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VISIT OF DR ALVARO BERMEJO, DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION

FPA India hosted a visit for Dr Alvaro Bermejo, Director General, IPPF from Sept 4th-7th. Accompanying him was Mr Varun Anand, Acting Regional Director, IPPF-SAR. Dr Bermejo, recently took over as the Director General of IPPF and this was his first visit to the South Asia Region since he had taken on his new position.

FPA India was selected by him as a high performing credible Member Association in the region. He visited Headquarters and interacted with the staff and Central Executive Committee members.

Field visits were organised for him at Bhiwandi. He also interacted with clinic teams at Delhi, Kutumb Sudhar Kendra, Avabai Wadia Health Centre and with members from the key population in Mumbai.



VICALP – Value Integrated Comprehensive Abortion Linked Project

(Global Gag Rule Emergency Fund)

On reinstating the Mexico City Policy, critically known as Global Gag Rule in 2017, FPA India suffered indirect funding loss which restricted the Association in making sexual reproductive health services available seamlessly to high-need communities. In response to this funding loss, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) granted Global Gag Rule Emergency Fund to FPA India in 2018, following which the Association accepted to implement this project under name VICALP in eight Branches.

Objectives of the Project

- Develop cost-effective models of SRH service delivery addressing the needs of the poor and vulnerable communities including youth, adolescent and hard to reach population
- Leverage the models of service delivery to minimize potential funding loss and ensure sustained SRH services through a strategic communication campaign

The Duration of the Project is from April 2018 to March 2020.

The aim is to develop three cost-effective sustainable models of service delivery and reach out to vulnerable and high-need population with SRH services including safe abortion services, reduce maternal mortality and morbidities, and improve Sexual Reproductive Health for men and women. Another important component of the project is communication to give more visibility to the work being done.

The Eight Branches, are, Bidar, Madurai, Mohali, New Delhi, Nilgiris, Singhbhum, Solapur and Yamunanagar.

Target numbers

We expect an additional 39,028 CYP and 7,98,980 SRH services through eight Branches.

Training and capacity building

The Project had a Branch level fortnightly launch starting from September 1. Post launch, Headquarters organised a formal induction with technical update and training on key activities to be carried out in the Project to get the staff acclimatized with its objectives, activities and deliverables.

With this in mind, four key staff each of eight VICALP implementing Branches participated in the workshop. Branch Managers, Doctors, and Counsellors/ ANMs and Programme Officer from each VICALP Branch participated in the induction.

The workshop covered:

- VICALP induction
- Technical update on cervical cancer screening and management'
- Training session on role of communication in improving organization impact and communication strategies

Replicable outcome

At the end of the workshop, the Branches got clarity on goals, objectives and activities related to the project and also prepared an action plan for next six months.

BIDAR

The Project objectives include reaching SRH services in a cost-effective manner to poor and marginal communities. A rally was organised comprising of school students, GP members, community women, SHGs and ASHAs. Dr R Selvamani, Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Panchayat inaugurated the Project. Prof Poornima G, Past Vice President, HQ, was the Chief Guest. Dr Deepa Khandre, TB Officer, Bidar was the second Chief Guest. Mr Pentareddy Patil, President of the Branch, presided. Participants: Over 500.

After the inauguration of the Project, SRH camp for community people was organised. Branch Medical Officers, Dr. C.S. Mali Patil and Dr. Rajshekhar Lakshetty, provided treatment for general health illness to the women. 79 men, women, adolescents received the services.



MADURAI

The Project was launched at the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai, on September 1.



MOHALI

Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu, Cabinet Minister to Punjab Government inaugurated the Project.

A photo booth was setup where participants including general community, volunteers and staff members clicked their photographs with photo frames having slogans of safe abortion and SRH services. Over 250 people visited the booth.

Two rallies were organised in rural areas. The first rally was inaugurated by Mr S Puran Singh, Chairperson, Sri Gurudwara Management Committee, Balongi, on September 11. The second rally was flagged off by Dr Sagar, a Local Registered Medical Practitioner and leader of the village Madanpura on September 15. Four special health check-up camps were conducted in September. Beneficiaries: 353.



NEW DELHI

A variety of activities were conducted as part of VICALP. The programme was inaugurated with a procession and demonstration on 'Abortion as a Woman's Right' around Jantar Mantar area. In her speech, Ms Tokas appreciated the good work done by FPA India. The event was covered by CNC World T.V. and Malayalamorama Daily Newspaper. Participants: 82 youth members

On day two, a health checkup camp and awareness programme for males were organised at Ambedkar Basti. Participants: Over 75.

A rally was organised on day three, displaying placards with messages on abortion, health and rights of women. It covered Munirka and sectors in R K Puram and helped to spread awareness. Participants: 81.

A meeting with ASHA workers was conducted on day four. Participants: 22.



NILGIRIS

The launch of VICALP for Comprehensive Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights happened on September 1. The two-week launch programme comprised of a rally, signature campaign, photo booth and rangoli. Capt K R Mani, Chairman, Red Cross Society of Nilgiris was the Chief Guest.

Mr T Rangaiah, Patron of the Branch, inaugurated the rally, in which 44 ASHAs and 21 anganwadi workers took part. Mrs Ajira Begum, Block Medical Officer, presided over the meeting and Dr (Mrs) Rema Pratap, MO, explained about family planning methods. Mr J Varatharajan, Branch Manager, spoke about FPA India and its activities.

Dr Sivakumar, Director, Pasteur Institute, initiated the signature campaign, while Mrs Puwaneswary Packianathan, Hon Secretary, inaugurated the rangoli. Mr R Harimohan, Hon Treasurer, briefed the audience about the Project.



SOLAPUR

Rangoli and flowers at the famous freedom fighter's statue in Solapur marked the launch of the Project. Among those present were noted Singer, Mr Mohammed Ayyas, Atish Patole, Actor, Dr Santosh Navale, MOH, Prof Dr Shrikant Yelegaonkar, Jt. Hon. Treasurer, FPA India Dr Nabha Kakade, President, Prof Dr B N Kamble, Hon. Treasurer, Prof Dr N B Teli, Hon. Secretary, Mr Ramanlal Soniminde, Vice President, Mrs Sapana Chitte, Hon. Treasurer, Mr Sugatratna Gaikwad, Branch Manager, Dr Yogesh Pallolu, Member, Ms Vijayshri Amale, Mr Shrikant Satarle, Ms Suvarna Waghmare, Youth Volunteers and representatives of NGOs.

In a related event, a signature campaign was organised at Vidi Company, Solapur. Ms Suvarna Waghmare and Ms Vijayshri Amale, Youth Volunteers, Mr Ramanlal Soniminde, Vice President, Mr Sugatratna Gaikwad, Branch Manager, Mrs Shubhangi Naikwadi, ANM, Mrs Kalpana Gadgade, Social Worker and Mrs Sunita Patel, Link Worker were also present.

