

Newsletter of Yuvak Pratishthan for the Month of December 2005

Dear Friends,

Wish you a very Happy New Year! Hope you are celebrating New Year as the beginning of a better tomorrow and spreading happiness with wonderful New Year wishes!

By the end of this year, we had celebrated World AIDS Week by way of spreading Awareness among the people of Mumbai. We had organised workshops, Awareness Programmes, Street Plays, Audio Visual Projections, at various places throughout Mumbai.

This month, a team of eight (8) students carrying out their project on Social Work, visited our organisation for getting experience and to know how we are working in social field. They had been referred by Sion Hospital Mumbai and posted from Marian School of Social Work, Marian College Kuttikkanam, Idukki, Kerala for their 4th Semester field work programme. They had been given proper knowledge of our various projects by the project co-ordinators and by visual display of our documentaries.

The historical 200th Free Eye Check-up Camp and Sanman Samarambha under the project "Cataract Free Mumbai" was arranged this month, that was inaugurated at the hands of Hon. Pramod Mahajan, Member of Parliament. MLA Prakash Mehta, Dr. Sandip Rane, Mr. Damjibhai Palan (President, North East Zone Chemist Association), Dr. Nilima Kshirsagar (Dean, KEM Hospital) and various prominent persons, Doctors, were present at the programme. The programme was held at Gurukul High School, Ghatkopar (W). Certificates distributed among Doctors, Optometrists, Surgeons, CBOs, Camp Organisers who have conducted more than 50 camps, as well as the Operated Patients who have supported / extended their cooperation voluntarily to make this campaign a grand success.

Yuvak Pratishthan has announced to start Eye Bank Centre in coming year and appealed to the people of Mumbai to donate eyes for the persons who have lost their sight to give them hope for a beautiful life.

We are very much thankful to K. J. Somaiya Hospital and Research Centre for giving us No-objection Certificate and providing 10 Beds in their hospital with all possible infrastructures to start 'Holistic Day Care Centre' in association with AVERT Society.

We are glad to inform that we have been awarded and sanctioned two (2) Prevention of Parents to Child Transmission (PPTCT) Projects by Mumbai District AIDS Control Society for the 'D' and 'E' Administrative Wards of

Greater Mumbai, covering total population of 3.8 lakhs and 4.4 lakhs respectively. The centres will run in 'D' Ward at J.J. Hospital and in 'E' Ward at Nair Hospital.

Now, highlights of a few of our activities this month:

Jeevan Aayu :- We have visited for NGO Forum work and establishing ART Rollout Centres at various regions and districts in Maharashtra viz; Shirdi, Nasik, Ahmednagar, Hingoli and Washim. We have visited various resources / institutions / organisations viz; Sainath Hospital from Shirdi, Reynolds Memorial Hospital at Washim, Arpan Blood Bank at Nasik, Krupa Prasad Foundation at Ahmednagar and many other sources.

We have identified 9 centres wherein we can establish a centre while 5 centres (Sainath Hospital, Reynolds, Arpan, Snehalaya, Dr. Nanepurkar's Clinic) have been selected finally. A training programme is planned to organise for the above mentioned resources.

During World AIDS Week many informative programmes, ART Campaigning events, Awareness Workshops, were held in distinguish sites. Few of them are Mumbai University, K.J. Somaiya Hospital, Sarvodaya Hospital, Hindusabha Hospital, Bhakti Vedant Hospital, SNDT College, Harkisandas Hospital, Shivaji Park and Bombay Hospital. Hoardings displayed at prominent sites in Mumbai.

In the month of December, the cases registered, under the programme life saving ART, were 20, out of which 10 were referred to ARCON for the treatment. All the patients were duly followed up and treatment part was monitored properly at ARCON.

667 letters on ART Campaign initiated by Yuvak Pratishtan have been dispatched to various stakeholders throughout Maharashtra.

Courses in Slum Studies - We had actively participated in World AIDS Day programme. We were put Exhibition and Stalls in Mumbai University on the event. Pamphlets were distributed and promotion of courses was done amongst the students.

Workshops under the Slum Studies Programme - Two days Workshops & Training Programme had been conducted this month with the joint collaboration of Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation and Ruia College.

In the last month's workshop about 137 women had participated in the training programme. Training provided on Personality Development, Communication Skill by Ms. Seema Sayyed, Goal Setting and Time Management by Prof. Anand Jadhav and Leadership Quality in Women by Dr. Medha Somaiya.

