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Goa State **AIDS** Control Society



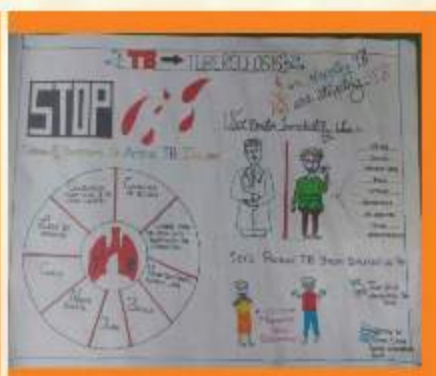
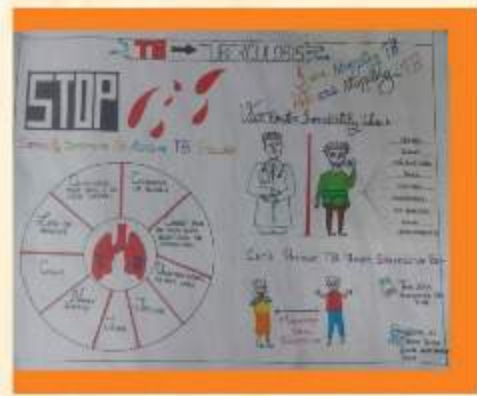
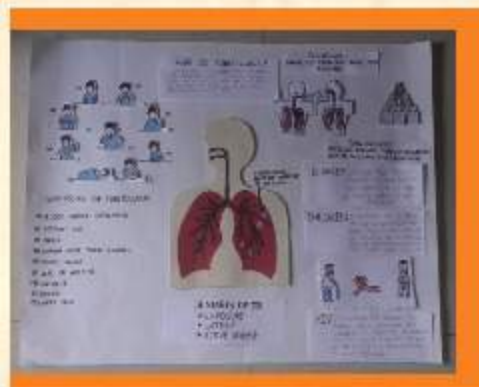
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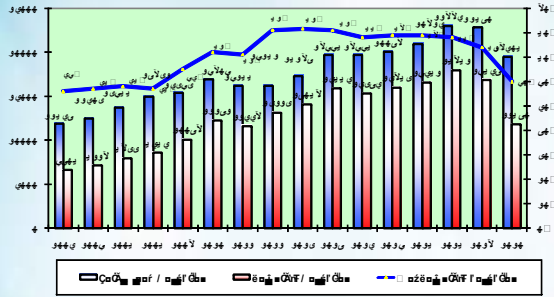
# WORLD AIDS DAY

1st DECEMBER 2021





Year-wise number of blood units collected and percentage of Voluntary Donation, 2005-2020



Blood Safety in Goa, 2010-2020

Year	Total Units Collected	Voluntary Donation units	%	100+ Donors	%
2010	16804	12242	72%	48	0.3
2011	18288	11559	71%	51	0.2
2012	18572	13113	81%	16	0.09
2013	17294	14609	82%	15	0.08
2014	19668	15885	81%	22	0.11
2015	19668	15145	78%	19	0.09
2016	20048	15683	78%	25	0.12
2017	20825	16573	79%	29	0.14
2018	22995	17981	78%	30	0.13
2019	22880	18854	78%	28	0.12
2020	19507	11840	60%	18	0.09

**World Blood donor Day 2021** was organized by Goa State AIDS Control Society and State Blood Transfusion Council at both districts of Goa. In North Goa District Goa SACS organized Blood Donation Camp and 15 Blood Donors were felicitated for voluntary blood donations in the presence of Dr.S.M.Bandekar ,Dean-GMC,Dr.Geeta Kakodkar Project Director-GSAC, Dr.M.V MallyaAssoc.Proffesor of Pathology,Head & I/C Blood Bank -GMC. In South Goa District Goa SACS organized the blood donation camp in collaboration with Popular Front of India, Goa at Margao.



A discussion was held on Doordarshan and social media was used extensively to promote voluntary blood donation. Animation and short videos on different aspects of blood donation, myth busters, were created by doctors and pathologists from Directorate of Health Services and GMC and uploaded on social media.