Free health checkup, blood group and CBC camp for adolescent young girls and boys was organised at Hirachand Nemchand College, Solapur on 11th September 2018. This program was inaugurated by the Principal of HN College, Dr. Santosh Koti. 105 students were treated.

Solapur Branch, Chirag Ali Kabrastan Trust and Lions Club of Solapur Central jointly arranged free health checkup and HIV testing camp at Chirag Ali Kabrastan Trust, Rajendra Chowk, Solapur on 15th September. This program was inaugurated by Police Sub Inspector Mr. Y. Y. Kedge.



SINGHBHUM

The Branch inaugurated VICALP with a performance by the local women. They also addressed young people on sexual reproductive health and rights.



YAMUNANAGAR

The Project was launched with the object of developing cost-effective models of delivering SRH services to the needy. At the inauguration, held at Jammu Colony, Mrs Shaveta Athwal (Mrs Universe Princess 4 and Mrs India 2017) was the Chief Guest and Mrs Bhanu Garg (Mrs India Fashion Icon 2017) the Guest of Honour. Mrs Raman Sachdeva, President of the Branch, Mrs Indu Kapoor, Vice President, Mrs Anu Singh, Mrs Gagan Verma, Mrs RK Bhardwaj and Mr Vinod Bhasin were present. Dr Anjana Taluja, Branch Manager, facilitated the programme.



Introduction and Baseline Orientation

Japan Trust Fund for HIV and Reproductive Health Project

The Japan Trust Fund (JTF) for HIV and Reproductive Health Project conducted an Induction and Baseline Orientation in Jaipur on July 10-12. The Project, with its focus on 'Community action for sustainable and inclusive growth: Increasing access to sexual and reproductive health through a gender equality and women's empowerment approach for marginalized women in India', included its capacity building training on SRHR, HIV, SGBV and Women's Empowerment in the session.

It was organised by the Headquarters's Gender & Rights Unit. Staff from the six Branches implementing the Project took part in the programme (Agra, Lucknow, Gwalior, Indore, Bhopal, Jaipur).

The Baseline Survey Orientation was facilitated by Consultant Sukanya Poddar, as part of the two-year JTF Project which started in April 2018 and ends in March 2020. Participants: 30.





IMPORTANT DAYS OBSERVED

WORLD POPULATION DAY - 11TH JULY

THEME: FAMILY PLANNING IS A HUMAN RIGHT

AGRA

A session with women was organised on July 22 at the Branch. Those who took part were drawn from ICDS workers, CBDs and ASHAs at the Branch office. Information about family planning was disseminated, and the health workers distributed contraceptives to all newly married couples in the community. Participants: 22.

In another event, a rally was conducted at Amarapura on July 17, 2018. The key objectives were to spread awareness about having a small family and impart knowledge of contraceptives. Participants: 65 women.



A third event was organised for students of Saroj Public School at Bichpuri on July 18. The focus was on 'Small Family – Happy Family', Gender Equality and SRHR. The students were made aware of contraceptives and health issues.

AHMEDABAD

The Branch conducted a series of programmes to mark the important day. A seminar on the Day's theme was organised at CU Shah Arts College, Laldarwaja. Dr Karsanbhai Chothani, Principal of the College, welcomed the students and faculty. Mr Suresh Maratha, General Manager and Regional Lead; and Dr Neha Panchal, PO spoke on family planning, human rights (including reproductive rights), contraception and gender biases. The seminar was covered by the local media. Participants: 200.



A sensitization meeting involving community leaders and mahila mandals was conducted at the RHFPC. Mr Suresh Maratha, General Manager and Regional Lead, delivered the keynote address and Dr Neha Panchal, PO, spoke on the importance of the Day. Dr. Manoranjanaben Shah, Hon. Treasurer, FPA India, Ahmedabad discussed about contraception and availability at RHFPC. Flags and placards were created to highlight the key messages. Participants: 40.



An awareness programme was organised for women at Shahpur. Mr Rajpal, CWW, welcomed the participants while Dr Neha Panchal, PO, spoke about family planning and SRH. She emphasized about misconceptions regarding the usage of contraceptives. Participants: 57.

Yet another sensitization session was conducted for teachers and parents at Earth English Medium School, Madhupura. Participants: 118 (76 women, 32 men).

BELAGAVI

World Population Day was observed in association with the Inner Wheel Club of Belagavi at Hindwadi. Mrs Shobha S Kulkarni, Vice President of the Branch, was the Chief Guest. Mrs Deepika Chate, Member, FPA India Belagavi Branch and Mrs Vasanti

Acharya, President, Inner Wheel Club, were the Guests of Honour. Mrs Anita A Pagad, President of the Branch presided. Participants: 21.



Another event, held at Government Saraswati PU College, Shahapur, was inaugurated by Mrs Anita A Pagad, President. Mrs Shobha Kulkarni, Vice President, FPA India Belagavi Branch was the Chief Guest. Dr Avinash Kavi, Asst Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), was the resource person. Mr B Y Hunnur, Principal, Govt. Saraswati PU College, Shahapur, Belagavi, presided. Participants: 82 PU students.



BENGALURU

A bike rally was organised from Vidhana Soudha to Ambedkar Bhavan in the presence of Mr Shivanandha S Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka, Dr Rathan Kelkar, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Government of India, Mrs M V Savithri, Commissioner, Health & Family Services, Government of India and Dr S Pushparaj, Director, Health & Family Services. Mr Shivanandha Patil flagged off the rally and inaugurated the programme. Dr. Raj Kumar, Deputy Director of Family Welfare & Maternal & Child Health, DHS welcomed the Chief Guests and participants. An exhibition and role play focusing on family planning were organised followed by a talk on the impact of family planning practices on IMR in Karnataka and PC & PNMT Act and a panel discussion of the Prevalence of Contraception in Karnataka. An injectable contraceptive, named Antara, was also launched on the occasion. Among those who took part were government functionaries, doctors, ASHA workers, NGO representatives, social workers and CBOs. Participants: 1,300.



BHUBANESWAR

A mass meeting was organised to observe the Day with Mr Ashok Kumar Samantaray, Branch Manager and Ms Gita Patnaik, Counsellors the eminent persons. The audience comprised of ASHAs Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) members, SHGs and anganwadi workers. Family planning as a human right critical to gender equality, women's empowerment and poverty alleviation was discussed.



CHENNAI

Several programmes were organised by the Branch which included a rally to highlight the importance of family planning. The rally was flagged off by Dr Vijaya Basker, Hon'ble Health Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu. The participants were youth volunteers of the Branch and staff members.

In another programme, Mr A Elangovan, M&E Officer of the Branch, spoke on All India Radio, Chennai, on the theme 'Family Planning is a Human Right'. The station had organised a radio bridge programme covering Tiruchi, Madurai, Koyambuthur, Thirunelveli, Nilgiris and Pondicherry to broadcast the talk across Tamil Nadu. Mr. M. Munavar Basha, Consultant spoke on non-discrimination in family planning programme. His speech was broadcast live by All India Radio stations in Tamil Nadu.

