Stree Hinsa Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched
FPA India’s initiative to prevent and mitigate Gender Based Violence

#StreeHinsaMuktBharatAbhiyaan, a nationwide campaign, was launched in December around the theme: ‘Let’s break the silence around Gender Based Violence’. It coincides with 16 days of activism against GBV and is an international campaign to challenge violence against girls and women, which began on November 25, 2018. The day is also observed as the International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women.

The campaign was celebrated by all the branches and projects by conducting various activities. These included screening of videos on GBV and violence against women in the RHFPCs, large size rangolis in the community with the message against GBV, poster competitions for youth and exhibitions, rallies GBV, outreach health check-up camps for women, awareness sessions, signature and pledge campaigns in the community with youths.

The year-long campaign covers:

• Conducting income generation activities for women.
• Appealing to men and boys to break away from the rigid norms of patriarchy.
• Engaging with diverse stakeholders to do their bit to prevent and mitigate GBV.
• Creating a cadre of individuals who would take a pledge neither to commit nor tolerate GBV.

A Stakeholders’ Consultation and Media Meet was organized on December 12 at the Mumbai Press Club to address the issue of GBV in the country.

The Press meet revolved around the following:

• Statistics and impact of GBV on health and well-being of the survivors.
• The legal framework to seek recourse and secondary prevention.
• The role of development sector and media in creating an enabling environment to prevent and mitigate GBV.
• Testimonials from survivors of GBV as well as agents of change from the community, who have made a difference, to prevent or mitigate gender based violence.

ACTIVITIES BY BRANCHES

AGRA

The Branch supported the Stree Hinsa Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan by conducting different activities in schools such as speeches and debates. The students shared their views about the cause and the school staff also actively participated. Programmes were also conducted in the rural communities and slums of Nai ki Mandi, Bichpuri, Shahganj and Gari Badhoriya, in and around Agra.
AHMEDABAD

The Branch observed this Abhiyaan in association with the Department of MSW, Gujarat University. Ms Mini Joseph, ACP, Mahila Cell, was the Chief Guest. Youth and faculty took part in the programme after which a rangoli of the Abhiyaan# was created. An awareness session on gender-based violence was also organised in which adolescents and mahila mandals took a pledge to support the Abhiyaan. Participants: 70.

BALLARI

The Abhiyaan was conducted in Mahandikottum, in association with Soukya Belaku Samudaya Seva Samste working for female sex workers (FSWs). A pledge and rangoli competition marked the occasion, followed by prize distribution. Participants: 30 FSWs.

The same activities were conducted in another programme in Satyavani Nagar urban slum SHG members. Participants: 75 women, belonging to 8 SHGs.

Another seminar on Gender Based Violence was organized at Vidyanagar. Participants: more than 100 women.

A health checkup camp was organised at a seminar conducted at Food Cooperation Unit urban slum. More than 100 men participated.

BELAGAVI

An awareness programme on the theme of the day was held at the Champabai Bogale Girls High School. It was inaugurated by Mrs Anita A. Pagad, President of the Branch. Mrs Shobha S Kulkarni, Vice President; and Mr BK Betageri, Headmaster of the school, were the other speakers. Participants: 144 students.

Three students presented their rangoli art on ‘Stree Hinsa Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan’. They were given certificates and prizes. Officials from the Inner Wheel Club of Belagavi and the Branch visited the venue appreciated the event.

BENGALURU

A range of activities were organised to mark the occasion including a sensitization session, signature campaign, rangoli competition, health check-up camp and street play. The events were conducted in coordination with Lions Club, Mali Shelter, and the Training Institute of Traffic Police. Vidy Centre. Participants: 401.

BHUBANESWAR

Ms Truptiranvi Mohapatra, PO, Ms Gita Patnaik, Counsellor and Mr Ashok Kumar Samantaray, Branch Manager, were the key resource persons at the Abhiyaan event. A series of events including awareness programmes, sensitization meetings, rally and signature campaign marked the launch of the Abhiyaan. Participants: 60.
BIDAR

An awareness programme-cum-mime act was the highlight of the event, in which adolescent girl students participated. Dr Aarti Raghuv, Vice President of the Branch inaugurated the programme and Mr Anil Kumar, Taluka Social Welfare Officer, presided. Mr Shrinivas Biradar, Branch Manager and Mr SB Kuchabal, Retd Education Officer, were the guests. Participants: 300.

CHENNAI

In association with the Rotary Club of Gemini, a mass meeting was organised at the Urban Family Welfare Center Hall. Rotarian Mr Thyagarajan, Member of the Club, was the chief guest who addressed the audience comprising of SHGs. The programme’s objective was to bring about an attitudinal change in their behaviour towards the opposite sex. Participants: 140.

DHARWAD

At the Branch level, an awareness programme and oath taking ceremony was organised for the male attendees and staff. A rally was also organised at the Karnataka University premises. Placards, signature campaign and wearing orange ribbons were some of the activities. Dr Sangeeta Mane, Head, Department of Social Work was the key resource person. Participants: 200.

HYDERABAD

An awareness campaign on Gender Based Violence was organised at Ameerpet Metro Station. Posters and standees with messages were displayed, and a signature campaign was conducted. Youth volunteers from Maberra Foundation presented skits on issues like domestic violence, right to privacy, female foeticide, education of the girl child and honour killing. A pledge to break the silence around GBV was taken by 15 students of Apollo MEDSkills, Hyderabad. Participants in the campaign: 300.

KALCHINI

Public attention was drawn to this important topic through a series of activities. These included a large rangoli, signature campaign, wearing purple to show solidarity, seminar with four NGO partners, photographs holding pledge placards, and poster competition for students.

Social media was also used to spread the message of the Abhiyaan which was inaugurated by Mr Tejesh Ghatak, Hon Secretary of the Branch. Participants: 100.

INDORE

The Abhiyaan activities included a signature campaign, meetings with women, youth and adolescent girls and an exhibition of posters at various venues, attracting widespread participation.
MADURAI

Celebrations began with taking the pledge to ‘break the silence around Gender Based Violence’, the theme of the Abhiyaan. The event was attended by key stakeholders of the society, including the Deputy Director of Health, City Health Officer, District Program Officer, Sub-Judge, PLHIVs, NGO representatives, youth, BEC Volunteers and the general public. Participants: 158.

MYSURU

An awareness programme followed by a rangoli competition marked the Abhiyaan. The competition was around the theme of Gender Based Violence, female feticide, male harassment. Dr Mylahalli Revanna, Ad-hoc Committee Member, inaugurated the programme, while Mrs Bijimoile, Branch Manager In-Charge welcomed the audience. The women took an oath to fight for equal rights, followed by a signature campaign.

MOHALI

A signature campaign, pledge-taking, health camp, rangoli and screening of documentaries marked this important day. Prof Dr Parbhjot Kaur Gill, Vice Principal at Post Graduate Government College, Prof Sunit, Professor at Post Graduate Government College, Mr Rajesh Kumar, Branch Manager, Mr Harinder Pal Singh and Mrs Harsh Bala, Programme Officer, were the key speakers. The Abhiyaan was launched at the Government Post Graduate College, SAS Nagar. Participants: 200 students. In a related programme, female volunteers from NSS took the pledge to ‘break the silence around Gender Based Violence’. Participants: 256.

PANCHKULA

The Abhiyaan activities organised by the Branch included a rally, signature campaign, pledge taking and health camp. Mr Manoj Kumar, General Manager and Dr Nikita Goyal, Consultant, were present. The Abhiyaan was launched successfully among ASHAs and women from the catchment areas. Participants: 120.