### National Voluntary Blood Donation Day



The theme for National Voluntary Blood Donation Day 2021 was **“Give Blood and Keep the World beating”**. GSACS organised a State level function wherein the Chief Guest for the pro gramme was Rtn. Gourish Dhond, District Governor (2020-21) Secretary Red Cross Society along with The Project director GSACS Dr.Geeta Kakodkar and Dr.M.V MallyaAssoc.Proffesor of

Pathology, Head & I/C Blood Bank –GMC felicitated 38 voluntary donors and Organisations organising Blood donation camps. Mr.Dhond shared his experiences with his association with Red Cross Society and urged everyone to become regular donors.

## HIV counselling and testing services (HCTS)



Goa SACS is offering HCTS services at Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTC) since 1997 with the goal to screen and identify as many vulnerable PLHIV, at the earliest (after acquiring the HIV infection) with the aim to link them appropriately and in a timely manner for prevention, care, support and treatment services. These services include interpersonal communication, HIV-TB cross-referral, linkages with NGOs/ CBOs and outward linkages with ART centres, outreach services, peer support services, Opportunistic Infections (OIs)

management besides conducting HIV diagnostic tests. ICTCs offering HCTS services under NACP are categorised into screening facilities and confirmatory facilities. At the screening facilities, besides the pre and post-test counselling, HIV testing is done using a single rapid test kit and if the test result is found reactive, the individual is linked with a confirmatory facility where further HIV confirmation is done using three rapid HIV tests of three different antigens or principles. The “5 Cs (Consent, Confidentiality, Counselling, Correct test results and Connection)” are meticulously followed.

### Total number of tests conducted for HIV/AIDS in Goa from 2010 to 2021 (September)

Year	No. of Blood Samples tested			HIV+ cases			Positivity Rate (%)	No. of AIDS Cases		
	Gen	ANC	Total	Gen	ANC	Total		M	F	T
2010	21,627	11,802	33,429	769	52	821	2.46	102	52	154
2011	25,532	14,609	40,141	630	35	665	1.66	68	38	106
2012	30,500	14,053	44,553	532	22	554	1.24	52	26	78
2013	40,827	16,353	57,180 *	505	27	532	0.93	34	17	51
2014	47,003	15,818	62,821 *	449	26	475	0.75	28	19	47
2015	47,035	15,622	62,657 *	329	16	345	0.55	15	14	29
2016	48,517	15,563	64,080 *	360	18	378	0.59	24	6	30
2017	52,854	19,929	72,783 *	366	24	390	0.54	35	20	55
2018	60,863	19,037	79,900 *	269	11	280	0.35	17	12	29
2019	63,183	23,186	86,369 *	281	12	293	0.34	19	10	29
2020	42,411	20,110	62,521 *	180	7	187	0.30	11	4	15
2021	43,076	24,191	67,267 *	158	8	166	0.24	7	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>523,428</b>	<b>210,273</b>	<b>733,701</b>	<b>4828</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>5086</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>631</b>

Gen = General

ANC =Antenatal Clinic

\* includes tests conducted in FICTCs, CBT (Community based testing)



All HCTS facilities have been divided into two groups:  
 • Screening Facility (F-ICTC, PPP-ICTC, TI-ICTC, OPD, IPD, Emergency wards etc.), and  
 • Confirmatory Facility (SA-ICTC). Community-based HIV screening is conducted to improve access to HIV testing. Public Private Partnership models have been introduced to increase HIV testing and improve data sharing practices in the private sector. Counselling remains one of the key pillars of HIV services. The post-test counselling and the follow-up counselling

sessions are customized to the patient being tested - such as pregnant women, adolescents, HRG etc. To promote early detection of co-infections, all individuals accessing ICTCs are verbally screened for TB, STI/RTI and other co-infections by the counsellor. Standard operating procedures for all counsellors at screening and confirmatory facilities have been created. Due to the high risk of HIV transmission from index PLHIV to their sexual partner, spouse testing or partner notification has been included in the essential packages of HIV testing and service.