A quiz contest was conducted for students at the Velankanni Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar on July 18. Participants: 18 students.

Mr A Elangovan, M&E Officer, organised yet another programme for students focusing on adolescent issues. Participants: 200.



DINDIGUL

The Day was marked by organizing a walkathon, in association with the District Family Welfare Bureau, on July 12. Mr T G Vinay, District Collector of Dindigul District, flagged off the walkathon, which commenced at the Collector's camp office and ended at the Government Headquarters Hospital. Participants: 100 nursing students.



A sensitization programme was held at the Anugraha Institute of Social Science on July 17. Students and faculty members of BSW and MSW participated in the programme. Prof J William, Department of Social Work, and Prof Mrs A Philomin Kalamary, Dept. of Mathematics, from the Institute addressed the audience. The keynote address was delivered by Dr S Parthiban, Branch Manager, Mrs A Panchavarnam, Clinic Counsellor, spoke about sexual health and rights. Mr S Balathandayuthapani, Statistical Officer, gave the vote of thanks

GWALIOR

The importance of small families was sensitized to the community on World Population Day. Two days were dedicated to this programme in the rural outreach areas on July 17 and 19. The event at Supawali village was arranged by Mrs Pushpa, a stakeholder, who invited women from community and anganwadi workers to participate. Dr Ragani and Mr Bhagwan Das, the village Sarpanch, were the Chief Guests. Mr Achendra Singh Kushwah, PO, outlined the objective of the programme. Mrs Neelam Dixit, Branch Manager, briefed the importance of small family norms and role of volunteers and Ms Sakshi Arora spoke about the safe abortion care and family planning methods and appreciated the work of FPAIndia. Participants: 75 women

The Branch organised a nukkad natak at the outreach operational area Rairu village in coordination with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. The focus of the skit was to sensitize truckers and the local community about safe and legal abortion, HIV prevention and small family ideals. Mrs. Neelam Dixit, Branch Manager, gave information on the theme. Mr Sameer Dilip Tamre, Chief Depot Manager, HPCL, Chief Guest and Mr Pankaj Kumawat, Safety Officer, HPCL spoke to the audience on health, hygiene and other general health issues. Free medicines were distributed to the participants.



HYDERABAD

A series of programmes were organised to mark the Day at both urban and rural outreach centres.

A health check-up and gynaecological examination programme was conducted for women at Raj Nagar on July 11. Mohd. Najeebulla Sharif, Branch Counsellor-cum-Coordinator, explained about the theme. Dr Dorothy Silver, MO, examined the clients, treated them and ANM distributed medicines. Participants: 79.

An essay writing competition was organised for students of Government High School, Shamshiguda. Participants: 60.

At the Government Junior College, Jinnaram, a session for students was conducted on July 11. Dr Shrishya, MO, Primary Health Centre, briefed the students about the theme of the day and spoke about the services offered at the centre and a rally was also conducted. Participants: 92 students.



INDORE

The Branch organised multimedia activities to celebrate the Day, helping to generate awareness about small families. The activities included - exhibition and signature campaign at Bhagirathpura on July 5. Participants: 120; exhibition at DRP Lines on July 6. Participants: 100; another exhibition-cum-signature campaign at Polo Ground on July 11. Participants: 150; an awareness programme and exhibition at Laxmibai Nagar Malgodam on July 12. Participants: 60 and an exhibition near Rambagh Bridge on July 13. Participants: 80.



JABALPUR

A symposium on the theme of World Population Day was organised, along with several motivational and sensitization programmes. Those who took part included like-minded NGOs, government officials, anganwadi workers and ASHAs. Mr Ashok Rohani, MLA, was the Chief Guest who spoke on the occasion. Dr Murlu Agrawal, Chief Medical and Health Officer and Mr AJ Deshmukh, Patron of the Branch, spoke on population related issues. Er. BD Dutta, Branch President and Dr Mrs Shirish Jamdar, Gynaecologist and Social Activist addressed the gathering.



KALCHINI

The important occasion was celebrated over a two-week period – from July 11 to 24. The events were conducted in collaboration with the Block Primary Health Centre, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal at different location of Kalchini Block for Government Field Workers (Supervisors and ANMs), youth and school students. A rally was organised from the Kalchini Static Clinic to Hamiltonganj for disseminating the information related to human rights. Participants: 200 ANMs and students.

A seminar related to human rights on family planning was also organised at the Panchayat Samiti Hall, with government workers taking part. Speeches, presentations and open discussions were the highlights. Participants: 68.

Special service sessions were conducted throughout the period. Beneficiaries: 257.



KOLKATA

The Day was celebrated in association with the District Family Welfare Bureau, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal. A rally was organised on July 16 from the Bureau office covering Moulali areas. Dr Brojeswar Mazumder, District Family Welfare Officer, Dr Kartick Chandra Mondal, DMCHO, Mr Supratip Mazumder, Branch Manager, Dr Manjulika Mondal, Medical Consultant and Ms Mousumi Das, Programme Officer, were present. Participants: 80



MADURAI

The Branch celebrated the Day with different programmes. Dr S Parthiban, Branch Manager, took part in a Special Radio Bridge programme live at FM Rainbow Madurai on the subject of Reproductive Health and Rights. The programme was beamed live across Madurai, Chennai, Thirunelveli, Trichy, Coimbatore and Pondicherry stations of All India Radio.

A sensitization programme was organised at Crescent Group of Colleges on July 18. Dr S Parthiban, Branch Manager and Mrs B Ashifa, PO, were the resource persons. Dr S Mahdood Ariffa, Principal of the College, presided over the event. In another event, a district-level inter school competition was conducted for students on the topic of World Population Day.



MOHALI

Three awareness programmes were conducted to observe World Population Day, on July 10 in Sector 52. Participants: 27 women, on July 11 in Adarsh Colony. Participants: 21 women and at the Government Senior Secondary School, Gobindgarh. Participants: 107 students.

NAGALAND

The Branch celebrated World Population Day in association with Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, National Health Mission, at Kiphire, with a series of activities.

A population mobilization fortnight programme was the first activity, conducted on July 10 at Seyochung. Mr Vincent Belho, General Manager; Mr. Sentilemla Longkumer, M&E Officer; and Mr Robi Thapa, Clinic Secretary, were the resource persons. A quiz was organised and prizes were given away, while musicians DiezeSothu and Kezevinuo from Top Acts entertained the audience.

In another event, a state-level advocacy programme was organised at Kiphire on the theme 'Start a meaningful tomorrow with family planning' on July 11. Mr Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire; Additional Director, Department of Health & Family Welfare, and Deputy CMO Kiphire, and other stakeholders of the town, graced the occasion. Ms Ville Rhetso, Counsellor, spoke on the role of NGO in promoting family planning and Mr Vincent Belho, General Manager, proposed a vote of thanks.