MUMBAI

Kutumb Sudhar Kendra (KSK) conducted a poster making competition at Bhavan’s College. Participants: 15. The winning poster was used in a rally which originated at Ruia Girls College. Participants: 48. Another rally was held at Chembur, in which Mr Gautam Tambe, Branch Manager and Mrs Sheela Sitaraman, MO In-Charge, took part. A signature campaign was organised at Lokmanya Terminus, Kurla. Both, individual and group sessions were conducted. Participants: 150.

SHIVAMOGGA

A series of activities, at different venues, marked the launch of the Abhiyaan. Among these were an awareness programme, a drawing competition, slogan writing, photo session and a signature campaign. A health camp was also organised for SRH, in association with the Inner Wheel Club and the DHO. Mr Kumar Swamy, DHE and Mrs Vishalakshi, Ex Vice President, were the key resource persons. Mrs Pushpa S Shetty, President, and Mr Ramesh Babu were also present. Participants: 320.
**VIJAYAPUR**

The events were organised in association with Secab College, Home Science Training Centre. Mr Ramesh Soliapur, PO, spoke about the Abhiyaan and how to tackle Gender Based Violence. A rangoli competition was organized for young girls. Mr M J Gayakwad welcomed the gathering; Mrs Vibhaya Pattar, a local leader, presided over the session; and Mr Vijayakumar Rukumpur proposed a vote of thanks.

**YAMUNANAGAR**

The inauguration of the Abhiyaan was held at ITI, Yamunanagar. Mrs Vijay Babber, Member, JJ Board, delivered a speech to the students. Dr Anjana Taluja, Branch Manager, also spoke on Gender Based Violence and how to prevent it. In another programme, ASHA workers and students from Women’s League participated in a health camp, signature campaign and awareness programme. A drawing and slogan competition was also held at the SD Senior Secondary School, Jagadhri. Mrs Raman Sachdeva, President and Mrs Indu Kapoor, Vice President, sponsored the programme. Winners were given FPA India mementos and Certificate of Appreciation. Among those present were Mrs Preeti Vohra, Hon Treasurer, Dr Anjana Taluja, Branch Manager and staff. Activities across different events included a lecture, awareness through display of placards and posters, pledge taking, signature campaign and SRH camp.

**RESOURCE MOBILIZATION EVENTS ORGANISED LOCALLY**

As part of the Abhiyaan, a series of activities were conducted to mobilize resources. Ten Branches collected funds for the Tata Mumbai 2019 through innovative locally organised events. The branches were: Murhu, Mysuru, Kalchini, Nilgiris, Pune, Jabalpur, Srinagar, Gwalior, Yamunanagar and Madurai. The activities included drawing or painting competitions, poster making and slogan writing contests, baking and resale, rangoli competitions and exhibitions. The Branches collected Rs 1,24,182, with the support of the Headquarters.

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT IMPLEMENTED**

FPA India implemented a Mother and Child Health (MCH) project, supported by Mahindra Finance Private Ltd. The objective was to improve key MCH outcomes through Iron Folic Acid and nutrition supplementation of pregnant and lactating women, adolescents and children under the age of six years. Three Branches were supported through this project in the period August 2017 - December 2018, in selected villages of Odisha, Jharkhand and Maharashtra. The aim of the project was to enhance maternal and child health by improving the health and nutrition status of adolescent girls and boys, pregnant and lactating women and children below the age of six years, particularly among the poor and vulnerable population.

**KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT:**

- Health assessment of beneficiaries through special health camp
- Treatment to minor ailments, micro-nutrients and supplementary nutrition
- Conduct health awareness sessions with focus on nutrition
- Comprehensive sexuality education to youth
- Demonstrations of low-cost home cooked food for improved dietary practices

A total of 12,368 beneficiaries were assessed through special health service sessions across 115 villages from three selected states. Out of 6,601 children screened, 40.5% were found malnourished and received nutritional supplementary intervention. Out of 4,082 adolescents and 1,685 women screened, 79.3% adolescents and 72.87% women were found anaemic; therefore, they were all given IFA supplementation. All beneficiaries received treatment for minor ailments and severe acute malnourished children and adolescents/women with anaemia were referred to the higher medical facility for further management as well as community-based care in the cases where hospitalization was not opted by families. Apart from this, community members were sensitized through the 643 awareness sessions on nutrition, and 153 sessions on Comprehensive Sexuality Education. The implementing team also conducted 150 demonstration sessions on healthy cooking practices. Local folk media was used for awareness and demonstrations.
Awards Function

The Branches were honored for the performance in various areas. A panel was constituted at Headquarters which laid down the criteria for shortlisting the Branches for awards in various categories. The panel discussed, debated and analyzed the Branch performance by looking into the role of Volunteers’ and staff involvement in overall Branch performance. The Branches/Projects that received the award were: FPA India – Hyderabad Branch for providing the highest number of SRH services in the clinic; Thane District Project for providing highest number of SRH services through outreach; Gwalior Branch for contribution towards CYP; Kolkata Branch for providing highest number of NSS services; Ahmedabad Branch for reaching out to highest number of young people for CSE programme; Kailas branch for highest number of services through IPES; Panchkula Branch for high level Advocacy Initiative; Gomia Branch for highest number of first time users of modern contraceptives; Mysuru, Trivandrum and Madurai Branches for taking initiative to respond to humanitarian crisis situation and Mumbai Branch for supporting Sunehari Shaam.

Seven Branches namely Gwalior, Agra, Bengaluru, Vijayapur, Dharwad, Nagaland, Panchkula were awarded with Individual/Branch trophies as Trailblazer Branch of Tata Mumbai Marathon 2019. Eighteen Branches namely Ahmedabad, Ballari, Bhopal, Hyderabad, Jhabulpur, Jaipur, Kanchi, Madurai, Mahindra, Murna, Mumbai, Mysuru, Nigir, Solapur, Yamunanagar, Bhubaneswar and Thane District Project were given certificates for supporting the cause of fundraising through Tata Mumbai Marathon. FPA India Gwalior Branch received the Overall Branch Excellence Award.

Mr. Lokesh Mahikonda & family gave a donation of ₹ 50,000/- for giving cash award for best Counsellor and Nurses. Accordingly, Sisters Annamma Kurien (Lucknow Branch); Alka Das (Bidar); Prasanna Venkatesh (Raichur); Seetha Shetty (Shivamogga); Amita Ekka (Gomia); Counsellors Chhanda Dutta Chakraborty (Kalchini); Sangeeta Sonawane (Thane District Project); Akriti Mishra (Jabalpur); Latika Umap (Pune) and Ville Rehtso each of them received a cash award of ₹ 5000/- and a certificate.
Sunehari Shaam 2018: HQ collects funds for ‘Stree Hinsa Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan’

Sunehari Shaam, the second musical evening in the series, was organised as part of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which was observed from November 25 to December 15.

The programme was held at Rangsharda, Bandra, on December 8. It was organised exclusively by the Headquarters to raise funds, and its proceeds went to the FPA India initiative ‘Stree Hinsa Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan’ to help mitigate Gender Based Violence. The musical concert was led by our very own Mr Lalit Parashar, actor and singer of ‘Sunil Babu’ fame, with artistes from the Indian Idol and Sa Re Ga Ma Pa. The audience was enthralled by the performance which evoked nostalgia on the memorable evening. Apart from the Branch staff, members of the All Indian Council were also present to grace the event.