Goa states AIDS Control Society, Basic Service Division had organized Index partner notification training for counselors of ICTC 1 and 2, ART and STD dated 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021. To achieve 95-95-95 targets directed by NACO introduction of IPN strategy will be implemented from 21-22 financial year throughout the country. Index Testing is an effective strategy for identifying new cases of HIV infection.

Emphasis will be given on Index Partners Spouse, Sexual partners, Injecting partners and Biological Children. With more testing, more people will be identified with HIV infection. And same will be linked to ART treatment facility. Index Testing should be offered to all Index clients who are diagnosed HIV positive or HIV positive clients who have high viral load.



Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHI) an NGO in partnership with NACO has been selected to implement the Svetana Phase III in 24 states & UT to Prevent Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) of HIV with a focus on the Public & Private healthcare sector. It will be implemented in the entire state of Goa from 01 April

2021 to 31 March 2024. A state launch to brief about SAATHI's projects of Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (EMTCT), Subhiksha Project of Prison intervention & Blended training for HIV elimination (BTHE) was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in the presence of the Project Director Dr. Geeta Kakodkar, Dr. Siona Gomes, Deputy Director (DHS), Dr. Vinayak Bhuvaji Goa President, Indian Medical Association, Ms. Deepali Naik, Director, Directorate of Women & Child Development and other representatives from Prison Department, GSACS, National Health Mission, NGOs, WCD etc.

### **TB/HIV Collaborative activities**

TB/HIV collaborative activities were started in the year 2001 in the six high prevalence States with the objectives to establish mechanisms for Co-ordination between National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) & GSACS decrease morbidity and mortality due to tuberculosis among Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, decrease the impact of HIV in tuberculosis patients and provide access to HIV related care and support to HIV infected TB patients.

### **Initiation and Retention on Anti-Retroviral Therapy of HIV infected People**



Early initiation of HIV infected people on lifelong antiretroviral therapy (ART) and subsequent retention have been integral to the AIDS response in India. ART is vital for HIV-infected people to live longer, healthier and lead more productive lives. Further, proper Adherence to lifelong ART reduces viral load in an HIV infected person to an undetectable level, thus almost eliminating the risk of HIV transmission.

Free ART was launched 2005 under the second phase of the NACP. Since then, the programme has come a long way. A multilayered service delivery mechanism has been established and expanded for delivering first, second and third-line antiretroviral (ARV) regimens. CD4- level based eligibility has been gradually relaxed to facilitate earlier initiation on ART, finally culminating in the roll-out of the 'Test and Treat' policy. Monitoring of the response of HIV-infected people on ARV treatment has improved with the introduction of a routine of viral load testing.

Goa has following centres for ART :

**Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) Plus Centre** at Goa Medical College. The ART Centre at Goa Medical College has been upgraded to ART Centre Plus with availability of alternate 1st line and 2nd line treatment. From 2020 onwards Third line of ART is also has been started due to the inability of PLHA to travel out of the state for treatment during covid -19 pandemic. State AIDS Clinical Expert Panel (SACEP) meets every week to screen resistance cases. All HIV positive pregnant/breastfeeding women are initiated on lifelong ART as per guidelines and all HIV exposed babies are screened and tested as per guidelines. Till date 6609 patients have been registered; out of which, 4355 patients ever started on ART and till September 2021 and 3070 patients are alive on ART.

**Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Centre** : Facility Integrated Anti Retroviral Therapy (FI ART), Hospicio, Margao was upgraded to ART centre in November 2019. Till date 844 patients have been registered out of which 792 patients were started on ART and till date 645 patients are alive on ART.

**Link ART Centres Plus (LAC+)** : The existing Link ART Centers at North Goa District Hospital (Asilo), Mapusa has been upgraded to Link ART Centre Plus wherein facility for collection of CD4 samples and ARV drugs are made available for PLHIVs since March 2019, 287 PLHIVs linked to North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa.

**Two Link ART Centres (LAC)** : Two Link ART Centres have been established one at Sub District Hospital, Chicalim and other at Sub District Hospital, Ponda for the convenience of PLHIVs wherein ART drugs are made available since March 2019, 442 PLHIVS linked to Cottage Hospital, Chicalim and 153 PLHIVs linked to Sub District Hospital, Ponda.

