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Annual Review

Annual review program was organized on 6th and 7th April for each department of SEARCH to review the work done during the year 2017-18 and to inform the objectives of the coming year.

Life skills education, De-Addiction Center, Mukti-path, HBNC, Hospital, Nirman, Mobile Medical Unit (MMU), Finance Department, Administrative Department, Agriculture Dept, Depart-

ment of Statistics, Library and



Mess department presented their 1-year work review.

Discussions were held on the basis of the sugges-

tions that were made after

the report of each department and on new objectives that could be achieved in the coming year.

Constitution of the New executive committee



New executive committee members with Dr Abhay and Dr Rani Bang

After the annual report presentation, the new executive committee of SEARCH

was announced by Founder-Directors of SEARCH Dr. Abhay and Dr. Rani Bang.

The members of the committee are Mr .Digambar Deotale (Deputy Director, Finance), Mr. Tushar Khorgade (Deputy Director, SEARCH) Mr. Mahesh Deshmukh (Deputy Director, Statistics Dept.) Dr. Anand Bang (In-Charge, Resource Mobilization & External Partnerships), Dr. Yogesh Kalkonde (NCD and Tribal Health Dept. Head) and Mr. Amrut Bang (NIRMAN Program Lead).

Muktipath Media interaction Training

'Muktipath' is a joint initiative of SEARCH, Tata trusts, the Government of Maharashtra and the people of Gadchiroli. It is a multi-pronged programme, aimed at improving awareness about tobacco, alcohol and their ill effects, creating a social environment that would eventually reduce the consumption of these, and rehabilitating the addicts. A workshop on Social Media for Muktipath workers was conducted on 1st to 4th may at SEARCH.

A Mumbai based journalist Medha Kulkarni and Hemant Karnik provided



ed guidance about the use of social media to fulfill the purpose of Muktipath project. Today, Facebook is the strongest medium to reach out to people. Therefore, Medha Kulkarni elaborated how this medium can be used for De-addiction awareness and how to boost the spread of our message far and wide. Hemant Kar-

nik guided us on how to write field experiences on social media in simple and easy words. In addition, a workshop for rural journalists was organized on 5th May to teach them how to make a report attractive. 20 journalists from Gadchiroli, Aheri, Dhanora, Wadsa, Ar-mori, Sironcha and Kurk-heda participated.

Celebrated Film director Sumitra Bhave visit's SHODHGRAM

Sumitra Bhave, National Award winning Marathi film director came to visit Shodhgram recently. Sumitra Bhave is currently making a film on Vinoba's 'Bhudan', 'Gramdan' and 'spirituality'. As a preliminary project form, she came with her team to meet Dr Abhay Bang.

The film is being produced on the basis of Vinoba's life work, his spirituality and 'vaiyaktik satyagraha', for future generation. He was chosen as a mentor for Ms. Bhave's team because he had lived with vinoba from childhood. Sumitra Bhave had been to Shodhgram to understand his perspective on the story of the film.

Dr Bang discussed Vinoba, his life and his emotional attachment to Vinoba. He also shared his experiences with Vinoba's 'Bhudan Padayatra.' In addition, Sumitra Bhave has expressed her desire to create a short film based on the SEARCH's concept of 'Arogya Swarajya'.



Community Health Worker's Training

In the month of June, Community Health workers training was organized by NCD, Tribal and HBNC divisions. The Head and Supervisor of that department guided health workers through this training for better output.

Danteshwari Sevak-Sevikas Training

A total number of 32 Danteshwari health workers in the Tribal health department and 27 Danteshwari Sevikas (female workers) in HBNC project were trained in the period from 5th to 7th June. Information about the treatment of malaria, follow up, diarrhoea, pneumonia was given in the training.

Danteshwari Sevikas of HBNC project were also educated about pregnancy and



childbirth, newborn baby care and pregnant women's health education.

