Jabalpur
The Jabalpur Branch launched a field kit bag with an IEC kit. This unique bag has space to keep a Register, Brochures and IEC materials. It was distributed to all field staff.

Congrats
Rakesh Rathore, Joint Secretary of FPA India Jabalpur Branch, has been inducted as only member from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh of National Research and Development Committee. This Committee extends financial support to Engineering Students, Research Scholars, & Professors in their research work.

North Kanara
The North Kanara Branch organized a programme to celebrate World Health Day in collaboration with the Govt. General Hospital-Kumta.

World Health Day (7th April)
Jabalpur
The Jabalpur Branch also started a "MALE CLINIC" which specializes in catering to men only inaugurating the clinic, the Chief Guest of the function, Sushil Tiwri, Chief Editor of Dainik Bhaskar, lauded the initiative which is the first of its kind in Jabalpur city.

Aspire - 1 (March, 2014)
International Women's Day - Inspiring Change (8th March)

Madurai
The International Women's Day was observed in conjunction with college students from various institutions.

Dharwad
The Dharwad Branch conducted programmes along with ASHA workers and community based providers. At a pap smear camp screened 35 ASHA workers.

Belgaum
The Branch conducted a seminar on women’s education, empowerment, female feticide, dowry system and sexual abuse issues. 231 students and 18 Lecturers actively participated in the programme.

Ahmedabad
At Ahmedabad, Ms. Bhavini Jani, Famous TV Actress & Social Activist spoke about women’s empowerment, lauding the FP A India, she said that FP A India also stood for “Females Powerful Always”, because FP A is doing advocacy for women’s development and creating an enabling environment for women in society. 400 adolescents, youth, health care providers, NGO representatives and community leaders attended the program.

Sagar
The Sagar project organized a programme on “Equality for women is: Progress for all”. The programme focused on the present condition of women and the need for equality between men and women.

Yamunagar
The Branch had a programme on “Inspiring Change” for 100 community members.

Mohali
A number of programmes were held from March 3-11 where 509 persons participated in the week long observation. This included a mass meeting, exhibition on safe motherhood, medical checkup and community meetings. They focused on various issues related to the importance of women in the civil society and their rights. Antenatal and postnatal care services were also discussed.

Bhopal
The Bhopal Branch organized various programmes that focused on “Healthy women Healthy family”. An open session on SRHR for community youths and young women was held as well.

Bhopal: An open discussion on sexual health and rights was the highlight of the celebrations.

Bijapur
The Bijapur Branch conducted several orientation programmes for married couples, SHG (self help group) leaders/members on Sexual & Reproductive Health issues. Topics that were addressed included SRH Rights & Violence against Women, Role of Men in SRH & Family Planning, ANC/PNC & HIV/AIDS, MSM Community & Rights.

Mumbai
The Mumbai Branch observed the Day with a series of activities. Kutumb Niyojan Adarsh Kendra, Thane, participated in ‘TEE Mohotsav’ organised by Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth, Thane. An exhibition on SRHR including Family Planning and Safe Abortion was held as well.

The Branch organized a special event with the theme “Keeping Fit at 40” with the 81 women employees of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation.

Global comprehensive abortion initiative (GCACI)

GCACI held its annual review meeting in February 2 at Mumbai to review the performance of 17 clinics in 2013 and to discuss the challenges faced and strategies adopted to meet the projections.

Participants at GCACI Annual Review Meeting 2014 along with Mr V M Kolliwad and Dr Kalpana Apte

The Action Plan for 2014 was discussed and finalized in the meeting. Medical Officers and Branch Managers from 13 branches implementing GCACI participated in annual review meeting.

Workshop / Conference

Participation at the 7th APCRSHR
The 7th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive & Sexual Health and Rights (7th APCRSHR) was held at Manila, Philippines from January 21- 24, 2014. The conference theme was: “Examining Achievements, Good Practices and Challenges: Towards a Strategic Positioning of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for All.”

FP A India hosted a satellite session on “Reproductive rights, family planning and population stabilization in India”. Ms. Sujatha Natarajan, among other distinguished speakers, spoke on “FP Programmes in a Rights Framework - Experiences from the field”.

Dr. Kalpana Apte, Assistant Secretary General (Programme Implementation) gave an insightful talk at the Sub-Regional Plenary Session on “Review and Analysis of the SRHR performance in relation to the ICPD-POA and MDGs for South Asia Region”. She also participated in the parallel sessions on “Is Integration Effective in MNCHN Program” and “Expanding SRHR services for young people.”

Ms. Sindhiya Nimla, Director Advocacy & Training, was a member of the satellite session organized by International Planned Parenthood Federation - South Asia Regional Office on “Who will take responsibility?” for sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people.