Jeevan Aasha - We extended full cooperation for getting financial help to the patients with surgeries involving Heart, Kidney, Brain, Cancer & Chemotherapy from various trusts.

In the month of December, 77 patients have visited our office and inquired about Jeevan Aasha. Out of which 31 patients have got benefited rest of them are under process. The following chart is showing the category of the patients / cases:

Heart	- 28
Kidney	- 6
Cancer	- 17
Brain	- 2
General	- 14
Enquiry	- 10

Apart from this, we have received more than 300 phone calls for enquiry / assistance during the month.

3 Patients to be screened for CT-Scan & 4 MRI are forwarded to institutions to be done at very concessional rates i.e. upto 60% discount in their charges.

We receive regular supports, co-operations, from hospitals, doctors, social workers.

Jeevan Aasara - As mentioned above, two PPTCT Projects were sanctioned by MDACS for 'D' and 'E' Ward of Mumbai. The project will run under this activity. In the project, the pregnant ladies will be motivated to perform four types of tests free of cost i.e. HB, VDRL, Blood Group and HIV test in the respective hospitals in 'D' and 'E' Ward.

In the month of December, 15 new children have been enrolled which includes 10 female and 5 male children. 1 female child is found +ve.

We receive full support / cooperation from the centre staffs, counsellors, gynaec doctors, pediatric doctors.

CATARACT FREE MUMBAI - By the end of the year 2005, a historical achievement only in one year, we have completed 207 camps, more than 90000 Patients Checked, 34007 Beneficiaries, 3391 Cataract Patients found, 1549 Free Operations done, 149 Camp organisers actively participated, involvement of 350 Doctors, 220 Optometrists and 50 Spect Coordinators.

In the month of December, total 7 camps were held, in which 1500 persons benefited, 80 Cataract patients have been found in all. They are under process for the further treatment / operations.

We receive regular support from the Bombay City Eye Institute & Research Centre and the hospitals.

JEEVAN AKSHAY (SEVA MOBILE CAMP) - In the month of December, at Mankhurd 2 Camps had been organised. 94 beneficiaries performed complete check-up, at Kamraj Nagar 2 camps had been organized, 232 persons benefited and at Ramabai Nagar Centre 5 Camps have been organised. 286 beneficiaries have been performed complete check-up. Only 1 case of T.B. and 1 cataract case have been registered.

T.B. patient referred to the BMC Health Post, Cataract patients sent to K.J. Somaiya Hospital for further treatment and care.

Slum Intervention Project - On the World AIDS Day, Yuvak Pratishthan in association with AVERT Society organized a special programme in the project area, by way of various events through which the message of awareness and prevention can be easily reached to the common people about HIV/AIDS. The events were - Students Rally, Street Plays, Poster Competition, Essay Competition, Rangoli Exhibition, Poster Exhibition and Video show, Quiz Competition, Information Stalls, Prize Distribution.

The inauguration of the programme was to begin with students rally of school going risk age group students from std. VIII to X, students from Raja Ram Shet and Gayatri school Khindipada, Omega and Ideal school Tulshetpada actively participated. There were around 232 Boys and Girls. Our President Dr. Kirit Somaiya in his inaugural speech addressed about the dreadful disease HIV/AIDS and encouraged them to create mass awareness and inspire people to fight against the disease and make the AIDS FREE WORLD.

During rally, we have implemented slogans like 'EK DO, EK DO, AIDS KO PHEK DO, WACHAN HUM NIBHAYENGE, AIDS KO DOOR BHAGAYENGE, YUVAK PRATISHTHAN AAYEE HAI, NAYI JAGRUTI LAYEE HAI and many more.

The following chart is showing the activities done during past three years.

SR. NO.	NAME OF THE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
1	One to One Session	203
2	One to Group Session	264
3	B.C.C. Event	7
4	Mass event / Marker	1
5	Condom distribution	1178
6	Condom Demonstration	85
7	Condom Redemonstration	66
8	Priced Condom Sold by Social Marketing	-
9	Free Condom Outlet Established	12
10	STD Referred & Treatment	34
11	Partners Referred & Treatment	2
12	Number of people Counselling	34
13	Peer educators	119
14	Peer Educators Trained	-
15	Meeting with Secondary Group	32
16	Meeting with HCPs	69

We sincerely thanks, appreciate our co-workers for fulfilling their duties, and extending support in these activities.



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