Capacity building and addressing gender inequality

The Department of Gender and Rights conducted a training programme for capacity building on gender, masculinity and patriarchy concept clarity to strengthen work with boys and men to address gender inequality and discrimination.

Participants included General Managers, Regional Lead, Branch Managers and in-charge Branch Managers and outreach workers from Hyderabad, Jharkhand, Panchkula, Chennai, Gwalior, Ballari, Bhubaneswar, Mumbai and Thane.

The programme which was facilitated by Men Against Violence and Abuse (MAVA) organisation covered the concepts of gender, masculinity and patriarchy.

A complete understanding of these topics was imparted: How gender operates a system, how patriarchy impacts society, the myths and misconceptions around male and female sexuality, masculinity and its forms, factors shaping construction of a masculine culture, and the interconnection between power, control, masculinity and sexuality explained through games, theater play and role play.
SPECIAL DAYS

INTERNATIONAL SAFE ABORTION DAY – 9TH OCTOBER
Theme: #I Decide what happens to my body

PANCHKULA
The important day was marked by a street play, signature drive and an awareness programme. Community ladies from Bhainsa Tibba, MDC, Sector 5, took part in the programme, for which the key resource persons were Mrs Ashu Mahajan, Secretary; Mr Manoj Kumar, General Manager; Ms Sonia Arora, PO and RHPC staff. An important quote from the event is: “Every woman has a right to privacy and information about availability of safe abortion cannot be revealed to anyone by law.” Participants: 98.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD – 11TH OCTOBER
Theme: With her: A Skilled girl force

BHUBANESWAR
A mass meeting was organised on the occasion with Ms Trupti-rani Mohapatra, PO, and Ms Gita Patnaik, Counsellor, as resource persons. Adolescents and women were part of the audience. Participants: 17.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – 10TH OCTOBER
Theme: Young people and Mental health in a changing world

BALLARI
A symposium was organised in association with VSK University Bellary, Department of Sociology and Master of Social Work (MSW). Dr Kumar, Chairman of MSW inaugurated the programme. Ms S Vijayalakshmi, PO and Branch Manager in-charge spoke on mental health. The participants were informed about the specialized counseling services provided at RHFC. An oath was taken by all participants to have a good health with healthy mind.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – 25TH NOVEMBER
Theme: Orange the World: #HEREMETOO

NILGIRIS
An awareness programme was organised to mark the occasion, at Idhakky village. Mr Belli Gowder, Village Leader, welcomed the gathering, while Mrs Nimmy John, Manager, Earth Trust, Ooty, presided over the meeting.
Mrs Puwaneswary Packianathan, Hon. Treasurer, FPA India Nilgiris Branch spoke on violence against women and girls. Mr G L Rajesh, PO and Mrs Balambigai, Staff Nurse were also present to mark the occasion. Participants: 30.

A procession was also organised to spread HIV/AIDS awareness was organized, with a giant-sized condom model placed on a vehicle. Posters and banners were also used for the event. It was conducted in association with Health & Family Welfare Department, District AIDS Prevention & Control Unit and other CSOs.

An awareness drive was organised at the Government High School, Andral. The Programme Officer from the Branch conducted the session for students who were curious to know all the information about AIDS.

A street play was organized in three different areas in Kolagal village to propagate the awareness on HIV/AIDS and to stop stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV. Blood donation campaign followed by an awareness programme was also organised in association with Ambedkar Youth Club, Ballari. Mr Somashakar Reddy, MLA, Ballari Urban, Mr Rajeshkar, Head, Anna Hazare Foundation and Mr Moulali were present. 70 units of blood were collected. Participants: 30.

The events, organised in collaboration with Rotary Club, Chandigarh, comprised of an awareness programme and street play. Ms Neenu Vij, Ex-President Rotary Club, Chandigarh and Mr Manoj Kumar, General Manager, FPA India Panchkula Branch, were the influential persons on the occasion. In the audience were women from the community, youth and FPA India staff. Participants: 133.

Belagavi

Essay and elocution competitions were conducted to mark the day at Smt Ushatali Cogate Girls High School. Mrs Anita A Pagad, President of the Branch, inaugurated the event. Mrs Deepika U Chate, Member, distributed the prizes and Mr M.K Madar, Headmaster of the school, were present to mark the occasion. Participants: 56 students.

Panchkula

WORLD AIDS DAY – 1ST DECEMBER
Theme: Know your status

Ballari

A seminar on HIV/AIDS and VIA screening was organized for self-help group women at Sangankal village and Karimaramma area of Bellary District. 84 women participated.
BENGALURU

A sensitization programme on HIV/AIDS for traffic police personnel was organised in association with Radio Active 90.4 FM channel and the Training Institute of Traffic Police, Hegde Nagar. Mrs Indira Devi, PO, spoke on the objective of the programme and Mrs Sridevi, Outreach Worker, sensitized the participants on the differences between HIV and AIDS. Mrs Radhamani, from Radio Active, also spoke on the occasion. Participants: 59.

BHUBANESWAR

A mass meeting was conducted to celebrate the important day. Ms Trupti Mohapatra, PO, and Ms Gita Patnaik, Counsellor, were the key resource persons. Participants: 19.

CHENNAI

An awareness programme was organised at the MGR Nagar Corporation Higher Secondary School on December 3. Mr C Palanivel, Manager (Retd), Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation, addressed the audience comprising of students of classes 10, 11 and 12. He requested them to spread AIDS awareness messages to help dispel the myths surrounding the epidemic. Participants: 1,050.

DHARWAD

The day was observed in association with Central Jail, Dharwad, and Saathi, an NGO. The programme included HIV awareness through skits and health check-up for prisoners. Mrs Deepa Chollan, Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad, inaugurated the event, and Dr Anita, Superintendent, Central Jail, spoke. Dr K Srinivas, Medical Officer, Dharwad Institute of Mental Heath and Neurosciences (DIMHANS), Dr. M N Tavergeri, Patron and Member of the Branch, Dr Parvati S Halbhavi, Vice President, Dr. K N Tenuja, District Tuberculosis Officer, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU) and Dr Sangeeta Mane, BEC Member, were also present at the event. Women prisoners, students of social work, Karnataka University, Yuva Spandana and FPA India staff created HIV awareness through skits. Participants: 167.

GWALIOR

The Branch organised nukkad natak at Transport Nagar, Gwalior, for truckers community. The main objective of the programme was to sensitize the truckers and cleaners on HIV and STI/RTI prevention. The peer educators of the Branch performed this nukkad natak. 242 truckers and cleaners benefited.

HYDERABAD

A health camp for barbers was organised, in which Link Workers and Peer Educators took the initiative in spreading awareness about AIDS. Dr G Satyanarayana, MO, examined those present and distributed medicines. Participants: 61.

In another event, a poster making competition was conducted for high school students. Participants: 70.

An awareness session was also organised for high school students. Participants: 160 boys and girls.
INDORE

A rally, an awareness session and an exhibition of publicity material were the highlights of the day at the Branch. The rally commenced from The Government Atal Bihari Vajpayee Arts & Commerce College, where the awareness session also took place. Posters were displayed, and IEC material distributed near the Police Petrol Pump. Participants: 335.

KALCHINI

The day was observed in collaboration with NGOs Little Flock Fellowship, Jaigaon, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Mennonite Christian service Fellowship of India (MCFI) and Block Primary Health Centre, Kalchini, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal.

A rally was organised in which youth, panchayat members, ASHAs, members of SHGs, PLHIVs and NGO volunteers participated. Participants: 300.

