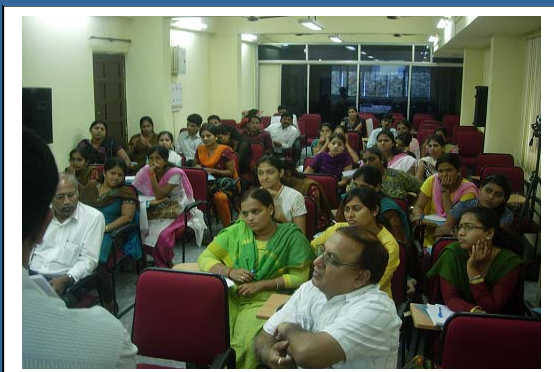
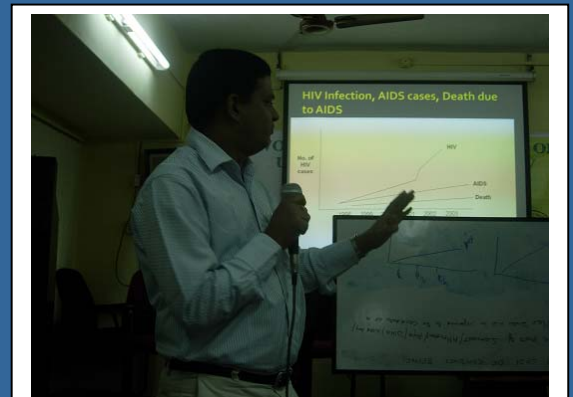
Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS addressing the ICTC Counselors and Lab. Technicians at the training.



Dr. Damodar Bachani interacting with the participants during the training session.



Dr. Ruchi Sogarwal, P. O (Evaluation & Research), NACO and Dr. Suresh Shastri, Regional Coordinator, NACO resource persons explaining the methodology of the Pilot project of Unique ID number to PLHIV during the training programme.



Training on Early Infant Diagnosis



Dr. Namita Singh explaining the roles and responsibilities of ICTC & ART Lab. Technicians.



Dr. Ritu demonstrating the DBS of Early Infant Diagnosis.



ICTC and ART Lab. Technicians attending the training program.

Hands on training on Early Infant Diagnosis was organized by Dr. Namita Singh and Dr. Ritu from Clinton Foundation, New Delhi on 22nd October, 2010. Basic training on DBS (Dry Blood Spot) kits was given to the ICTC and ART Lab. Technicians. Roles and responsibilities of ICTC and ART Lab Technicians in Early Infant Diagnosis were discussed. Training material along with DBS test kits and posters were also given to ICTC & ART Lab. Technicians.

State level training on SIMS



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS along with officers and staff in a group discussion with Shri Manishankar Kumar and Shri Rajesh Singh (NACO).



Shri Rajesh Singh and Shri Manishankar Kumar (NACO) giving clarifications on the queries raised by the participants.



Shri Vikas of Vayamtech (L.H.S) and Shri Ashish Jaiswal of IIHT (R.H.S) explaining & presenting the SIMS module to the participants.



A two day in-house orientation workshop for SACS Officers including staff of M & E section and Avert society was held in the Conference Hall of Goa SACS. Shri Rajesh Singh and Shri Manishankar Kumar were the observers from NACO. Shri Vikas (Vayamtech) and Shri Ashish Jaiswal (IIHT) were the resource persons. After the successful completion of regional level State M & E Officer's training in Phase I, this training was conducted to get all the officers oriented in SIMS programme. All aspects of the SIMS were discussed and the possibilities of enhancing the software were taken into consideration. This was followed by a practical session so that the concept could be understood better.

IEC

RRC INAUGURATED IN GOA MEDICAL COLLEGE, BAMBOLIM



Ms. Shuchi Khosla, Joint Convener giving the welcome address.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS & Dr. V. N. Jindal, Dean, GMC along with other officers/staff at the inaugural function.



Dr. Jagdish Kakodkar highlighting the Objectives & Significance of starting Red Ribbon Club in his presentation.



Audience at the screening of a short film on AIDS Awareness developed by RRC members.