A roadside campaign at Kiphire was held on July 11, in the evening. It was led by Mr Vincent Belho, General Manager, and included a short speech and an impromptu quiz competition. Musicians Dieze Sothu and Kezevinuo from Top Acts once again belted out their hits.



On July 21, in collaboration with NHM the Branch conducted two Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) on family planning were conducted. The first FGD was conducted with 10 members from Vision Trinity Charity Club at RHFPC Satellite Centre. The second FGD was conducted with 15 women at New Market area.

For the entire fortnight from 11th to 24th July, free contraceptive services were provided at the Branch clinic. The complete activity was covered in the local newspapers and social media.

NEW DELHI

The Branch aimed to create awareness about population, sensitize teachers to be messengers of family planning benefits and motivate young school children to act as mobilizers for population control related matters. A seminar was organized in association with Government Sarvodaya Co-educational Senior Secondary School, R K Puram. Ms Poornima, Coordinator of the School, and Dr Suchitra Wadhwa, Medical Officer, spoke on the occasion. Ms Shanu, teacher, proposed the vote of thanks. Participants: 193 students aged 15-19 and 11 teachers.



NILGIRIS

An awareness programme was organised in association with R K Trust, Coonoor. Mr J Varatharajan, Branch Manager, in his keynote address, elaborated on family planning as a human right. Mrs Usha, Trustee, R K Trust and Mr Rajesh, PO were also present. Participants: 24 women.



NORTH KANARA

The Day was celebrated with an awareness programme at Gibb English High School with students and Branch staff. Mr Beeranna Nayak, Hon Treasurer, spoke on the need to control population, while Dr Radhika Bhat Kodlekere, Medical Officer, RHFPC gave details on family planning methods. Participants: 270 students

In another event, an awareness programme and competitions were held at the Taluka Panchayath Hall, Kumta, on July 24. Dr Azna Nayak, THO, Kumta, spoke on family planning and contraceptive methods. Dr Radhika Bhat Khodlekere, MO, RHFPC dwelt on the importance of population, while Ms Manjula Gouda, PO, facilitated the programme. Participants: 150.



PANCHKULA

An awareness programme about population and its control was organized for the community at Bhainsa Tibba. Mr Manoj Kumar Garg, General Manager, and Ms Sonia Arora, PO, were the resource persons who conducted the event. Participants: 91.



RAJKOT

The Day's highlight was the orientation session conducted in collaboration with Shree J H Bhalodiya Women's College, Rajkot. Mr Jashubhai H Patel, Branch Manager, spoke on the occasion. Participants: 132 girl students.



SOLAPUR

A rally was organized at Walchand College. Students of the college were actively involved, creating and showcasing posters with slogans and IEC material. Dr Mrunalini Fadnavis, Vice Chancellor, Solapur University, Prof Dr Shrikant Yelegaonkar, Jt. Hon. Treasurer, FPA India Dr Nabha Kakade, President, Solapur Branch and BEC Members were present.



SOUTH KANARA

A special programme to mark the Day was organized at Kalakiran Club, Bailur, on July 17. Mrs Harini Damodar, President of the Branch, Mr Kodankoor Devaraja Moorthy, Hon Secretary, Dr Srikrishna Aithal, MO, UFWC, Mr Vijaya Poojary, Udupi Municipality Counsellor and Mr Suresh V Bangera, President of Kalakiran Club were present. Participants: 24.

In a related event, Mr Kodankoor Devaraja Moorthy, Hon Secretary, spoke on population at DugliPadav AWC on July 20. Mrs Harini Damodar, President of the Branch and Mr Bhaskar Shetty, Vice President also attended the programme. Participants: 46.

Mr Kodankoor Devaraja Moorthy, Hon Secretary and Dr Srikrishna Aithal, MO, UFWC, were the resource persons at another programme at Srikrishna Uchitha Vidyarthinilaya, Kukkikatte. Mrs Harini Damodar, President of the Branch and Ms Gayathri, Head Teacher, were also present. Participants: 79 students.



VIJAYAPUR

The Day was celebrated in collaboration with Shri Hemaraddy Mallamma High School at the Hemaraddy Mallamma Kalyan Mantapa, Jalanagar. Dr C M Chippalkatti, LMO and Mr Prasanna Joshi, Branch Manager, addressed the gathering about population issues. Participants: 18 women and staff.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 18TH JULY

MADURAI

The Branch Manager presided over the event at Crescent College of Education. This was followed by planting of trees in the campus. Participants: 100 students.



FPA INDIA'S 69TH FOUNDATION DAY – 23RD JULY THEME: THE BEGINNING: FPA INDIA BRANCH

AGRA

FPA India's role as a premier voluntary organization in the spheres of family planning, and education in sexual rights, and the rights of men and women, was reiterated on this special day. Mr Parag Datt Sharma, General Manager and Regional Lead, addressed the staff and volunteers. He mentioned about the importance of volunteers for the Association. Dr Arun Tewari, President, FPA India Agra Branch, traced the history of the Branch, which began with a Youth Education of Sexuality (YES) project funded by NLCB, UK and IPPF SARO in 2001. The Branch was inaugurated in June 2015 with Mrs Pakshalika Singh as the first President, moving into its own building with an RHFPIC attached, in 2008. Dr Hemendra Chaturvedi, Member of Agra Branch said that Smt Avabai Wadia is an ideal icon for influencing volunteerism to organization and all should take initiative to serve the needy population by doing different social and developmental activities.



AHMEDABAD

The Day was observed at Nashabandhi Mandal, Laldarwaja. Mr Purshottambhai Patel, President, spoke about volunteerism in FPA India. Mr Suresh Maratha, General Manager and Regional Lead, explained about the evolution and journey of FPA India, while thanking volunteers and senior staff. Senior staff and volunteers were felicitated with bouquets and medals. Dr Armaity Davar, Secretary, Dr Manoranjaben Shah, Hon Treasurer; Mr Dashrathbhai Patel, Ex-President; Mr Bharatvhai Joshi, Ex-Vice President shared their experiences as Volunteers of FPA India, Ms Smitlataben Christian, Ms Maryben Dabhi and Mr Ashok Kapure also shared their journey with FPA India as staff. Mr Ashyut Chinubhai, Vice President, gave a vote of thanks.



BALLARI

The Branch observed the Day highlighting 'sustainability' and 'resource mobilization'. Dr BKS Murthy, renowned physician and senior member of the Branch, spoke about the early leadership of FPA India. Mrs S Vijayalakshmi, Branch Manager In-charge, dwelt on the milestones of the Association. Mrs Maya P Rao, Ex-Vice President, Dr Jalajakashi, the first Ex-Medical Officer who started the RHFPIC, Mrs Rati Kapadiya, Ex-Population Education Officer, were felicitated. Mr TG Vittal, Hon Secretary, FPA India Ballari Branch, presided.