An awareness-cum-mass meeting was conducted to spread knowledge about HIV, AIDS, symptoms, modes of transmission, precautions, testing, ART, and roles and responsibilities. Mrs Sonali Das Chakraborty, Pradhan, Latabari Gram Panchayat, inaugurated the programme. Dr Puran Kumar Sharma, Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Alipurduar and Dr Subarna Goswami, Deputy CMOH-II, Alipurduar, were special guests who spoke on the occasion.

MADURAI

An event on the theme was organised by the Branch. Among those who took part were NGO representatives, youth, PLHIV and Board Members of FPA India Madurai. Dr S Parthiban, Branch Manager welcomed the gathering, Mr Arjun Kumar, Deputy Director of Health, was the Chief Guest, while Dr V Sathish Ragavan, City Health Officer, presided over the function. Dr P.M Selvaraj Manoharan, MO, ART Centre, Government Hospital, Thirumangalam, Mr S Mohandoss, Senior Advocate, Madurai and Mrs Meharunishal, Hon Secretary, also spoke at the event.

MOHALI

Four programmes were organised in the Slum Colony of Sector 56, Labour Chowk in Phase 2, Slum Colony of Sector 52 and Adarsh Colony. Participants: 227.

MUMBAI

Three programmes were conducted to mark the occasion. A session and camp for HIV testing were arranged by Mrs Priya Detke, Outreach Worker in association with Maintenance Officers from M Ward. Sweepers working with the Municipal Corporation were encouraged to undergo the HIV test. Participants: 297.

A rally was organised from Lallubhai Compound to Satenagar, in coordination with Tata and Sneh Projects. A street play was enacted at the conclusion of the rally and IEC material distributed. Dr Shirsh Malade, President of the Branch, and Mr Gautam Tambe, Branch Manager were the key resource persons. Participants: 1,000.

Kutumb Sudhar Kendra (KSK) organised a street play at Behrampada, Bandra. This was followed by distribution of IEC material and interaction with people. Participants: 200.

NILGIRIS

An awareness programme conducted at Evergreen Trust, Gudalur was presided over by Mrs Reeta, Managing Trustee. Mr G.L Rajesh, PO, welcomed the gathering, while Mrs Puwaneswary Pakianathan, Hon Treasurer, spoke on the occasion. She emphasised on the need to get HIV screening done and status checked. It was also decided to urge policy makers to promote a ‘health for all’ agenda for HIV as well as related issues such as, tuberculosis, hepatitis and non-communicable diseases. Participants: 35 women.
NORTH KANARA

The important day was observed through a rally, jointly organised with the Rotary Club, Kumta. Dr Azna Nayak, Taluka Health Office (THO), Kumta, elaborated on eradicating myths about HIV and AIDS, and its prevention. Other resource persons included Mr RG Nayak, Mr Dinesh Naik, Mr Pradeep Nayak and Ms Manjula Gouda, PO. Participants: 150.

RAJKOT

In the programme organised on the occasion, Mr Amit Gadhia, Executive, HR, Rajkot Dairy, welcomed the guests, after which Mr Jashubhai Patel, Branch Manager spoke about the services provided by the Branch. Mr Mahesh Mehta, Branch President spoke on the need for awareness to stay healthy. Prof Pradipbhai Jobanputra, Senior Volunteer, traced the history of AIDS and gave alarming statistics about the epidemic. Participants: 64.

In another event, trainees from Shree Kamdar Nursing College performed a role play, and Dr Gaurang Buch of Shubham Hospital spoke about contagious diseases, symptoms and the advanced medical services available. Mr Husenbhai Choniya, Project Manager, Target Intervention, Lakshya Trust gave MSM orientation and spoke about the services of Lakshya Trust. Mr Mahesh Rathod, PO, screened a short film ‘Jivan He’, about HIV eradication. Ms Karishma Moghal, Chairperson of the Programme Committee, proposed a vote of thanks. In a related programme, a session was organised at the Gujarat Cooperative Management Training Centre. Mr Jashubhai Patel, Branch Manager, conducted the session, focusing on the theme of World AIDS Day. Participants: 40 trainees.

SHIVAMOGGA

The day was observed in association with the District Health Office, the Advocates Association, Scout students and other NGOs. The activities included a rally, street play and quiz competition. Among the key resource persons were Mr A S Chandrashekar, ex-President, Mrs Pushpa S Shetty, President and Mrs Bharati Chandrashekar, Treasurer. Participants: 400 students and members of other organisations.

PUNE

In continuation of the Branch’s services to 107 PLHIVs from 98 families, World AIDS Day was observed with this vulnerable group. A special condolence meeting for those who lost their lives to AIDS was also held. The Branch Manager spoke on the occasion, underlining the theme and the importance of screening for HIV. Dr Milind Kulkarni, HIV/AIDS Practitioner, organised a session on adhering to a healthy life. Local funders contributed with food packets for those who attended. Participants: 150 youth who were screened.

TRIVANDRUM

At a programme organised at the City Vocational Higher Secondary School, the Head Mistress, Mable Teacher, inaugurated the event. Mr Adarsh GV, Counsellor, Suraksha Project, spoke about the importance of the day and AIDS awareness. An exhibition was conducted using material given by the Kerala State AIDS Control Society.
AHMEDABAD

Monitoring Visit – IPPF-SARO and HQ Team
Ms Uma Nepal, Programme Coordinator, Youth & Gender, International Planned Parenthood Federation-South Asia Region (IPPF-SAR), Ms Nisha Jagdish, Director, Gender & Rights, Mr. Mangesh Ghumre, Programme Officer, HQ, visited the Branch on a 2-day monitoring assignment of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) Project. The team visited a school and met with out-of-school groups. They also conducted meeting with NGO Representatives/Partners, community mobilizers, youth volunteers, peer educators, resource persons, teachers and parents.

Chetna training on SRH-HIV integration
Dr Neha Panchal, PO, organized a session on ‘Addressing the Sexual and Reproductive Health needs of sex workers in clinic settings’. The session was conducted for Managers and Medical Officers of Ahmedabad district.

Mr. Suresh Maratha, General Manager, Dr. Manoranjanaben Shah, Hon Treasurer and Dr. Panchal attended a state level consultation meeting on SRH-HIV integration. The meeting was conducted jointly with Gujarat State AIDS Control Society (GSACS), Chetna and UNFPA under UBRAF. Ms Nisha Jagdish, Director-Gender & Rights, HQ, organized a session about experience-sharing on SRH-HIV integration.

BALLARI

Skill development training for women and young girls
Basic training in maggam and aari embroidery work was imparted to women and young girls, so that they become self-reliant in life. Ms S Vijayalakshmi, PO and Branch Manager in-charge welcomed the guests. Mrs Annapoorna, and Mr Md Jamal were the resource persons. Participants: 31 women and girls.

BELAGAVI

Advocacy Kit shared with local Members of Parliament (MPs)
The Advocacy Kit, prepared by the HQ, was shared with the two Members of Parliament from Belagavi. Mrs Shobha S Kulkarni, President, and other senior Members from the Branch visited the honourable MPs and appraised them of the Branch and its services. The MPs assured FPA India of all their support, promising to raise the issue in the Parliament and help to allocate separate funds for the Association under the National Health Mission.
Truckers had their eyes screened and, where needed, were referred to the local base hospital for further treatment. Spectacles were distributed for 31 of them, as well as information about family planning, HIV and RTI/STD was shared. Total beneficiaries: 65.