NCD Health worker's Training



Sugar, Blood pressure and paralysis control program have been undertaken through SEARCH.

38 health workers in this program conducted a health-related workshop on June 11 and 12. In the training workshop, they were informed how to plan medicinal storage and how to spread health education more effectively during a home visit.

HBNC women's health workers camp

A total number of 28 women's health workers in HBNC project of SEARCH were trained camp on June 13 and 14.

In this camp, information was given about pregnant mothers health education, home visit, childbirth, newborn baby care, childbirth forms. All the work has been done by women's health workers for 25 years. The training was emphasized for how to do these work more accurately.



SURGERY CAMP



Recognizing the need of the patients, the Danteshwari hospital in SEARCH regularly organizes treatment and surgery camps on various health issues. This year diagnosis camp for Spine surgery, Uterine disorders and Ear, Nose, Throat treatment camps were conducted in April, May and June. Gadchiroli, Bhandara, Chandrapur Gondiya as well patient in Chhattisgarh state benefitted from these camps.



Spine surgery and treatment camp were conducted on 2nd June at SEARCH. In the camp, 279 patients were examined and 9 surgeries were performed by a medical expert team in Mumbai. The patients of Chandrapur, Bhan-

9 Surgeries in spine camp

dara, Gondiya, Gadchiroli district as well as from Chhattisgarh state were treated. Medical experts of Mumbai Dr Jayesh Bhanushali, Dr Nishant Kumar and Dr Priyank Patel managed the patients. Students of physiotherapy at Kashibai Navale Hospital, Pune and MBBS students from GMC and IGMC, Nagpur also provided services to patients.

37 Surgeries in Uterine disorder camp

A Total no of 37 operations of uterine disorder were carried out in the camp between 21st and 22nd April by Danteshwari Hospital. Patients from Bhandara, Gondiya, Chandrapur and Gadchiroli got treatment in this camp.



Women in rural areas often complain of uterine pain. During this camp, 37 women patient underwent surgery, mainly uterine tumours, uterine bleeding, prolapsed of the uterus and other diseases.

Ear, Nose and Throat examination camp

Ear, Nose and Throat examination camp was organized at SEARCH on June 23rd. 252 patient were examined in camp by Dr. Ajay Deshpande on 23rd of June. The cases usually comprised of neck swellings, hearing impairment, otitis media, rhinitis, nasal polyp, tonsillitis, etc.





50 youths took part in NIRMAN's 8th camp

The NIRMAN program is centered around the conception of the search for purposeful life in society and, the second camp of the program was held at SEARCH (Shodhgram) from 23rd June to 1st July. Discussions on different social problems were held in the camp and an effort to seek solutions was made.

Around 50 youth participated in the camp and they came from not only Maharashtra but other states like West Bengal, Bihar, Rajasthan and from disciplines like engineering, commerce, journalism, humanities, science, media, etc. They met different role models from the social sector and through discussions and exercises tried understand the nature of social problems and the different methodologies of solving them. The group

was involved in the study of not only different aspects of society important for social change but also worked towards the kind of character and confidence needed to work on social issues.

The camp had organized an interaction with Nilesh Nimkar from Quest, at Palghar; it is an organization that works on the issues of education and he spoke about the history of the organization and issues of the education system which they have identified and tried of to solve. Dr. Rani Bang gave a thorough and informative lecture on the female reproductive organs and menstrual cycle.

Dr. Yogesh Kalkonde gave the group some guidance about how research methodology can be applied to solve social problems.

Sunil Chavan helped the participants understand aspects of neo-liberalism and today's economic system. As a part of the camp, the participants visited Mendha (Lekha) and met the Devaji Tofa. He spoke to the participants about the struggle of the village to gain the rights granted by PESA and FRA and gave in-

sights about *Gramsabha* and *Gramswarajya*. Participants of the camp also discussed various books that are pertinent for youth you aspire to create valuable social change and through these and many other discussions, the journey to solutions and answers for social questions began.



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