**Care Support Centre (CSC)** : A Care Support Centre (CSC) “Vihaan” has been set up at St. Cruz for establishing the linkages of PLHIVs with various service providers and to assist the ART Centre in tracking the missing /lost to follow-up patients.

A data clearing exercise was conducted by Vihaan in October 2020 at both the ART centres and insights were given on ways and means to track Lost to Follow Ups (LFU) and ensure follow up at the ART center to continue treatment by PLHIVs.

**Viral Load testing Facilities** : have been made available wherein blood samples of the patients showing signs of treatment failure is collected at Goa Medical College, Bambolim and are tested by NACO outsourced testing Lab. Presently, Viral Load testing has been outsourced to Metropolis who tests approximately 100 samples per week.

The data of patients with suppressed viral load is monitored on monthly basis so as to have planned interventions to attain the third 95 of the NACP.

**CD4 Count Facility :** For management of HIV/ AIDS patients, CD4 count facility has been established at Goa Medical College since July 2001. With the setting up of ART centre at Goa Medical College on an average 40 to 50 patients are screened per day for CD4 blood count to verify and assess the immune status of a HIV patient.

Besides this the facilities housing the ART Centres and the LAC Plus also facilitates routine blood investigations of the patients with positive HIV status and also provides services of other consultations housed within the facilities such as Skin OPD, Medicine OPD and other OPDs as required.

**Management of Opportunistic Infections (OIs):** The facilities for the management of the Opportunistic Infections are provided at Goa Medical College Hospital at tertiary level and two District Hospitals at secondary level. The Goa SACS supports all the activities undertaken by Goa Medical College Hospital and the hospitals under Directorate of Health Services for OI management. There is absolute co-ordination between the National TB Control Programme, TB and Chest Diseases Hospital and Goa SACS when it comes to management of TB-HIV co-infections. Monthly meetings of Goa SACS and Goa State TB Control Society are conducted for proper co-ordination and management of data.

Goa SACS also ensures year round availability of drugs to treat Opportunistic Infections (Ois), free of cost.

**Persistence through the Covid19 Pandemic :** In spite of Covid19 disrupting the major functions, Goa SACS and its arms in the forms of ICTCs, ARTs have stood strong and displayed a brave front to ensure testing, treatment and availability of ART drugs throughout the pandemic. The TI and non TI NGOs have substantially contributed in delivering medicines to PLHIVs at their residence across both the districts in Goa .

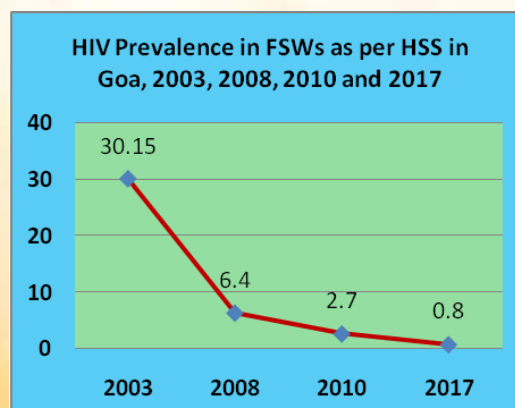
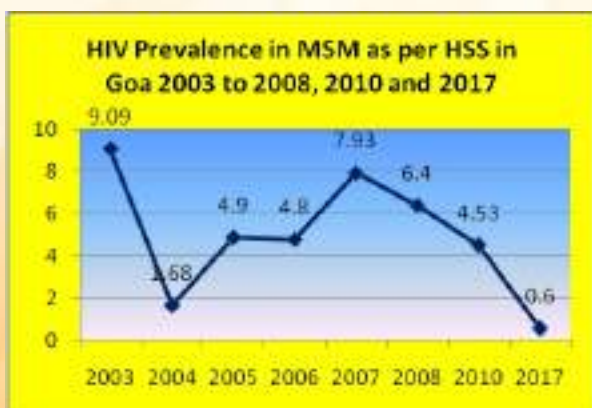
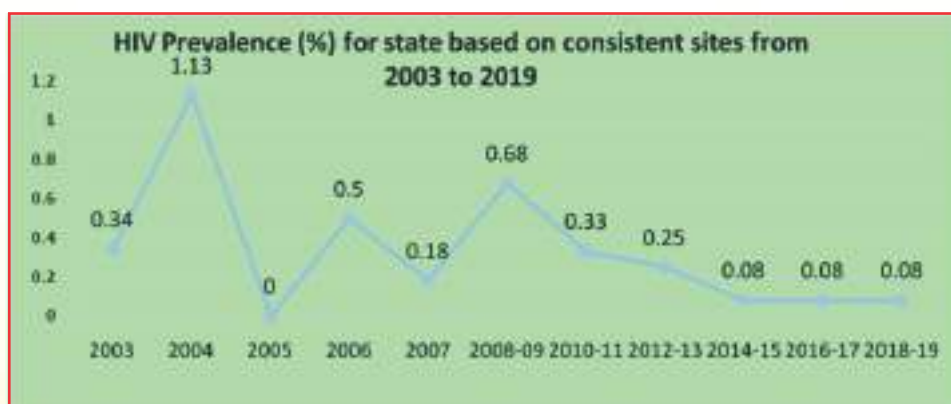
**Strategic Information Management System (SIMS) :** NACO, in its third HIV/AIDS programme introduced Strategic Information Management System (SIMS) at national and state levels to focus on strategic planning, monitoring, evaluation, surveillance and research. It is aimed to provide effective tracking and response to HIV epidemic.