Sensitization programme for government doctors
The programme was organized under the Japna Trust Fund to inculcate a gender sensitive approach among doctors. 160 doctors who were posted in various Community Health Centre (CHC) & Sub Health Centre (SHC) across Bhopal will act as change maker in the city. Dr. Raka Arya, Head, Law Department, NLIU Bhopal and Mrs. Smriti Shukla, Social Worker, Saathiya Family NGO, were the key resource persons. On behalf of the Brand, Dr. Ruchira Chowdhury, Vice President and Ms. Tulika Mishra, Secretary, were present. Participants: 160.

Exposure visit for nursing students
Students from the Chirayu Nursing College were welcomed for an exposure visit under the Comprehensive Sexual Education project. Dr Mamta Mishra, President of the Branch, addressed the students, while Dr Pratibha Singh, MO, dwelt on the medical issues. Mr Neelsh Chaubey, Branch Manager, explained the importance of Comprehensive Sexual Education. Issues related to youth were explained through different sports, street plays and other activities. Exhibition of posters prepared on family planning by the students of the college was displayed. Participants: 150.

BENGALURU
Special SRH sessions for PLHIVs and traffic police personnel
The sessions were held in association with Lions Club. A health check-up camp was organised, offering cervical cancer screening, STI/RTI screening, family planning, urological and gynaecological services, HIV screening and rapid test, Gender Based Violence screening, VDRL, blood group and haemoglobin tests, and so on. The camps were conducted during October-December. Beneficiaries: 250.

BHOPAL
‘Raahi’ launched for primary eye health of truckers
A project dedicated to the primary eye health needs of truckers in India was launched in association with Sightsavers. Over 1,500 truckers were impacted by the project, which was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Mr. Arvind Dubey, Additional SP-Traffic and Dr Mamta Mishra, President of the Branch, at Transport Nagar, Kokta, Bhopal.
Bhubaneswar

Sensitization meetings, IECs on cervical cancer and Gender Based Violence
- The sensitization meetings were organised for auto rickshaw drivers. Participants: 48.
- IECs were conducted for women - for cervical cancer and Gender Based Violence (two meetings). Participants: 55.

All events were well received by the participants, who enhanced their knowledge. The target audience included Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) group, women and auto rickshaw drivers were sensitized about Gender Based Violence.

The women acquired detailed information on VIA, its causes and prevention. In the special camp that was organised, VIA screening was provided, and individual counselling offered where necessary. Two clients were found positive after screening and were sent for PAP Smear test.

New pilot test implemented
With funding from the Headquarters, a pilot humanitarian project - integrating Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) in community-based disaster management plan, was implemented. The duration of the project was six months: July 1 to December 31, 2018. Two villages, Jagannath Patna and Moto, were selected for the project, covering over 2,500 people. An orientation meeting was conducted for PRI members at Moto cyclone shelter. A partnership meeting was conducted with Red Cross and facilitated by Dr Shamala Dupre, Director, Medical and Project Director, Global Comprehensive Abortion Care Initiative (GCACI) of FPA India, HQ. From Red Cross, the Under Secretary, Coordinator of Management Maintenance Unit were present, while FPA India Bhubaneswar Branch was represented by Mr. Ashok Kumar Samantaray, Branch Manager.

Skill training imparted to women and adolescent girls
With the objective to empowering women through economic independence, a training session was organised in advanced tailoring and candle making for women and girls.

The idea was to kindle an entrepreneurial spirit among them, and the programme succeeded in this goal, with a demand for more such sessions. Participants: 28.

Sensitization programme on newer contraceptive services
The Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) event was supported by the City Programme Management Unit (Urban Health), Bhubaneswar, National Health Mission, Odisha. Seven programmes were conducted between October 22 and November 1.

All events were organised at UPHC, IRCS Village, except the last one, which was conducted at the RHFPC. Mr Rasmitta Pati, PHM, UPHC, IRCS Village; Mr Pratap Kumar Biswal, FW, FPA India and Mr Abhaya Subuehi, Project Assistant, were the resource persons.

Those who took part gained knowledge of new methods of contraceptives and client friendly counselling services. Participants: 258.

Bidar

Special SRH service sessions conducted
The sessions were organised in remote rural areas where health facilities are not available. Three SRH/MCH camps were conducted at Kheshempur by Dr Pooja Patil, Consultant Doctor, at Ashtoor by Dr Humera Roohi, Consultant Doctor and at Madaknalli by Dr Laxmi Kant, Consultant Doctor. The PO, Field Coordinator and Staff Nurse were involved from the Branch. A variety of topics were covered including ANC/PNC, gynaecological problems, SRH issues, skin infection, menstrual disorders, anaemia detection and general health problems. Beneficiaries: 188.
**CHENNAI**

**Advocacy meeting with Members of Parliament**

An advocacy meeting was conducted with 11 MPs based in Chennai. Representatives from the Branch met the MPs and handed over Advocacy Resource Kits with an appeal letter. The activities of FPA India, both at the national and branch levels, were discussed with them and their support solicited. Among the MPs were Dr Ambumani Ramadoss, the former Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

**Cervical cancer screening camps organised**

The Branch conducted a series of cervical cancer screening camps in the months of November and December. The camps were organised in the operational area of the Branch.

Beneficiaries: 160.

**DHARWAD**

**Branch Day observed**

Celebration programme and cultural activity were the highlights of the 48th Branch Day of FPA India, Dharwad. The events were organised around the theme ‘Happy Family Day’, in association with the Kannada & Culture Department, Dharwad, and had the attendance of Members, staff, ASHAs and people from the community.

Mrs G Saneeeta, Superintendent of Police, inaugurated the event and Dr Anita R, Superintendent, Central Jail, Dharwad, was the chief guest. Dr Rajan Deshpande, recipient of the Dr BC Roy National Award was also felicitated in the programme.

This was followed by the cultural programme. Dr Rathnamala Desai, Dr Parvati Halbhavi, Mr V V Katti, Dr Jayshree Deshpande and others were present. Participants: 200.

**GWAJLOR**

**Diabetes testing camp for senior citizens in an urban slum area of FPA India, Gwalior**

The Branch organised diabetes testing camp for senior citizens in an urban slum area of Gwalior with the financial support of Rotary Club of Gwalior. The Rotary Club provided testing kits. 310 people were screened. Ms. Neelam Dixit, Branch Manager and Dr. H S Sharma, Secretary, FPA India, Gwalior Branch were present.

**Orientation on CSE for teachers**

An orientation workshop on Comprehensive Sexuality Education was organised for teachers of the district in association with BEO, Rural Dharwad.

Mr. C S Patil, Dean, Karnataka Law College and Member, FPA India, inaugurated the event. Mrs Vidya Nadiger, BEO, Rural Dharwad, was the Chief Guest. Mr Atif A R and Mrs Sujata Anishettar were the other speakers. Participants: 180.

**Empowerment through income generation**

A series of training sessions were conducted under Gender and Empowerment programme.

The training covered the making of sanitary pads out of cloth, and making Poshak nutrient. Participants: 56 women.
HYDERABAD

Campaign on gender equality and male responsibility
The Branch, as part of the Male Innovation Project, conducted a signature campaign and displayed IEC material on the Necklace Road. Posters in English, Telugu and Hindi, displayed messages about the girl child, equality, gender equality and male responsibility. The event was covered in the local newspaper Eenadu and Namaste Telangana. Participants: 600.