A health checkup camp on SRH was organized the next day at Siriwar. Beneficiaries: 52 women, who were screened for cervical cancer through VIA. Another health check up for High School students along with IEC exhibition on communicable diseases was organised. Beneficiaries: 350. In another camp, 85 PLHIV benefited from the health checkup.

BELAGAVI

The 69th Foundation Day of FPA India was inaugurated by Er. Anand G Kulkarni, Consulting Civil Engineer and Past Governor, Rotary International. Senior volunteers, senior staff and ASHA workers were felicitated for their contributions. Among those who shared their experiences were Prof GK Khadabadi, Immediate Past President and Senior Volunteer, Mr J K Hiremath, Former Branch Manager, Mrs Arati R Kulkarni, Nursing Assistant; and Mrs Sangeeta Kamble, ASHA worker. Dr. Vinoda C. Bawdekar; Hon. Secretary, spoke about the Branch journey and the developmental phases during her service period as Medical Officer, RHFP.



BENGALURU

The important Day was celebrated at the Branch on August 3. Mrs Hemalatha Satish Shet, Corporator, Rajmahal Nagar, was the resource person who inaugurated the programme. Dr Neelambika of Inchara Melodies gave an invocation to start the event. Mr Sandeep T, M&E Officer, welcomed the gathering. Mrs Rekha G, General Manager, and Ms Ramya Bhat, Youth Volunteer, gave an introduction about FPA India. The volunteers and donors felicitated include, Dr Leelavathi Devdas, FPA India Volunteer who served on BEC and as office bearer and Rajyostava Award winner, Mr Gowri Shankar S, donor, Mrs Lalithambha Thotappa and Mr Shashidhar MN, FPA India Volunteer for donating ₹ 20,000/- each for printing the Branch Annual Report 2017 and Dr Somashekar M V, Managing Director, MEGCON LIFE Science donated 200 T-Shirts for World Population Day.

Several cultural events like mono acts and dance performances were conducted. The evening ended with a vote of thanks by Mr Prateek Subhedar, Youth Volunteer. Participants: 57 Volunteers and staff.



BHUBANESWAR

The celebration focused on the role of volunteers and staff, which helped FPA India spread across the country to serve the needy. Prof Radhamohan, noted social activist, graced the celebration programme and spoke to the gathering, comprising of volunteers and staff belonging to the Branch. Participants: 35.

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CHENNAI

The Branch felicitated long-serving volunteers, staff members and community members. The event was held at the UFWC building, and was attended by Mr S Padmanabhan, Hon Secretary of the Branch. The audience included volunteers, both old and new, staff members and people from the community. Ms Mythili Muralidharan, President, Indica Project of the Rotary Club of Chennai Gemini, was the Chief Guest. Dr R Sivakumar, President, Rotary Club of Chennai Golden Star, was the Guest of Honour.



DHARWAD

An elaborate felicitation was organized for long-serving volunteers and staff members at the Srushti PU Science College. Mr Vishwanth Koliwad, Past Secretary General; and Mrs Indira Prasad, Past President, were the eminent persons who were also honoured. Mrs Sujatha S Anishettar, Branch Manager, spoke about the journey of the Branch, which was set up in 1971. A skit was presented to explain the Association's activities. The audience comprised of FPA India Members, Youth Members, Partner Organizations, ASHAs, anganwadi workers and teachers. Participants: 310.



GWALIOR

A media meet was organized to mark the Foundation Day, with the objective of eliciting media support in FPA India's activities. Mrs Neelam Dixit, Branch Manager and Mrs Seema Sharma, President, addressed personnel from the media and briefed them about the Association. Dr K K Dixit, Treasurer, also spoke on the occasion. Youth volunteers and other members who provided best services in FPA India were awarded. Participants: 38.



HYDERABAD

The special Day began with 'Srimantham' of pregnant women from the Branch's catchment areas. Anganwadi workers, ANMs and ASHAs mobilized the women who were felicitated. Dr C Ambuja, President of the Branch and Elected Member, FPA India, spoke to the women about diet and care during pregnancy. Dr. Ambuja, Mrs Sangita Gilda, Hon Treasurer, and Dr Renu Kapoor, General Manager and Regional Lead presented them with the gift box consisting of fruits, haldi kumkum, bangles and protinex powder which was sponsored by Life Cell, an organization working on stem cell. Participants: 50.

In another programme, later in the day, senior volunteers and staff were honoured at the Branch. Among those felicitated were Dr K Khalleuddin, Mr P K Jindal, Dr Mrs Mamta Lakshamana, Mrs Susheel Jindal and Mr P P Vithal Rao, Senior Volunteers, Mr S N Pasha, Mr Krishnaiah and Mr Gopal, senior staff. Dr Renu Kapoor made a presentation about the history of the Branch.



INDORE

The Branch celebrated the Day with partners, stakeholders, volunteers and staff members. Dr Bhartendra Holkar, President, Mr Arvind Singh Parihar, Vice President, Mr R K Chhajer, Hon Treasurer and Dr Mrs Meenakshi Arya, BEC Member were the key people present. The role and contribution of FPA India in the society was highlighted by Mr Pratul K Jain, Branch Manager. Special mention was made about health issues of women as they help to keep the family together and healthy. Ms Arti Kushwah, CEO, Priya Sakhi Mahila Sangh, thanked FPA India Indore for such an informative session. Participants: 25.

Two awareness camps on financial literacy, health and women empowerment were organized – one at Mouni Baba Ashram on July 23 with 250 participants, and the other at Kushwah Samaj Dharmshala on July 26 with 400 participants.



JABALPUR

The programme started with a dance performance by Ms Roshni Choudhary, Youth Volunteer. Former volunteers and staff members were part of the celebrations. A lot of publicity material like banners, balloons and handouts were created as well. Mr Omendra Chauhan, General Manager of the Branch, Mrs Leena Mukherjee, Past President, Dr Venu Yadu, Dr Namita Parashar and Dr Anshu Saini, former MOs and Er. BD Dutta, Branch President, spoke on the occasion. Former staff members and senior volunteers were felicitated with mementos and shawls. Mrs Chitralakha Banerjee, Vice President of the Branch, gave the vote of thanks. The event was covered by the local press.



KALCHINI

Mrs Mamta Ghising, President of the Branch, welcomed the gathering to kick off the celebrations. In the audience were volunteers, ex-staff members, government officials, teachers, local NGOs, PRIs, SHGs, ASHAs, police personnel, youth, students, tea garden health providers and staff members of FPA India. The Branch felicitated 31 senior volunteers, four senior staff members and 16 tea garden health providers, 13 nodal teachers, 18 field workers, 11 BEC members and 18 staff members.

Mr Tushar Chakraborty, General Manager, focused on resource mobilization in his speech, thanking donors like Mahindra & Mahindra who donated the USG machine and other supporting medical equipment's to the Branch. Mrs Surupa Roy, Joint Treasurer, gave the vote of thanks.