The system assigns clear responsibilities to all programme officers and facilitates data flow and feedback at various levels. The relevant, measurable and verifiable indicators are identified and used appropriately. NACP IV documents, manages and disseminates evidence and effective utilisation of programmatic and research data. SIMS Strategic Information Management System (SIMS), was successfully rolled out from in 2011 in the state of Goa. It captures monthly programme monitoring data and manages over 108 users across the state for various components of HIV/AIDS Control Programme. SIMS has made possible real time data entry & access to the user.

**Strengthening Overall Care for HIV-Patients (SOCH) operational from January 2021** is to create a beneficiary-centric web and mobile based system, to track and record, beneficiary service and inventory transactions in the National HIV program to improve service delivery and beneficiary health outcome. The system captures inventory and service delivery information pertaining to individual beneficiaries throughout the HIV continuum, create a centralized repository of EHR (Electronic-Health Record) and facilitate forecasting, inventory planning and clinical decision support. The proposed system will form part of the overall IT landscape of MoHFW, have API based linkages with other independent MoHFW IT systems that intersect with the HIV continuum.

**HIV Sentinel Surveillance (HSS):** HIV Sentinel Surveillance Survey is mainstay of Second generation HIV Surveillance in India. This is one of the largest HSS systems in the World. HIV Sentinel Surveillance helps to understand the dynamics of the HIV epidemic and monitor the trend among different population groups and geographical areas and thus provide inputs to programme for strengthening prevention and control activities. HIV Sentinel Surveillance held every alternate year. In the State of Goa are having 3 ANCs sites and 5 High risk groups sites covered both district in State.

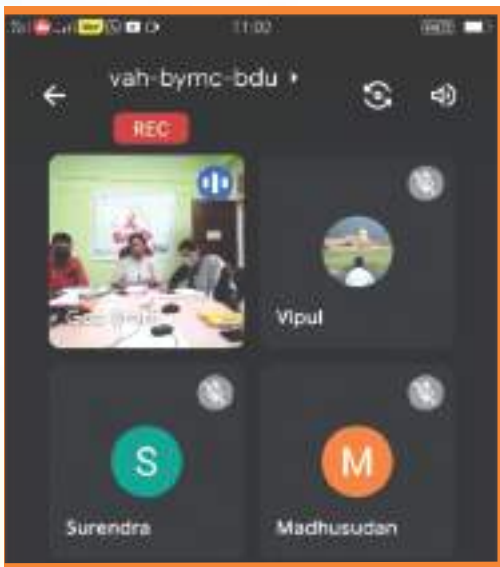
HIV Sentinel Surveillance survey revealed that HIV prevalence among General Population is declining from 0.25% in 2012 to 0.08 in 2019. Among High Risk Group i.e. FSW, prevalence rate is declining from 2.70% in 2010 to 0.80 in 2017 in FSW and Prevalence rate among MSM declining from 4.53 in 2010 to 0.60 in 2017.