Training programme on Clinic Management Information System
A four-day training programme was organised for the Branch to handle the Clinic Management Information System. Mr. Mukesh Surve, Director, Information Technology, Mr. Narayan Kokate, Asst. Director, Monitoring & Evaluation from the HQ and Mr. M. Suchita Suranga, Senior Technical Advisor (Organisational Learning & Evaluation), IPPF-SAR, visited the Branch for the purpose. The training covered all the features of the MIS.

SRH/ Visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA)
Screening camps conducted
Four camps focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health were held in November and December at Kodakanchi Jinnaram Mandal, Laxmipatigudem Jinnaram Mandal, Rasoolpura CBN Nagar and Rasoolpura Arjun Nagar.

The Branch MO along with the ANM, conducted VIA screening. Beneficiaries: 324 women.

INDORE

No Gender Bias - Women prisoners learn two-wheeler maintenance
As part of FPA India’s mission to bring about providing equal opportunities to women and facilitating their economic empowerment, a successful intervention was initiated by FPA India Indore Branch at the Indore District Prison. A two-month ‘Two-Wheeler Mechanic’ course was given to 20 women prisoners after which they were given free tools and certificates.

Jail Superintendent, Aditi Chaudhary said ‘basically it is a man’s job, we wanted women to learn this. Unlike men, women don’t get job easily after the release due to (social) stigma. We want them to get decent, respectful jobs’.

Post the training, the prison authorities would help the women get employment. They would contact the city’s leading two-wheeler dealers and service centers for placement of the new ‘women mechanics’. The participants were excited. One of them said: “it’s a good initiative by the jail authorities to equip us with (this) employable skill and ensuring jobs... After my release, I will teach other women as well...”

MADURAI

Volunteers contribute to Branch activities
Twenty volunteers from HCL led by Mr. Samuel, Associate Manager HCL Foundation, volunteered at the Branch. Volunteers from HDB Financial Services organized various events for the paramedical nursing students. Mr. Nallasamy, Area Credit Manager, presided over the function. Participants: 50 students.

Young Kalam Science Fest Exhibition
The exhibition was conducted with the support of HCL Foundation. Mr. Ankit Sekar, IAS, Madurai City Commissioner, inaugurated the programme. Dr. Rajagopalan Vasudevan, Scientist and Professor, Thiagarajar College of Engineering - known as the ‘Plastic Man of India’ - presided over the function. Participants: 24 students.

Rally for the Girl Child
A rally was organised at the Kasturibai Gandhi Corp Girls Higher Secondary School to support the theme ‘Protection for Girl Child’. Mrs. Murugeswari, Head Mistress of the school, flagged off the rally while Mrs. Santhanamari, Programme Coordinator of the Branch, spoke on the Child Protection Policy. Students from the 6th to 9th standard and teachers took part. Students: 150 students.
Children’s Day celebrations
The Branch celebrated Children’s Day at the Elango Corp Boys Higher Secondary School. A drawing competition on the theme ‘Save Nature’ was organised and prizes given away. Dr S Parthiban, Branch Manager, presided over the function which was also attended by the teachers and Headmaster. Participants: 100.

Another event was conducted for children infected and affected by HIV, with the support of Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society (TANSACS). Two competitions were held, in singing and drawing, for the children. Participants: 98 HIV infected parents and 50 children.

Skill training for paramedical
Dr K Jeyakodi, Branch President, presided over the valedictory function for students of the 4th batch of Para Medical Skill Training, supported by HDB Financial Service. Mr John David, Head of CSR, TVS Group, handed over the Course Completion Certificates to 35 students.

Medical camp for PLHIV
A special medical camp was organised for PLHIV, who received counselling, consultation, tests and medicines - all free of cost. Beneficiaries: 98.

Communal dining
The Branch arranged a communal dining event, involving both PLHIV and non-PLHIV, on December 8. Participants: 158.

Nutrition packs offered at subsidized prices
A sale of nutrition packs at nominal prices was organised for students. An awareness session on anemia was also conducted at the school premises. The venue was Seethalakshmi Government Aided School.

MOHALI

Induction for volunteers and staff
The Induction Training Programme is a special input from the HQ and IPPF to strengthen Branches and Projects. Its importance is underlined by the visit of the Mr. H.R Umesh Aradhya, President, Dr. Kalpana Apte, Secretary General, Ms. Amita Dhanu, Assistance Secretary General (P), Mr. Lallit Parashar, Assistant Secretary General (A&GS), Ms. Manjula Varma, Director, Governance and Branch Management.

The Secretary General and her team from the HQ interacted with the staff and volunteers from three branches - Mohali, Panchkula and Yamunanagar.

Advocacy meeting with MP
The Branch organised an advocacy meeting with Sardar Prem Singh Chandumajra, Honourable Member of Parliament from Sri Anandpur Sahib, on December 30. Mr Mohinder Singh Dhillon, Honorary Secretary; Mr Rajesh Kumar, Branch Manager; and Mr Harinder Pal Singh M&E Officer, spearheaded the meeting. Mr Harmanpreet Singh Prince, Municipal Councillor of Mohali, was also present in the meeting.
**Mumbai**

Capacity building training for field staff

The Branch organised a two-day capacity building training for ORW, Counsellors and Project Managers under the Tata Project. The training covered communication skills, understanding of adult learning, effective facilitation skills and so on - aspects that help in their routine work. Mr Sunny Pawar and his team conducted the training.

Meeting with Anganwadi workers

Under the auspices of the Tata Project, a meeting for Anganwadi Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) workers was organised on October 24. The main agenda was to create awareness about cancer, especially breast and cervix cancer, collaboration with ICDS, and promoting family planning services. Participants: 120.

Advocacy meeting with Members of Parliament (MPs)

The Branch officials met Honourable Members of Parliament, Mr Arvind Sawant (Mumbai-South) and Mr Gopal Shetty (Mumbai-North) and handed over advocacy kits to solicit support for work in Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights. Dr Shirish Malde, Branch President, Mr Ashok Devarepatli, Co-opt Member and Mr Gautam Tambe, Branch Manager, had the meeting with the MPs, who were very positive and encouraging.

**Nagaland**

Platform for youth to enhance life skills

The Branch had conceptualised Top Acts as a platform for young artistes to perform and realise their potential as part of adolescence life skill development. Season 2 of Top Acts had eight editions till December, centering around various themes including ‘Stop AIDS; Keep the Promise’, ‘Youth and Health’, ‘Abuse and Sexual Assault’, and ‘Elimination of Violence Against Women’. Winners get a cash prize of Rs 1,000 each. Participants: 360.

The Grand Finale of Top Acts, held on January 26, 2019, had 10 slots and three winners. Prizes included cash of Rs 10,000, Rs 5,000 and Rs 3,000, plus gift campers.

Top Acts, which offers high visibility to FPA India and its activities, is sponsored by Life Pro Sound Solution, 4Life and India Trail.

**Mysuru**

Medical camps set up at flood relief centres

In a rapid response to the disastrous flood at Kodagu near Mysuru, the Branch received a project from the Headquarters to arrange for at least 10 medical camps at relief centres. The focus was to ensure the health of women, especially personal hygiene and Sexual and Reproductive Health.

The Branch Manager was in continuous correspondence with the DHO, Mysuru and the DHO, Madikeri. She also visited the government hospital in Madikeri to facilitate medical and awareness camps.

The 10 SRH camps were set up at Maitree Hall, Old Jain, Zilla Panchayat, Valmiki Bhavan, Sambaji Village, Thalathamane, Kalligundi Village and others.