The others who made oral or poster presentations were Mr. Vishwanath Koliwad, Ms. Amita Dhami, Ms. Nisha Jagdish, Dr. Monique Kamat, Mr. Parag Sharma, Dr. Renu Kapoor, Ms. Padma Kumari and Ms. Pritam George.
Observance of World Water Day, Bhubaneswar

World Water Day 9 (22nd March)
The Bhubaneswar Branch observed the World Water Day at Saliasahi under the HUP Programme. An awareness campaign was conducted on safe drinking water through a rally by the Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) members, local health service providers & other women of the community. More than 50 persons participated in the programme.

Human Resource Development for Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Services (HRDSRHCS)

In view of the capacity building needs expressed by the participants and organizations, Project HRDSRHCS introduced four new courses on "Sex and Sexuality Counselling", "Comprehensive Sexuality Education", "Advocacy Planning" and "Use of Social Media". The training plan for 2014 was emailed to over 10,000 NGOs in India. During the period January to March 2014, 64 persons attended the training workshop on "Basic Counselling Skills", "Counselling course on Trauma, Guilt and Self Esteem" and "Family Planning for CSO".

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Ladli Divas

Monika: Accepting life’s challenge

Yamunagar
The Branch honoured brave heart MONIKA SHARMA who despite being completely handicapped completed her graduation, by writing with her mouth. The bravery of Monika was appreciated by the audience, media persons and the local channels.

Mysore
The Mysore Branch put up a stall at the Suttur Jatra exhibition attracting more than 1000 people. Each visitor was informed of FP AI services. The BGS Apollo Nursing students and other MSW students from Government College of Chamrajnagar district were orient ed on sexuality issues and the services provided. AIDS awareness programme for truck and lorry drivers was organized by the Branch in collaboration with Asbel and Parivar Jana NGOs of the city. More than 50 truck drivers attended the programme.

Bangalore
A training programme was conducted in coordination with Breakthrough organization. The objective of the programme was to generate awareness on Gender Based Violence. This was conducted by the means of activities, interactive games and talks.

Celebration of Avabai B. Wadia Birth Centenary
The Mumbai Branch organized programmes to commemorate the birth centenary of Smt. Avabai Wadia with Sree Hirkarini, Bhagini Samaj Mandal, Nana Palkar Memorial Trust, Marathi Vidyan Parishad and Women's India Trust. Dr. K. Seshagiri Rao, President, FP A India, Mumbai Branch, Dr. Mandakini Purandare and Dr. Shaila Naik, Branch volunteers recollected the important role of Smt. Avabai Wadia in the family planning and women's empowerment movements in India.

Other Programmes
Bijapur
A rally to stop violence against women, pulse polio, special adolescents’ health service sessions, adolescent education programme session on “Growing Up is Fun” for 956 Girls from 158 schools of Bijapur District.

A new Reproductive Health & Family Planning Centre (RHFPC) was opened as well. Two orientation programmes followed by free distribution of Nutritional Supplement events were organized, under JTF Project for ANC/ FNC & Children’s (PLHIVs)

Mohali
The Branch conducted a programme on drug abuse at the Government High School. 43 students of the school took part.

Jaipur
Drug Distribution Camp for Men having Sex with Man (MSM). The main objective of this Camp was to provide comprehensive range of integrated SRH-HIV services including counselling & testing to PLHIV and other key population

Chennai
The Branch organized a training program for 38 volunteers of Swami Vivekananda Manu Aroriya Abiviruthi Sangam Kumbakonam on Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Hyderabad
The Child Protection Policy developed by FPAI was discussed with a public school Principal. The Principal was very keen to have a similar policy for her school too. Taking clues for the Child Protection Policy developed by FPAI, the school also developed a similar policy for the school.

Bhubaneshwar
At a programme with eighty participants the Chief Guest, Dr. Niranjan Nayak, M.O of Urban, Slum Health Project (USHP) said that no nation or city can progress without women's empowerment.

Bangalore
A play was enacted on GBV (gender based violence) in coordination with a partner organization - Breakthrough. The event was witnessed by 150 students and the staff of RVTI, FPAI and Breakthrough. Questions on GBV were answered.

Mysore
Ninety community women were made aware of the main theme on “Women Empowerment” and “Importance of women’s health”.

Youth Day (12th January)

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An awareness and screening camp for cervical cancer was conducted at the Satellite Centre, Nigdi in collaboration with the Dept. of Social Work, Karnataka University Dharmad.

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Sagar
At Sagar, 96 government college undergraduate and postgraduate girls participated on the need for sexuality education. The six day programme culminated with a programme on “Inspiring changes - Equality for women in Progress for all”.

Ahmedabad
The Ahmedabad Branch organized “Art of Living - Volunteer for Better India (VFABI)”, programme. A number of youth participated in the programme.

Mumbai
His Excellency Freddy Svane, Ambassador of Denmark visited FPA India Mumbai Branch on February 13, 2014.

Advances, Challenges and Way Forward - ICPD beyond 2014 (Malaysia)
Bindiya Nimla, Director Advocacy and Training was deputed to attend Advances, Challenges and Way Forward - ICPD beyond 2014 (Malaysia) hosted by IPPF East, South East Asia and Oceania Region (ESERAO) & IPPF - South Asia Regional Office (SARO).