## NEW INDIA@75 GOA Phase I & II



A campaign has been initiated by GOI across all sectors to establish a concept of New India, with efficient, transparent and accountable governance. NACO through State AIDS Control Society in every state has developed a plan for launch of 3 awareness campaigns on HIV, TB and Blood Donation to be implemented virtually in three phases in select Govt. Schools and Colleges.



A state level Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Project Director GSACS the convenor being Asst. Director Youth Affairs. The first meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 2021 with the collaborating Departments. Campaign Implementation Goa Plan was shared with all the committee members present.



Pre- Publicity on NACOs virtual national campaign, phase I plan, NACO app and 1097 HIV Helpline Number was done by A.I.R on Mhadei Channel and FM Rainbow 1 2021 and buzz was created through the social media platforms of GSACS and also print media.



A Nodal Teacher and 3 student brand ambassadors/ peer educators were selected from each institution - one each for HIV, TB, BD for the smooth conduct of the activities during Phase I of the campaign from 13/08/2021 to 18/08/2021.

**PHASE I** Virtual NACO Launch on the occasion of IYD on 12/08/2021 was attended by 1250 Adolescents (i.e. 50 students from each institute) from 25 schools & HSS and 1700 Youth (from 34 Colleges) i.e. 2950 Goan audience.



On the occasion of International Youth Day 2021 the Campaign Phase 1 Online Activities rolled out were:



All Goa Poster Making Competition on Topic HIV, TB & BD in Schools and Higher Secondary Schools from North, Central & South Zone where many students enthusiastically took part to prepare the Posters. The 3 best Posters on each topic were selected by the Nodal In charge Teacher along with the assistance of the 3 student Brand

Ambassadors. The 30 best Poster entries of each topic HIV, TB & BD were received and judged by panel consisting of Dr. Geeta Kakodkar, PD; Mrs. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, AD(YA); Mr. Vijay Jagtap, AD(VBD); Mrs. Sunita Arudra, AD (P & D) & Ms. Diksha Parob, AD (CST).



**Half day Capacity Building Program on IYD, HIV/AIDS, TB, Substance Abuse and Services of Goa SACS** was organised for RRC Convener and 2 advisory committee student peer educators on 12/08/2021 for Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges. Dr. Geeta Kakodkar, PD addressed the audience online and 3 sessions were conducted by resource persons Dr. Priyanka Sahasrabhojane, Consultant

Psychiatrist, Dr. Manish Gaunekar, CMO/ State TB Officer, NTEP-DHS, Panjim, Dr. Shaheen Saiyed, Senior Psychiatrist, North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa & Diksha Parob, AD CST. The program was successfully conducted and attended by 186 participants. All were given e-certificates.



**All Goa Online Street Play Competition** was conducted from 19/07/2021 to 16/08/ 2021 receiving 7 entries from Colleges. The topics were Youth & HIV/AIDS, Blood Donation, Stigma and Discrimination, importance of HIV/ Testing, Promotion of free Anti Retro Viral Treatment & National toll free Helpline 1097. The Red Ribbon Club Students entries were judged on

20/08/2021 by Mr. Dharmanand Vernekar, Director & Film maker and Mr. Vardhan Kamat, Drama actor and Mr. Umakant Sawant, AD IEC, Goa SACS.

## QUIZ COMPETITION IN COLLEGES

The Quiz was conducted to actively involve and engage College Student Members from the Red Ribbon Clubs and to create awareness on topics HIV/ AIDS, Adolescent Health, Mental Health, Covid-19, Co-morbidities and any other public health threat etc. and encourage them to discuss these issues through this mode.

## Goa District Red Ribbon Quiz Competition 2021 for RRC student college members



The Goa District Level Online Quiz Competition was held on the 1st of September, 2021. 28 colleges participated i. e. 56 student participants participated answering the quiz from North and South Goa District. The quiz competition started with Dr. Geeta Kakodkar, Project Director, Goa SACS addressing all the 28 nodal teachers and the teams. The

Quiz Master Dr. Wilson Vaz and his team instructed the rules and regulations of the Quiz Competition and conducted the online quiz.