In each camp, people needed both medical and mental help, which was provided by the Branch teams.

As many as 752 dignity kits, 1,900 condoms and 160 Gender Based Violence screenings done. Beneficiaries: 817.

The Branch acknowledges its gratitude to the authorities for accepting FPA India’s contribution towards flood relief. Among the officials are the Deputy Commissioner, Kodagu District Health Officer, Kodagu; District Health Officer, Mysuru, Mr Perumal, President, Rotary Ivory City, Mysuru, Rotarians and local volunteers.
Tubectomy and MTP conducted
On January 11, the 11th day of the New Year, the Branch conducted 11 tubectomy operations and one MTP.

Seminar held on Gender Based Violence
The seminar was conducted at the FPA Bhawan, RK Puram, with the objective of creating awareness about Gender Based Violence, preparing young people against Gender Based Violence, and to protect the society’s women against this malaise.

Mr Sreedharan Nair, Director-External Relations, spoke on the occasion. He defined violence as physical, mental, psychological and sexual. Ms Monika, Advocate, High Court, dwelt on the subject from a legal perspective, while touching upon the gender discrimination prevalent in society.
Participants: 61.

Seminar on 'Women's Health - Challenges, Access and Prevention'
The seminar was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in New Delhi. The key objectives of the seminar included challenges faced by women in accessing health, facilities available to improve health and preventive steps to avoid cervical and breast cancer.

Among the key speakers were Ms Anupriya Patel, Honourable Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of India,

Ms Preeti Sudan, Secretary, MOHFW, Government of India, Dr Vinod Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Prof Ravi Mehrotra, Director, National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR), Mr Amitabh Dube, Country Head, Novartis Oncology and Dr Shubnum Singh, Director, Medical Research & Advisory, CII.
Participants: 48.

Awareness-cum-screening programme on HIV/AIDS
The programme was organised at Parvatiya Camp, in association with Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi. Tests were done on 21 people. Registrations: 35.

Programme on placement and introduction about FPA India
The programme based on placement and introduction about FPA India services to computer training students was held at RHFFC. Branch President Mr G Premanand welcomed the students.

Mr S Manogaran, Vice President, spoke on stress management, while Mrs Puwaneswary Packianathan, Hon Treasurer, focussed on awareness on HIV/AIDS and gender based violence. Mr R Harimohan, Hon Secretary, spoke on employment opportunities. Mr G Lakshminarayanan, BEC Member, spoke on 'Communication and Personality Development'. Participants: 24.

Refresher training in creche management
The two-day event was held at Craigmore Estate. Topics covered included interpersonal skills for effective mother-child communication, health and hygiene at pre-school level, creche management, education for 2-5 year-old children, and child health (immunization, child nutrition and diarrhoea management).

The key resource persons were Mr S Manogaran, Vice President; Mrs Puwaneswary Packianathan, Hon Treasurer; Mr R Harimohan, Hon Secretary; Mr G Lakshminarayanan, BEC Member; Dr Aparna, MO, Craigmore Estate; Mr J Varatharajan, Branch Manager; Mr GL Rajesh, PO, and Mrs Balambigai, Staff Nurse. Participants: 25 creche caretakers.
NORTH KANARA

Advocacy for Member of Parliament
The event was organised at Rotary Club, Sirsi. Dr GG Hegde, Branch President, Dr Radhika Bhat, MO and Ms Manjula Gouda, PO, handed over the Advocacy Resource Kit to Mr Ananthkumar Hegde, Member of Parliament (MP), Uttara Kannada district.

Special SRH sessions organised
The special service session was conducted at Alvekodi. The awareness session was followed by a health camp, based on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). Ms Manjula Gouda, PO, spoke on the problems of adolescence and overcoming them. Dr Radhika Bhat, MO, addressed the audience focusing on SRHR as well as examined the clients. Participants: 84 girl students.

Another similar session and camp on SRHR was organised for mother and child at Hulimanekeri. Dr Sugandhi Shetty and Ms Manjula Gouda, PO were the key resource persons. Dr Shetty examined the patients, while Ms Gouda spoke to the gathering on family planning methods and services availability at the Reproductive Health and Family Planning Centre (RHFPC). Beneficiaries: 42 women.

Multimedia campaign session on Gender Based Violence
This IEC multimedia campaign was organised at Mahatma Gandhi High School at Chitragali. Awareness was spread by Dr Preeti Bandarkar, Member BEC, spoke on gender, sex, Gender Based Violence, child marriage and so on.

Mr NR Gaju Naik, Member BEC, addressed the students on how to benefit from FPA India’s services. Ms Manjula Gouda, PO, facilitated the programme. Participants: 278.

PANCHKULA

Awareness programme and health camp
The event was held at Baapu Dham Colony, Chandigarh, in association with the Inner Wheel Club. The audience comprised of women who were imparted knowledge about gender and empowerment, types of violence and how to tackle them.

Mr Vinod Kapoor, President of the Branch, Mr Manoj Kumar, General Manager, Ms Sonia Arora, PO and Ms Vinita Talwar, Member, Inner Wheel Club, Chandigarh. Participants: 112.

Meeting with ASHAs
Mr Vinod Kapoor, President of the Branch, Mr Manoj Kumar, General Manager, Ms Sonia Arora, PO and Ms Vinita Talwar, Member, Inner Wheel Club, Chandigarh were the key resource persons. ASHAs and staff of the Branch were in the audience, who were made aware of the safe and long term abortion methods available. Participants: 63.

Training programme for teachers in Comprehensive Sexuality Education
With the objective of expanding and enabling access to CSE, teachers from the district of Panchkula were offered training.

Dr Venkatesan Chakrapani, MD, Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance Senior Research Fellow, PGIMER Chandigarh, Ms Neha Counsellor, Adolescent Health NHM, Mr Manoj Kumar, General Manager and Ms Sonia Arora, PO, were the key resource persons. Participants: 73.

PUNE

Health camp for municipal corporation workers
After knowing about FPA India’s dedicated work in the area of HIV/AIDS, Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) reached out to the Branch to provide related health services to its sanitation workers. The Branch conducted 38 health camps, reaching out to workers in 15 wards of the city.
The free medical camps also helped to create awareness about their health status, HIV/AIDS counselling and prevention, reproductive tract infections and gynaecology services, hypertension and diabetes. Tests included those for random sugar, haemoglobin, HIV, blood pressure and routine checkups. Dr Ketaki Ghadge, MO, National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) and Mrs Shyamala Desai, former Hon Secretary of the Branch, were the key resource persons. PMC was highly appreciative of the Branch’s efforts as expressed in their communication thanking FPA India. Participants: 3,423.

RAJKOT

SRH check-up camp for women
The objective of the camp was to provide Sexual and Reproductive Health services to women in slum areas where such services are inaccessible. Dr Viral Ram, MO, treated the patients and Mrs Rasilaben Javjiya, Female Health Worker, distributed the medicines. The camp was a success and raised the requirement for other similar camps. Beneficiaries: 41.

SHIVAMOGGA

Session on Comprehensive Sexual Education organised
The event was conducted at the Government Post Metric Girls Hostel, Gundappa Kudke, Mrs Pushpa S Shetty, President, and Mrs Jayalakshmi Chandrach, were the key speakers, and they covered a range of CSE topics. Beneficiaries: 132 women.