MUMBAI

The Foundation Day was celebrated in association with Aarzo Foundation, in the presence of the following dignitaries: Mrs Runita Chakorkar, Professor, Ambedkar College, Mrs Megha, Principal, Ambedkar School, PSI Mr Ashok Thombre, Tilak Nagar Police Station, Dr Vipul Khira, Hon Treasurer, FPA India Mumbai Branch, Dr Ramesh Sharma, Hon Gen Physician, associated with Avabai Wadia Health Centre since its inception. The highlight was the HBsAg testing and free vaccination administered to 38 KPs, TGs, PLHIVs. In addition, World Hepatitis Day was also observed, creating awareness among the target population on the need for testing and vaccination.



KOLKATA

The role of volunteers was praised by Mr Supratip Mazumder, Branch Manager, in his speech the mark the special Day. Guests Dr Bipasa Sen, Consultant Surgeon, Dr Diptendu Chatterjee, HOD, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Kolkata, Mr Madan Mohan De, Branch ex-staff and Mrs Baijayanti Bauri, Associate Professor, Dept. of Preventive and Social Medicine, Kolkata Medical College and Committee Member, inaugurated the celebrations by lighting the lamp. This was followed by the guests speaking to the gathering. Ms Anshua Das, a field volunteers, spoke about her involvement with FPA India for the last 13 years. Cultural events by the staff followed.



MYSURU

To mark the Foundation day the Tailoring and Beautician course for women were inaugurated and Rtn Sunil L Baliga, Zonal Assistant Director of Rotary Mysore District, Rtn M. Perumal, the President of Rotary Ivory Club of Mysore, Rtn Thenmozhi Perumal, the Vice President of the Club and Rtn. Nagaraj and Rtn Mrs. Shobha, the Past President of Rotary Ivory Club, promised to support the activities of the Branch. Dr. S N Hegde, Chairman, Adhoc Committee explained the aims and objectives of FPA India and narrated and appreciated the dedicated service of the volunteers. Dr Mylahalli Revanna, Member, Adhoc Committee delivered the keynote address. Mrs Bijimole, Branch Manager In-charge, welcomed the audience, Mrs Devika compered, and Mrs Shaheen Taj gave the vote of thanks. Participants: 56.



MOHALI

Over 100 people participated in the celebrations, with Mr Vishal Waswani, Area Manager, Larsen & Toubro Ltd, Chandigarh, as the Guest of Honour. Mr IPS Bajwa, Vice President, Dr (Mrs) Veena Gupta, Vice President, Dr N K Sharda, BEC Member, Mr Rajesh Kumar, Branch Manager, Mrs Harsh Bala, PO and Mr Harinder Pal Singh, M&E Officer were the other speakers. The event enjoyed widespread coverage in the print media.



NAGALAND

The programme began with a welcome speech by Ms Sentilemla Longkumer, M&E Officer. Mr James Liezietsu, President of the Branch, spoke about the history of FPA India. Mr Vincent Belho, General Manager, traced the early days of the Branch. Mr Viketouzo Victor, PO, compered the event, while Ms Ville Rhetso, Counsellor, gave the vote of thanks.



NORTH KANARA

Old staff felicitation was the major agenda of the Day. Dr G G Hegde, Branch President, honoured former staff members and volunteers. Among those felicitated were Mr M N Hegde, Retired Branch Manager, Ms Kusuma Moger, ANM, Mr G I Hegde, Past President, Mr Gururaj Gunaga, Volunteer, Mr B S Gounder and Mr S V Kamat, Volunteers. Dr G G Hegde underlined the importance of volunteering and support for an organization like FPA India. The others who addressed the gathering were Mr M N Hegde, Retired Branch Manager, Mr G I Hegde, Past President, Dr Ashok Bhat, BEC Member, Mr Beeranna Nayak, Hon Treasurer, Ms Kusuma Moger, ANM and Mrs Santan Louis, Branch Manager. The event was covered by a local television station.



NEW DELHI

The celebrations at the Branch had two objectives, to spread awareness about FPA India and to do proactive advocacy with the government. The events of the day were supported by two NGOs, Social Awareness and Voluntary Education (SAVE) and Sehyog, senior teachers from two schools of R K Puram, Mr Ishwar Singh, Community Leader and IPPF-SARO team.

Mrs Parmila Tokas, local MLA, was the Chief Guest. A film on FPA India was followed by a presentation by Mr Sreedharan Nair, Director, External Relations, and during the felicitation, Mrs Tokas appreciated the work of FPA India. Mr Jamil Ahmed, Director, Institutional Support, IPPF-SARO, briefed the audience about IPPF and its activities. The evening ended with a cultural programme.



PANCHKULA

The important Day was celebrated with staff and volunteers. Mrs Reva Gandhi, Patron, Mrs Rekha Kapoor, Member, Mrs Usha Pahwa, immediate Past President and Mr Vijay Sharma, Accounts Clerk, were present. The Branch history and experiences were shared with the audience. Participants: 40.



NILGIRIS

The Branch observed the Day with an interactive event with the senior staff on July 30 at RHFPC, Coonoor. Mrs Puwane-swary Packianathan, Hon Secretary, presided over the meeting while Mr J Varatharajan, Branch Manager, welcomed the gathering. Senior staff members were felicitated, and they shared their experiences working with the Branch. Mrs Grace, former ANM and senior staff and Dr K Srinivasan Pothi, Senior Surgeon, spoke at length. Other seniors who shared their experiences included Mrs Esther Poongodi, former Outreach Worker, Mrs Juliet Flora Vanaja, former Staff Nurse and Mrs Vanithamani, former Outreach Worker. On this occasion new letterhead of the Branch was released by Mr. G. Premanand, President and Mr. R. Harimohan, Hon. Treasurer



SHIVAMOGGA

Mr H R Umesh Aradhya, President, FPA India and Chairperson of the Regional Council, IPPF-SAR, was the Chief Guest along with Mr Ashok Naik, Corporator and former staff of the Branch. The Day was dedicated to our founder volunteers like Mr Gopal Krishna Kolthaya and Mrs Sandhya Kaveri. The audience comprised of nursing students from Subbaiah College, and they were introduced to FPA India and its activities and services.



SOLAPUR

A new letterhead was released at the hands Mr Ulhas Patil, Past President and Dr Madhukar Lokhande, former Vice President. Also present were Prof Dr Shrikant Yelegaonkar, Jt. Hon. Treasurer, FPA India, Dr Nabha Kakade, President, Prof Dr B N Kamble, Hon. Treasurer, Prof Dr N B Teli, Hon. Secretary, Adv. Mrs Teja Kulkarni, Vice President, Mrs Sapana Chitte, Hon. Treasurer, Mr Ramanlal Soniminde, Vice President, Mr Sugat Gaikwad, Branch Manager and Ms Vijayshri Amale and Mr Shrikant Satarle, Youth Volunteers.



SOUTH KANARA

The Day was celebrated at the Branch with staff and senior volunteers. Mrs Harini Damodar, Branch Manager, spoke about the history of the Branch and its achievements. Senior volunteers and staff were felicitated, among them was Mrs Sumangala, ANM, UFWC.