The names of the 4 Qualifying Teams from North and South Goa are as below:

**1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Team: Goa College of Home Science, Panjim – North Goa**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Team: Goa Medical College, Bambolim - North Goa**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Qualifying Team: G.R. Kare College of Law, Margao – South Goa**

**4<sup>th</sup> Qualifying Team: VVMS Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao – South Goa**

## Goa State Red Ribbon Quiz Competition 2021 for RRC student college members

The Goa State Level Quiz Competition for the above 4 Qualifying Teams was held on 08th of September, 2021.

### The Winners of the Goa State Red Ribbon Quiz 2021 are:

1st Prize Winners are Ashwin John Mascarenhas and Chaitanya Naik representing Goa Medical College, Bambolim,

2nd Prize Winners are Dayle Rebello and Nishad Hegde Dessai representing G. R. Kare College of Law, Margao,

3rd Prize Winners are Moha Fadte and Harshada Shripad Sawant representing Goa College of Home Science, Panaji and

4th Place Winners are Ms. Luvica Fernandes and Mr. Gourish Prabhu Bhatikar representing V.V.M's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economic, Margao.

The Project Director, Dr. Geeta Kakodkar inaugurated the Goa State Red Ribbon Quiz 2021 and addressed the gathering. The Quiz Master Dr. Wilson Vaz and his team conducted the quiz. All the winners were awarded with a Trophy, Cash Prize and Certificates. The compere for the program was Jeunesse D. Fernandes, Assistant Director (Youth Affairs).

Also present were Nodal In charges : Dr. Prajyot Verekar from Goa Medical College; Bharati Pathak from Goa College of Home Science; Mr. Ainsley Bernard from V.V.M's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao; Mrs. Sonali Naik from G. R. Kare College of Law, Margao. Mrs. Sunita Arudra, Assistant Director (Documentation); Mr. Vijay Jagtap, Assistant Director (VBD), Mr. Umakant Sawant Assistant Director (IEC), Mr. Shourya Bisaria Assistant Director (SPM)

### Proud Quiz winners Photos with their Principals.



The PHASE II Virtual NACO Launch on the occasion of IYD on 12/10/2021 was attended by 2500 Adolescents (i.e 100 students from each institute) from 25 schools & HSS and 3400 Youth (from 34 Colleges) i.e. 5900 Goan audience.

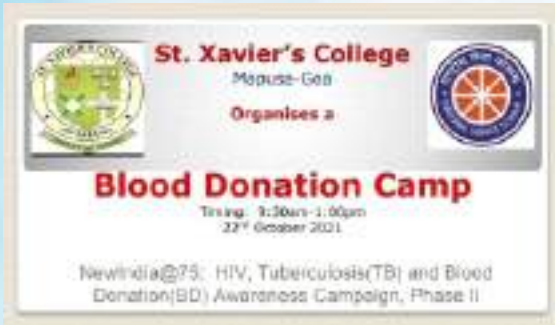


**On occasion of IYD 2021 the Campaign Phase 2 Activities rolled out are:**



The college youth also were encouraged to organize Blood donation camps for Phase I and II. Saraswat College in association with Samraat Club, Mapusa with Medical team from GMC-Bambolim

## St. Xavier's College, Mapusa



## S. S. Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Cujira



## Goa Multi-Faculty College, Dharbandora



## Parvati Chowgule college of Arts and Science, Margao



**One Minute Video Competition on Topic HIV, TB & BD in Colleges selected by the Directorate of Higher Education for Phase II of NewIndia@75** where 18 colleges participated sending 8 entries were received for HIV, 9 for TB and 16 for BD. The 3 best Videos on each topic were selected by the Nodal In charge Teacher along with the assistance of the 3 student Brand Ambassadors. The entries of each topic HIV, TB & BD were received and judged in the presence of Dr. Geeta Kakodkar, PD by a panel consistent of Mr. Dharmanand Vernekar, Director and Film maker; Mr. Vijay Jagtap, AD (VBD) & Mrs. Sunita Arudra, AD (P & D) also present was Mr. Umakant Sawant, AD IEC along with Mrs. Jeunesse D. Fernandes, AD(YA) who conducted & coordinated the above competition.