Red Ribbon Club Inauguration Report

The Red Ribbon Club at the Goa Medical College in association with Goa State AIDS Control Society was inaugurated on 22nd October 2010 with much enthusiasm and fervour at the hands of the Chief Guest, Dr. V. N. Jindal, Dean, GMC in the presence of Guest of Honour Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa State AIDS Control Society. The Members of the Advisory Committee of the Club including the Chairperson, Dr. Savio Rodrigues (Director Professor in Microbiology & Student Council Advisor), Co-Chairperson, Dr. Padma N. Bhandare (Director Professor in Pharmacology & Convenor), Dr. Jagdish Kakodkar (Professor in P.S.M & Officer In-Charge Academic Section), Ms. Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant(YA), Goa SACS were also present for the inaugural function. The Other Office Members of the newly appointed Club are: Joint Convener, Shuchi Khosla (7th Semester), Finance Secretary, Vivek Kaser (5th semester), Volunteers: Sanjeevi Kamat, Nisha Singh, Ajay Jha, Nigel Dias & Miguel. The welcome address was given by the Joint Convener, Shuchi Khosla. The Convener, Dr. Jagdish Kakodkar highlighted the Objectives & Significance of starting Red Ribbon Club in his presentation. The Chairperson Dr. Savio Rodrigues and the Guest of Honour Dr. Pradeep Padwal later elaborated on the importance of creating awareness and their expectations from the students as Club members. The Chief Guest Dr. V.N. Jindal then expressed Institutional support to the cause and to the Club. Vote of thanks was proposed by Club Volunteer Sanjeevi Kamat. The proceedings ended with the screening of a short film on AIDS awareness developed by the Red ribbon Club members. The Club, with over 300 registered members in the college will be organizing various activities with the objective of creating AIDS awareness & voluntary blood donation drives, both in the college campus and outside.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS along with the staff & students of Sarasvat Vidyalaya inaugurating the RRC.



Smt. Beena Churi introducing the Resource persons from Goa SACS.

Inauguration of Red Ribbon Club as part of NSS activities for the academic year 2010-11 was held in Sarasvat Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School on Friday, 5th October, 2010. The programme began with the lighting of traditional lamp at the hands of the Chief Guest Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director of Goa State Aids Control Society. The Principal of the School, Shri Subhash Naik delivered the welcome address and introduced the Chief Guest. NSS Programme Officer, Shti Laxuman Gaonkar declared the names of the members of the Advisory committee of RRC. Flip Chart on HIV & AIDS was handed over to Ms. Joy Baretto, the member of RRC by Dr. Padwal to mark the beginning of activity under RRC. A presentation on "HIV & AIDS" was given by Dr Padwal to create awareness among the students. Miss Jeunesse Fernandes, Consultant (YA), Goa State AIDS Control Society, the staff members of higher secondary school and about 120 students were present on the occasion. The programme was compeered by NSS programme officer Smt. Beena Churi. The welcome song was presented by Miss Riya Arolkar. The programme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Kirti Sawkar.

BLOOD SAFETY

Blood donation camps organized in the month of **OCTOBER**

Blood Donation Camp at Keri, Sattari



Smt. Vijayadevi Rane, Chair Person, Bal Bhavan lighting the lamp at the Blood donation camp in Keri, Sattari.



Smt. Vijayadevi Rane is seen along with Dr. Sanjay Korgaonkar, M.O, Blood Bank, GMC, Rtn .Shri Bhonsale, Shri Mahatme and Shri Suresh Laad, Consultant (VBD), Goa SACS.

Blood donation camp was held on 2nd October, 2010 at Keri, Sattari. Four female donors were felicitated on this occasion at the hands of Smt. Vijayadevi Rane, Chair Person, Bal Bhavan. Dr. Ghanashyam Kankonkar was the keynote speaker.



Dr. Sanjay Korgaonkar, In-charge, Blood Bank, GMC is seen with a blood donor (LHS) and at (RHS) the volunteers are seen donating blood at Goa College of Engineering, Farmagudi.



Shri Suresh Laad, Consultant(VBD), Goa SACS seen with the blood donors. Also seen are the students of the NUSI Maritime Academy, Chinchinim participating in the blood donation programme.



Seen in the photos are Dr. Pradeep Korgaonkar, H.O., UHC, Panjim, Dr. Clare D'mello, M.O., GMC, Bambolim and Shri Suresh Laad, Consultant (VBD), Goa SACS at the blood donation camp at Goa Marriot Resort, Panaji



Blood donation camp was organized at Gomantak Maratha Samaj on the occasion of Durga Puja Festival by the Bengali Association in collaboration with Goa SACS

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Campaign on Sensitization against Stigma and Discrimination to PLHIV



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS along with Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD(STI) and other dignitaries seen lighting the traditional lamp. (L.H.S). Also seen on (R.H.S) are the participants during the programme



Shri Dharmanand Vernekar, Film Writer and Director, member of ESG addressing the participants during the programme.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS sensitizing the participants with his talk and presentation.

