

## Newsletter of Yuvak Pratishthan for the Month of September 2005

Dear Friends,

As stated in our previous newsletter Yuvak Pratishthan, got involved, from the third day, in flood relief work for the victims of 26<sup>th</sup> July flood in Mumbai.

The relief work continued through September. The Municipal Corporation decided to distribute Rice, Wheat and Kerosene to the flood affected people in various areas through NGOs. Yuvak Pratishthan has always been in the forefront in such social work and as such in distributed 8329 coupons among the affected families in Bhandup, Mulund, Vikhroli, Ghatkopar and Kanjurmarg areas from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September. 10 kgs. Rice, 10 kgs. Wheat and 10 liters Kerosene have been given each of the family.

One medical camp was organized on 14<sup>th</sup> September at Chembur.

### **JEEVAN AASHA**

In this activity, we continuously receive gratitude from the patients and their families for supporting and saving their lives. We are continuously receiving supports, co-operations, from political leaders, hospitals, doctors, social workers.

In the month of September, a total of 112 cases have been registered and the patients of different ailment, their relatives visited our office for

getting assistance related to the medical treatment, surgeries in various hospitals in Mumbai.

We came across that 41 cases out of 112 have been suffering from Heart Disease, 4 cases are of Kidney, 18 of Cancer, 29 for enquiries and 20 cases are of other types of treatments.

1 MRI, 1 CT Scan and 1 Angiography cases are given immediate assistance for performing their tests at very concessional rates i.e. upto 50 to 75% discount in their charges. MRI & CT Scan have been done in private hospitals while Angiography done in Lilavati Hospital. Out of which 2 patients belong to middle class family and other 1 was Below Poverty Line, who cannot afford the charges of the hospitals.

We express our heartiest gratitude to the trusts, who have given financial aid to these patients. We glad to inform that 32 patients have got benefited in this month and others are under process.

Apart from this, we have received more than 250 phone calls for enquiry / assistance during the month.

### **JEEVAN AASARA**

In the month of September, 6 new children have been enrolled which includes 3 female and 3 male children.

We have submitted a project for the Community Pregnant Women to MDACS during the month.

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

**Jeevan AAYU :**

**TOBACCO CONTROL ACTIVITY**

In our previous newsletter we mentioned that we are planning to conduct Tobacco Control Activity in the schools of Mumbai with the support from 'HRIDAY-SHAN' a well known Delhi based voluntary organization, and we have started enrolment of the Schools in Mumbai.

In the month of September we have enrolled 13 Private Schools and follow-up is continuing with BMC schools.

**JEEVAN AKSHAY (SEVA MOBILE CAMP)**

In the month of September, at Mankhurd 4 Camps had been organised. 188 beneficiaries performed complete check-up, in which 1 patient is found suffering from Tuberculosis, 2 are found suffering from Cataract and 1 patient is suffering from Kidney disease.

At Kamraj Nagar 2 camps have been organized, 223 persons benefited in which 1 T.B. and 1 Cataract patient found.

And Ramabai Nagar Centre 3 Camps have been organised. 258 beneficiaries have been performed complete check-up, but only one cataract case have been registered.

T.B. patient have been referred to the BMC Health Post, Cataract patients have been sent for K.J. Somaiya Hospital and Kidney patient also has been sent to K.J. Somaiya Hospital for further treatment.

### **JEEVAN AMARTYA**

This research project under the name of “cause of death study among prime age adults in Mumbai”, has completed its term in the month of September. In the collected data of 5000 young deaths in North - East Mumbai, which revealed a shocking fact of 1007 cases of death primarily due to HIV / AIDS & T.B.

At a survey conducted in the month of Aug - till September 10, it was noticed that out of 68 cases, 34 deaths resulted from HIV/AIDS, 24 deaths due to T.B. and other 10 cases are of Brain Hemorrhage, Septicemia and Cardio Respiratory.

It was further observed that 80% of the cases belong to low income group. The sex ratio in this category is 6:5 between the age group of 15-45 years. Only 5% are found above 10, while 95% are either uneducated or under 10<sup>th</sup>. 60% cases are found alcoholic.

We received full co-operation, support in gathering information from almost 75% of the families, private doctors of slum areas, social workers, while 25% families have not intended to give information.

It has been observed and experienced during the survey that the families of the victims are looking forward for constructive support from the society, from the social organisations, and from the government.

### **CATARACT FREE MUMBAI**

In the month of September, only 2 camps have been organized at Chembur, covering 150 beneficiaries. 36 Cataract Patients have been found. They are enrolled for operation.

55 Operations have been done in the month at Somaiya Hospital, Hazi Bacchu Ali Hospital.

We receive regular support from the Hospitals.

### **COURSES IN SLUM STUDIES**

Under this activity we have submitted 5 different projects to the Mumbai University in this month. Plastic Free Railway Track Kurla to Mulund, Drop out students education up to graduation, Quality of Life in Slums and two other projects have been submitted.

Another project on Waste Management and Environment Science for Teachers is also submitted to BMC Education Department.

A survey by the students have conducted survey of slums in the flood affected areas at Borivali, Kandivali, Malad, Jogeshwari, Goregaon, Vile Parle.

Also we are approaching TISS and Nirmala Niketan to conduct minor / major Research Projects.

### **SLUM INTERVENTION PROJECT**

In the month of September, more than 1000 persons get benefited through One to One Session, One to Group, and Condom Demonstration.

420 persons get benefited through 1 to 1 Session, in which 63 Married men, 160 married women, 125 Youth and 52 Adolescents.

380 persons get benefited through 1 to group session, in which 82 married men, 178 married women, 106 Youth and 14 Adolescents.

In other activities, 1 Marker Event had been organized under which 3 stalls have been started at Tulshetpada and Khindipada. Students Rally had also been organized under this event.

2 Voluntary Meeting have been organized, which includes 1 for male and 1 for female.

28 STD patient have been found, which includes 8 male and 20 female patients. All the patients have been referred to doctors for further treatment.

Studies and survey shows that continuous awareness is needed to the people. We receive public support as well in this project.

### **DRONACHARYA PURASKAR**

This is the eleventh year the Puraskar is given to appreciate and acknowledge the sincere efforts made by the teachers of Mumbai. Selection committee including senior teachers select one teacher from one school all over North East Mumbai. The teachers are felicitated by giving them a Certificate and a Trophy in public functions.

This year the function was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> September at IDUBS School, Bhandup. 180 teachers from 180 Municipal and Private schools were selected and honoured with this awards.

Shri Sanjay Latkar, Editor, Sakal was the Chief Guest and Smt. Geeta More Patil, Head Education Department, BMC, was Guest of Honour.

Dr. Kirit Somaiya, Dr. Medha Somaiya and Trustees of the school were present for the ceremony.

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

**DHEERAJ SHRIVASTAVA**

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