

## **Newsletter of Yuvak Pratishthan for the Month of February 2006**

Dear Friends,

Yuvak Pratishthan in joint collaboration with Hridayshan arranged a Debate Competition on Tobacco Awareness this month. More than 30 students and teachers from 6 different schools of Mulund, Bhandup, Kanjur and Vikhroli were participated. Mr. Anand Jadhav, Principal, Kalyan Municipal School and Mr. Surendra Kumar Tiwari, Principal, Ideal High School were the Chief Guest and Dr. Medha Somaiya was present for the programme as a resource person from NGO.

The competition was conducted as per the guidelines of the Hridayshan. Students from Dyandeep Vidya Mandir, Saraswati High School and Sandesh Vidyalaya acquired 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in the competition respectively. It was followed with a presentation ceremony wherein the students were appreciated and acknowledged distributing Prizes and certificates.

Also organised Orientation Workshop on Tobacco Awareness during the month. 8 schools from Mulund, Bhandup, Kanjur, Vikhroli were participated. Smt. Indira Kulkarni, Rtrd. Principal, Vamanrao Muranjan High School and Dr. Medha Somaiya were the Chief Guest of the programme.

Dr. Medha Somaiya welcomed and expressed thanks to all the participants for attending the workshop and taking initiative to make aware them for the awareness of tobacco under tobacco control activity.

She then introduced about 'HRIDAYSHAN' and urged the participants to play a vital role in creating awareness among the society. It was then followed with Visual display of informative CDs on the subject.

Smt. Indira Kulkarni in her interaction, has given guidance to the teachers as per the modules provided to Yuvak Pratishthan under IEC material and shared her experiences with all of them. She then addressed to the children on How to create Awareness and Control the increase use of Tobacco. The informative booklet of Teachers Guide was distributed to the Teachers mentioning practices to be applied with the students as per the components given in the Booklet and to highlight the slogans given in the booklet to be displayed in the classrooms.

Reports prepared and sent to Hriday-Shan. Started preparation for Student Parliament to be organised during month of March.

## **PPTCT**

### **Project - I**

In the first week of the months attended Training programme for Project co-ordinators and counselors at Alibaug. It was informed that we have to continue working for J.J hospital and 'D' ward area. Accordingly mapping of 'D' ward area continued.

During 20 Feb to 25 Feb 2006 our counselors attended the training programme held at chembur.

After training we are informed to continue with 'S' ward and Savitribai Phule Maternity Home Centre at Bhandup. Once again started mapping of 'S' ward. Now mapping is completed and ready with us.

## **PPTCT - II**

Work started in 'E' Ward area. Out Reach Worker visited in slums. Direct interaction with families, the data showing 771 male and 983 female were counselled, guided and given proper guidance on health related matters, HIV & PPTCT Centre, Prevention and Family Planning.

In all, 12 Female and 1 Male are found suffering from Tuberculosis. 4 persons including 3 male and 1 female referred to our VCTC Centre for HIV testing.

1 meeting with People Living with HIV AIDS (PLHA) held at Konkan Nagar, Bhandup. They counselled about care and support and for ART treatment.

## **Jeevan Aayu :-**

In the month of February, more stress was given on NGO Forum work and establishing ART delivery centres in various districts of Maharashtra. During the month visits made to Manas Vyasan Mukti Kendra; Arpan Blood Bank in Nashik, Sainath Hospital of Shirdi and Snehalaya from Ahmednagar district.

Dr. Nampuskar from Manas Vyasan Mukti Kendra, Dr. Nandkishore Tated from Arpan Blood Bank and Dr. Girish Kulkarni from Snehalaya Shown their willingness and interest taking up ART delivery programme. Sainath Hospital Shirdi have internal procedures to be undertaken while starting up the programme.

The status of patients put on ART at ARCON is total 290 patients have been enrolled for ART till date from Mumbai and Pune area. Almost 11 patients have been referred at ARCON in February. The new area of Kalyan, Dombivli from Thane district has undertaken for canvassing the ART delivery programme.

**JEEVAN AKSHAY (SEVA MOBILE CAMP) -**

In the month of February, at Mankhurd 4 Camps had been organised. 203 beneficiaries in which 22 male, 91 female and 82 children performed complete check-up. At Kamraj Nagar 4 camps were held, 429 persons covering 73 male, 144 female, 212 children benefited and at Ramabai Nagar Centre 4 Camps had been organised. 335 beneficiaries, covering 51 male, 180 female and 104 children have been performed complete check-up.

1 case of T.B. have been registered at Kamraj Nagar and 1 Cataract patient have been registered at Mankhurd. T.B. patient referred to Rajawadi Hospital for further treatment and care and Cataract patient will be referred to our Cataract project for surgery and follow-up.

**Jeevan Aasha -**

In the month of February, 81 patients have visited our office and inquired about Jeevan Aasha. 8 patients have received financial assistance this month, 2 from Saibaba Trust, 3 from Jai Ganesh Trust, 2 from Siddhi Vinayak Trust and 1 from Rabia Trust. Others are under process. The following chart is showing the category of the patients / cases:

Heart	- 24
Kidney	- 06
Cancer	- 10
Brain	- 01

General - 09

Enquiry - 31

Apart from this, we have received more than 200 phone calls for enquiry / assistance during the month.

2 Patients to be screened for CT-Scan & 1 MRI are forwarded to private institutions to be done at very concessional rates i.e. upto 60% discount in their charges.

### **Slum Intervention Project -**

Regular activities viz; 1 to 1 session, 1 to group etc. have been organised during the month including 4 BCC Event for female and 4 for male have been organised. Experience Sharing Review Meeting (ESRM) held in the month end in which representatives of the NGOs participated and discussed success / failure story related to the project.

### **Courses in Slum Studies -**

Promotional work for the Courses in Slum Studies have been done during the month. A proposal submitted to Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai under Solid Waste Management.

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



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