A “*Campaign on Sensitization against Stigma and Discrimination to PLHIV*” was organized by ‘Positive Lives India’ under the aegis of Goa State AIDS Control Society on 8th October 2010 in the Seminar Hall at Secretariat-Porvorim. The formal welcome address was given by Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, DD (STI). The dignitaries present on the occasion released a Poster on “*Sensitization against Stigma and Discrimination to PLHIV*”. A presentation was facilitated by Shri Jaffar Inamdar, Founding Member of Positive Lives India. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director of Goa SACS addressed the audience and made a presentation on “*Stigma and discrimination*”. Later the Chief Guest for the occasion Shri Dharmanand Vernekar, Film Writer and Director, member of ESG, gave his address. Shri Monalias Thakur also shared some of his views and experiences. The vote of thanks was given by Shri Monalias Thakur, PM, PLI. The chief coordinator and compeer for the program was Ms. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Consultant (Youth Affairs), Goa SACS. The audience present for the function consisted mainly of staff members from all NGOs working in the field of HIV/ AIDS prevention.

Training for ESI Lab technicians



Hands on training in HIV/AIDS including STIs was conducted for Lab. Technicians attached to ESI Dispensaries and Hospital, Margao on 29th October, 2010 at Dept of Microbiology, Goa Medical College, Bambolim. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof. & H.O.D., Dept. of Microbiology, GMC. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS clarified various issues regarding HIV screening. 14 Lab Technicians attended this workshop.

Regional TOT workshop for STI resource faculty

Regional TOT workshop for State STI resource faculty was held in Ahmedabad on October 26th and 27th, 2010. Dr. Savio Rodrigues, Prof. & H.O.D., Dept. of Microbiology, GMC, Dr. Manjusha Jindal, Associate Professor, Dept. of OBG, GMC, Dr. Prachi Bhandare, Assistant Lecturer, Dept. of Skin & V.D., GMC, Dr. Lalitha Umraskar, (STD), Goa SACS & Dr. Saroj Salelkar, Clinical Officer, Avert(TSU) participated in the workshop. The objectives of this workshop was to disseminate the training curriculum for the doctors, staff nurses and laboratory technicians and IEC material and job aids for STI/RTI services, provide refresher orientation on STI technical and operational guidelines so as to roll out trainings at state and district level (staff of DSRC and NRHM facilities) and also explain the revised supportive supervisory mechanism and supervisory tools, revised reporting formats for SIMS and guidelines of TI STI service delivery.

TARGETTED INTERVENTIONS

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Experience Sharing & Review Meeting (ESRM) for Targeted Interventions
ESRM was held at Secretariat, Seminar Hall, Porvorim on 28th and 29th October, 2010. Project Managers, Counselors, ORWs, Accountants, Shadow Leaders & Shadow Managers of all TIs attended this programme. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS, Shri Manishankar Kumar, P.O. (NACO), Shri Rajesh Singh, P.O. (NACO), Shri Ramesh Rathod, AD(TI), Goa SACS, Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI(TSU), Avert Society, Dr. Saroj Salelkar, C.O. (STI), Ms. Preetam Barros, P.O. (TI), Shri Dattatray Sonagare, P.O. (TI), TSU, Avert Society also attended this programme. In all, 115 Participants attended the programme.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS seen along with Shri Manishankar Kumar, Shri Rajesh Singh(NACO), Shri Ramesh Rathod, Goa SACS, Shri Dattatray Sonagare and Ms. Preetam Barros of Avert Society.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS is seen lighting the traditional lamp at the inauguration of ESRM . Also seen are other Officials of Goa SACS & Avert Society.



Participants for the ESRM programme.

Training on use of IEC material for migrant TIs.

A training programme on use of IEC material for migrant TIs was held on 30th October 2010 at Secretariat, Conference Hall, Porvorim. Project Managers and ORWs of Migrant TIs attended this programme. Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS, Shri Deepak Dhobal, P.O. (NTSU), NACO, Shri Deepak Balan, P.O. (TCIF), Shri Ramesh Rathod, AD(TI), Goa SACS, Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI (TSU), Avert Society, Dr. Saroj Salelkar, C.O. (STI), Ms. Preetam Barros, P.O. (TI), Shri Dattatray Sonagare, P.O. (TI), TSU, Avert Society also attended this programme. In all, 37 participants attended this programme.



Dr. Pradeep Padwal, Project Director, Goa SACS discussing with Shri Deepak Dhobal NTSU (NACO) and Shri Deepak Balan P.O. (TCIF). Also seen are Shri Ramesh Rathod AD (TI) Goa SACS and Smt. Asha Vernekar, TL, TI, TSU of Avert Society.



Shri Deepak Parab, P.M. explaining about the use of Parrot tools to the participants.



Group activity

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