**The Names of the Institute who won the Competition:**



Group Photo of 1<sup>st</sup> Consolation Prize Winner for Topic HIV & 2<sup>nd</sup> Consolation Prize Winner of Topic TB Sai Nursing, Sanqueim



3rd Prize winner for Topic BD Vidya Prabhodini College displayed on TV in the College Lobby

**SERVICES/ FACILITIES OF GSACS FOR PREVENTION /CONTROL OF HIV/AIDS IN GOA.**

**Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres at:**

- \* Goa Medical College, Bambolim
- \* Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases Hospital, St. Inez, Panaji
- \* Hospicio Hospital, Margao
- \* North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa
- \* Sub District Hospital, Chicalim
- \* CHCs at Canacona, Curchorem, Pernem, Valpoi and Bicholim
- \* Sub District Hospital, Ponda and PHC, Candolim.

**Facility Level Integrated Counseling and Testing Centers at: All Primary Health Centers and Urban Health Centers under Directorate of Health Services.**

**CD4 cell count testing facility of HIV/AIDS patients is available at Goa Medical College (Dept. of Microbiology), Bambolim.**

**Sexually Transmitted Diseases/ Infections related services at:**

- \* STD clinic, Sub District Hospital. Chicalim.
- \* STD clinic, Hospicio Hospital, Margao
- \* STD clinic, North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa
- \* Skin and V.D. Dept., Goa Medical College, Bambolim.

**All Health Centers under Directorate of Health Services**

**Free drugs for treatment of Opportunistic Infections in HIV/ AIDS patients is available at Goa Medical College, Bambolim; North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa; Hospicio Hospital, Margao.**

**Prevention of Parent-to-Child Transmission of HIV infection during pregnancy: Programme includes counseling, testing and drug administration to HIV positive pregnant ladies & Syrup NVP to babies born to HIV+ve positive mothers at**

- \* OBG Dept., Goa Medical College;
- \* Hospicio Hospital, Margao
- \* North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa.
- \* Sub District Hospital, Ponda

**Early Infant Diagnosis: As early as six weeks, babies born to HIV positive mothers can be tested to rule out HIV infection in the babies at the below mentioned centers.**

- \* Goa Medical College, Bambolim
- \* North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa
- \* Hospicio Hospital, Margao
- \* Sub District Hospital, Chicalim
- \* Sub District Hospital, Ponda

**Antiretroviral Treatment Plus Centre at Goa Medical College (Opp. Paediatric OPD): Free antiretroviral drugs for eligible HIV +ve adults and children.**

**Antiretroviral Treatment Centre: Hospicio Hospital for South Goa District**

**Link ART Centre plus: North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa.**

**Link ART Centre: Sub District Hospital, Ponda, and Sub District Hospital, Chicalim.**

**Viral load testing facility: Department of Microbiology, Goa Medical College, Bambolim and Hospicio Hospital, Margao.**

**Blood Banks : Three Government i.e, Goa Medical College (GMC), North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa and Hospicio Hospital, Margao Blood Bank Supported by Goa State AIDS Control Society and Two Private Blood Bank i.e. Manipal Hospital Blood Bank and Apollo Victor, Blood Bank, Margao which are Monitored by Goa State Blood Transfusion Council.**

**Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) is available in all Government Health facilities for Health Care Providers.**

**Availability of free condoms at all health facilities for prevention of STIs including HIV/AIDS and pregnancy.**

**Targeted Intervention (TI) projects are undertaken through the following NGOs funded by Goa SACS to create awareness among High Risk Groups and Core Groups. Life Line Foundation, Sai Life Care, Desterro Eves Mahila Mandal, Rishta, Community Resource Foundation, Presentation Society, Humsaath trust Goa, Zindagi Goa and Human touch Foundation.**

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# ART

(Antiretroviral Therapy)

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आनी

# AIDS

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वाटयात



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Hospitals and the report  
is kept confidential.

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 **1097**





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# STOP STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION

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