SOLAPUR

Activities organised under Value Integrated Comprehensive Abortion Linked Project (VICALP) programme
Mr D B Malli, Principal, Shri Ganesh Vidyalaya, flagged off a rally in the presence of Mr Sugat Gaikwad, Branch Manager, Mr Virendra Pardeshi, PO, Mrs Kalpana Gadgade, Social Worker and community mobilisers Mrs Sunita Patil, Mr Narendra Gurram and Mrs Sneha Tonpe. Teachers and students of the school also participated in the event.

SRHR services for police personnel were extended as part of VICALP. Prof Dr Shrikant Yelegaonkar, Mr Mahadev Tambe, Police Commissioner, Lion Vishal Sarangi, Lions Club President, Mr Bhagwan Bhusari, PO, Mr Madhukar Gaikwad, Assistant Police Parmandal, Dr Deepali Kali, Assistant Police Commissioner, Mr Yashwant Kedage, Police Station In-charge; and Branch officials Mr Rajendra Bahirath, Dr N B Telli, Hon. Secretary Mrs Sapana Chitte, Hon. Treasurer and Mr Sugat Gaikwad, Branch Manager, were present.

Thane District Project (TDP)

Sensitization programme on Gender Based Violence
The Thane District Project (TDP) organised an orientation programme in December, with the objective of sensitizing female sex workers and peer educators on Gender Based Violence. Participants: 19.

Sensitization programme on menstrual hygiene
Focus on usage of sanitary napkins
The Thane District Project (TDP) organised 12 meetings under the Social Enterprise Acceleration Programme (SEAP) Project. Participants included school students, communities, Anganwadi workers, Self Help Group members and local NGOs. The topics covered were menstrual hygiene and the usage of sanitary napkins. Through these meetings TDP staff sensitized around 550 adolescent girls and women.
TRIVANDRUM

Gender and empowerment programme
The session was conducted at BNV VHSE School, by Ms Aswathy R, Counsellor. Awareness was imparted on Gender Based Violence, followed by a skit played by students. A poster competition with slogans was also organised based on the same theme. Participants: 67.

Flood relief camps organised
As many as 25 camps were conducted in the months of October, November and December in Thiruvananthapuram, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Idukki. As an integral part of the camps, women were screened and counselled for Gender Based Violence.

Those who took part included pregnant women and lactating mothers. The services included counselling, SRH sessions, GBV screening, medical management, SRH screening (HIV, VDRL), non-SRH screening, distribution of dignity kits, medicines and other items like bleaching powder, potassium permanganate and nutrition kits.

VIJAYAPUR

District level youth committee formation and training
The Branch conducted the session covering leadership qualities, addressing adolescent health issues and knowledge about Gender Based Violence and rights. Mr Prasanna Joshi, Branch Manager, Mr Ramesh M Sollapur, PO and Mrs A.P Joshi, Lady Medical Officer, were the key resource persons. Participants: 14 members of 40 youth committees.

Orientation programme for students of social work
The programme was conducted in association with the Akkamahadevi Women’s University, Vijayapur. Dr Anuradha Joshi, Medical Officer made a presentation on cervical and breast cancer, emphasizing on the need to detect early and treat early. Dr S A Khazi, Head of the Department of Social Work, Dr Gangadhar Sonar, Associate Professor, Dr Ramesh Sonakable, Associate Professor, Dr Kalavati Kamble, Associate Professor, Dr AP Joshi, LMO, Mr Prasanna Joshi, Branch Manager, and Mr Ramesh Sollapur, PO, were present. Participants: 60.

‘BetI Bachao, BetI Padhao’ campaign organised
The Branch conducted this campaign jointly with Basava Sainya, an NGO, the Department of Women and Child Welfare and Model Higher Primary School, Shikarkhane. Mrs Sangeeta Uttaskar, Chairperson and community leader, spoke about the importance of girl child and her health and education.

International Migration Day programme
Local immigrants participated in an event jointly conducted with the Centre for Non-formal Education Society and Ujjvala Rural Development Service Society (URDSS) Organisation. The programme was held at Bhavikati LT, with Mr Ramesh M Sollapur, PO, requesting the immigrants to avail labour card from the Labour Department. Dr A P Joshi, LMO, spoke about the facilities and services available at the Branch. Participants: 70

National Customer Care Day observed
The programme was conducted in association with Bijjaragi Motors, Vijayapur. A health service session was organised on the occasion. Mr Raju Bijjaragi, MD, Bijjaragi Motors, spoke of the consumer’s right to avail of good health. Mr Prasanna Joshi, Branch Manager, utilised the opportunity to explain about the services offered by FPA India. Dr A P Joshi, LMO and Mrs Suvarna Kulkarni, Counsellor, were also present.
SUCCESS STORIES

BALLARI
From SHG member to entrepreneur
Mrs Annapeona was an SHG member in an urban slum. She was interested in tailoring and got work from her neighbours. With FPA India’s help, she purchased a computerised embroidery machine, and learnt maggam embroidery work.

Now she runs a shop, even offering employment to others. She also acts as a resource person at FPA India’s sessions where she motivates participants to take up training and graduate towards entrepreneurship.

BENGALURU
FPA India comes to the aid of sexually abused woman
Mrs Thayava (name changed) is a 28-year-old widow who works as a daily wage earner. After her husband’s death, she started living with her elder sister, whose son abused her sexually. She became pregnant and was in turmoil when, fortunately, an ASHA worker visited her house. The worker brought her to FPA India where she received counselling as well as medical support. An MTP procedure was done along with an IUD insertion. Now she has become a stronger person, thanks to timely help from FPA India.

OTHER NEWS
Multiple positions of responsibility for this accomplished FPA India official
Mr Sreedharan Nair, Director-External Relations, FPA India New Delhi Branch, has been nominated as a Member of the Education Committee of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi. The Chamber is among the biggest such bodies in India, after the CII and FICCI. The Committee acts as an interface between the industry and academia, interacts between the central and state governments, and conducts studies for the government on matters related to vocational education and human resources.

Mr Nair is re-nominated to the Quality Assurance Committee on Family Planning, Government of NCT, New Delhi District. He has been a Member of this Committee for the last two years. He is also a Member of the Disease Surveillance Committee, Government of NCT, New Delhi District.

Panchkula Branch gets donation of ₹ 1 lakh
A good samaritan, Mr Vikram Kumar Chaudhry, donated a sum of ₹ 1,00,000 to the Panchkula Branch. FPA India gratefully accepts the donation with heartfelt thanks. The amount will be part of the free-flowing fund of the Branch.

DARHAWAD
Senior citizen gets treated for breast cancer
Mrs Saroja (name changed) is a 71-year-old woman with four children. Unfortunately, she was detected with 4th stage breast cancer. It was discovered when she attended a routine check-up at FPA India, and was referred to SDM College for further treatment. Her family was also counselled, after which the surgery was performed. Now under treatment, her family members extended their gratitude to FPA India for its timely intervention and action.

PANCHKULA
FPA India brings about behavioural change in teenager
Ms Radhika (name changed) is an 18-year-old girl in the 10th standard, and was suffering from RTI (white discharge) but very shy to talk about it. Mrs Sonia Arora, PO, was visiting the school when she noticed Radhika and her discomfort. A classmate told the PO about Radhika’s shy nature, due to which she was not participating in the discussions. Mrs Arora conducted her third session, this one on STI/RTI, after which she counselled Radhika. On seeing that the PO was showing empathy and understanding, the girl opened up. On Mrs Arora’s advice, she came to the RHPPC for treatment with her mother. After a month and half of treatment, now she has recovered fully. On her last visit to the RHPPC, she was all smiles, happy with FPA India’s services.

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