YAMUNANAGAR

Volunteers, local donors, BEC Members, stakeholders, media and staff were part of the celebrations at the Branch. Senior volunteers and staff were felicitated on the special Day. Mrs Raman Sachdeva, President, Mrs Indu Kapoor, Vice President and Dr Anjana Taluja, Branch Manager, spoke on the occasion. Mr C Vijayendra, former MO, shared his experiences. Among the guests were members of the Inner Wheel Club, Sai Sobhagya, Rashtriya Sewa Samiti, Civil Hospital and the Red Cross Society of Yamunanagar. Mrs Leena Gupta, President, Inner Wheel Club, was presented with a memento by the Branch.



WORLD HEPATITIS DAY – 27TH JULY

THEME: FIND THE MISSING MILLIONS

PANCHKULA

A health camp was organised in association with the Inner Wheel Club, Panchkula, at Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh. People in the high-risk category were given Hep-B injections. Mrs Anupam Jain, President, Inner Wheel Club, Panchkula, Mrs Manjula Garg, Hon Treasurer; and Mr Vinod Kapoor, President, were the resource persons. Inner Wheel Club Panchkula arranged Hepatitis vials and hospitality. Participants: 38.

WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2018 – 1ST-7TH AUGUST

THEME: BREASTFEEDING – FOUNDATION OF LIFE

AHMEDABAD

The World Breastfeeding Week was celebrated in different outreach areas of the Branch. Women were made aware of the importance of breastfeeding their children. Five awareness programmes were organised. Participants: 155 ANC and PNC women



BELAGAVI

The Week was observed in association with the Inner Wheel Club, Belagavi, at the Branch. Dr Savita Kaddu, Member, was the resource person. She spoke about the importance of breastfeeding and the right technique. Mrs Vasanti Acharya, President of the Inner Wheel Club, was the Chief Guest. Mrs Shobha S Kulkarni, Vice President of the Branch presided. Dr Arati A Kulkarni, MO, explained the objectives of the Week. Participants: 36 PNCs.



BENGALURU

The Branch observed World Breastfeeding Week in collaboration with Lions Club on August 6. The venue was Indian Heritage Academy, Koramangala. Mrs Indira Devi S, Programme Officer, spoke to an audience of women on the importance of breast milk, methods, benefits, family planning, nutrition and hygiene. Participants: 36.



BHUBANESWAR

An awareness programme was conducted to mark the special week. Mr Kalindi Mallick, Cluster Coordinator, Mrs Truptirani Mahapatra, PO, Mrs Gita Patnaik, Counsellor, Mr KK Padhihari, Accounts Officer and Mrs Kuntala Parida, Staff Nurse, were the key people. The audience included ANC/PNC mothers, newly married women, female senior citizens, MAS members, SHGs and youth. Participants: 66.



CHENNAI

An awareness programme for new mothers was organised at the Urban Family Welfare Centre. Dr Alarmel Mangai, MO, spoke to them on the need and importance of breastfeeding. Participants: 40.

DHARWAD

An awareness programme, a health checkup and a healthy baby show were the highlights of the Week. The events were organised in association with the Indian Academy of Pediatricians, Lioness Club, Junior Chambers International, Narayan Hulmani Foundation and Yashodha Welfare Trust. Key dignitaries included Dr Ravindra Joshi, Pediatrician, Mr Arvind Hebsur, President, Lions Club, Dr Jyothi Kachapur, Past President, JCI and Mr Indudhar-Hulmani, President, JCI. The healthy baby show was a huge success with 135 babies taking part in it. Prizes were given away based on the baby's age, weight, immunization, hygiene and other factors.



MOHALI

The Week was observed with an event in Sector 52 on August 3. Dr Veena Gupta, Vice President, spoke on the benefits of breastfeeding. Mrs Ramneet Kaur, PO, explained about the disadvantages of the artificial/bottle feeding.



NILGIRIS

Dhoobakandi village was the venue for the Branch's Breastfeeding Week celebrations. An awareness programme and a quiz content were the key highlights. Mr G Lakshminarayanan, Chairperson, Programme Sub-Committee and BEC Member, spoke about the theme to the audience and Mrs Sarala, Village Head Nurse, Nedugula Primary Health Centre, spoke about the benefits of breast feeding. Mr G L Rajesh, PO was also present. Participants: 22 Mothers.



PANCHKULA

Awareness programmes and health camps were organised at Mansa Devi, Rajiv Colony and Indira Colony. As part of the programme, nutritious chana chat was prepared and distributed in packets to ANC and PNC women. The event was held in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club, Panchkula. Mrs Anupam Jain, President, Inner Wheel Club and Ms Pooja Issari, Dietician, were the resource persons. Participants: 75.

SHIVAMOGGA

The special occasion was celebrated from August 1 to 10, in association with the Rotary Club, Inner Wheel Club, Spandana Health Foundation Trust, Daivagna Mahila Mandal, JCI Shimoga Bhavana, District Health Office and other NGOs. Mrs Pushpa Shetty, President of the Branch, and Mrs Jalakshmi Chandrahas, Vice President, spoke at the event. Others present were, Mr S B Ashok Kumar, Secretary, and Mr H B Ramesh Babu, Past President. An awareness programme, quiz contest, haldikumkum and distribution of nutritious food to ANCs and PNCs were the highlights.



Gundlur, Member of the Branch, was the chief guest. He urged the youth to participate in FPA India Youth forum activities and in all the social activities. Ms Anandi Talwar, Youth Volunteer, was present and Mr C S Ramdurg, Principal, Govt. PU College, Vadgaon, presided. Participants: 235 students.



PANCHKULA

A play on SRH issues was organised by the youth members of the Branch at Government Senior Secondary School in Sector 6. Mrs Anita Batra, BEC Member, and Mrs Sonia Arora, PO, attended the programme. Participants: 121.



VIJAYAPUR

Dr S A Jalageri, President, Lions Club and Dr S B Desai, Retired DHO, were the key speakers at the event, held at the old RHFC. Also present were Dr Ramesh Sollapur, PO; Dr Zenat Musirif, MO, Government Navabhaga Urban Health Centre; Mr Ravindra Karpurmath, President, Mallikarjun Temple Committee; Mr Sharanayya Mathpati; Mr Shashikant Kumathali, City Programme Manager, Health Department; Mrs Annapurna Kubbkaddi, CDPO, Women and Child Department and Mrs Kaveri Kamble, Supervisor, Women & Child Department. Participants: 180 ANC and PNC.



WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY – 13TH AUGUST

SOLAPUR

The rally was inaugurated with flag hoisting by Dr P R Kulkarni, Dean, Civil Hospital. The dignitaries present included Prof Dr Shrikant Yelegaonkar, Jt. Hon. Treasurer, FPA India, Prof Dr B N Kamble, Hon. Treasurer, Prof Dr Indira Chaudhari, Professor, Walchand College, Dr Sandeep Holkar, Civil Hospital, Dr Sunil Ghatge, Dean, Civil Hospital and Mr Chandubhai Dedhiyya, Social Worker.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE YOUTH – 13TH AUGUST

THEME: Safe Spaces for Youth

BELAGAVI

A programme was organised to observe the Day at Government PU College, Vadgaon. Prof G K Khadabadi, Past President, inaugurated the programme. In his inaugural address he stressed about the role of youth in the development of a nation. Mr Mohan G

TEACHERS' DAY – 5TH SEPTEMBER

MADURAI

Teachers' Day was celebrated at Kasthuri Bai Gandhi Corporation Girls High School. Ms. B. Ashifa, Programme Officer, spoke on the relationship between teachers and students. Participants: 1,200 students and teachers.



KALCHINI

The Branch celebrated the Day through a variety of activities that included a rally, seminar, signature campaign and quiz contest related to safe legal abortion and sensitization on 'I Decide What Happens to My Body'. The audience comprised of 101 Rural Medical Practitioners, chemists and social workers, who were sensitized on the theme: 'I decide what happens to my body'.

WORLD CONTRACEPTION DAY – 26TH SEPTEMBER

BALLARI

An awareness programme was organised in Shreedharagadda village and at RHFPC for out-of-school girls. The objective was to encourage informed choices among young people on Sexual and Reproductive Health. The President of the Gram Panchayat, who was present, appreciated the relevance of the topic as being useful for the youth. Participants: 40 girls



MUMBAI

A street play and rally were the highlights of the Day, organised at Mahatma Phule Nagar. The play was enacted by adolescents from the Youth Forum to increase awareness about the MTP Law, and was witnessed by around 200 people from the community. The rally was attended by 136 anganwadi sevikas. Both events were held in the presence of Dr Shradha Bhagat, MO; Mrs Priya Detke, ORW; Mr Ravikant Yadre and Mr Prashant, Wardboys.

INTERNATIONAL SAFE ABORTION DAY – 28TH SEPTEMBER

THEME: : DIVERSE ACTIONS, DIFFERENT PLACES, ONE DEMAND: ACCESS TO SAFE AND LEGAL ABORTION

AHMEDABAD

The Day was observed with a sensitization programme and signature campaign with the students of Social Work, Gujarat University. Mr Suresh Maratha, General Manager and Regional Lead, spoke on the occasion, underlying the importance of the Day. Dr Jalpaben Vyas, Gynaecologist, explained about MTP Act, safe and unsafe abortion, legal and illegal abortion and consequences of unsafe abortion.



JABALPUR

An awareness programme and signature campaign marked the celebrations of the Branch. The signature campaign was a mega event at Bhanwartal Park on September 30. Over 200 signatures were gathered in support of access to safe and legal abortion. A street play was the highlight of the awareness programme based on the vicious circle of gender violence, early marriage and pregnancy, leading to female feticide.



Community sensitization programme on Gender/SGBV

The programme, which also included women's empowerment and masculinity, was organised on August 23 and 28. Dr SK Shukla, Principal, JV Junior High School, was the resource person in which ICDS workers, women representatives, teachers, ASHA workers and active members of women's groups also participated, apart from people from the community. Awareness and sensitization were part of the key agenda. Participants: 45.



BRANCH NEWS



AHMEDABAD

Comprehensive Sexuality Education programme conducted

A two-day training programme on Comprehensive Sexuality Education was organised to provide training on 'Growing Up is Fun' module. Participants: 27.



AGRA

Training programme for health care providers

A one-day training programme was organised on gender sensitive services provided to – SGBV survivors on September 16. Dr Arun Tewari, President, FPA India, Agra Branch, welcomed the participants. Mr Parag Datt Sharma General Manager and Regional Lead, described about FPA India Agra Branch and briefly explained the aim of the orientation training programme and Mr Mukesh Rathore, PO, focused on the need to address GBV and how to integrate SGBV screening within the existing healthcare system. Dr Siyaram Sharma, Ex-CMO and BEC Member, FPA India Agra Branch and Dr Hariram Bhadoria, Member, Bhartiya Chikitsa Kendriya Parishad, Bharat Sarkar, spoke on Gender Based Violence during the interactive session. Participants: 17.



Networking meeting for NGOs and CBOs

The Branch, in association with CBO PahelJyot Mandal, conducted a networking meeting at the Branch RHFC. The key objective of the session was to explore ways to strengthen the partnership with CBOs which are working for MSM/TGs and their Partners. The need of the KPs were identified and ways devised to support them. Participants: 35.



BALLARI

Skill development training for females

The Branch organised skill development training for key population and young people to address poverty, unemployment and vulnerability to empower individuals and communities. The training programme was conducted for women and young girls in Somasamudra village in August 2018 and in Sreedharagadda village in September 2018. The training covered making silk thread, saree kutch design and basic beautician course. Ms Sujatha, Statistical Officer, gave the keynote address. Mrs Shilpadevi and Mrs H Vijayalakshmi Rao, link workers, were the resource persons. Participants: 60.



BELAGAVI

Awareness programme for ASHA workers on Safe Abortion and Cervical Cancer

The programme was organised at Primary Health Centre, Mutaga on July 25. The resource persons were Dr Arati A Kulkarni, MO-RHFPC; and Dr Shivani D Patil, MO-ORS. Mr Krishna N Gumaste, Branch Manager In-charge was the Chief Guest. Dr MV Kivudasannavar, MO-PHC, Mutaga, presided. Participants: 59 ASHA workers.



BHUBANESWAR

IEC meeting on Gender Based Violence

The meeting was conducted for MAS members and SHGs. Mrs Truptirani Mohapatra, PO; Ms Gita Patnaik, Counselor; and Mr Tapaswini Das, Health Educator, were the resource persons who spoke on the occasion. Participants: 60.

Training programme on capacity building

A programme to help uplift women from Muslim community was organised. The objectives were to assist them to become self-re-

liant, use their capacity more, generate income and lead a better life. To this end, several topics were covered including machine parts, cutting, measurement, types of bags, usage of bags, etc. Participants: 20.

Awareness programme on nutrition

The ASHAs of the area were the resource person in this programme which was attended by ANCs, PNCs, women and young girls. They were sensitized about the need for nutrition and were shown easier methods to prepare nutritional food. Participants: 757.

Humanitarian project implemented

The project, called Humanitarian Project - Integrating Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) in Community based Disaster Management Plan, was done as a pilot in two villages in Brahmagiri, Puri. It is being funded by the Headquarter and has a six-month duration (July 1-December 31, 2018). Beneficiaries: 2,500 villagers of Jagannath Patna and Moto villages.



CHENNAI

Free medical check-up camp

The free camp was organised for customers of Bank of India on September 7. It was conducted at the bank premises. Beneficiaries: 45.



DHARWAD

Comprehensive Health Awareness and Health Service Project for pregnant mothers, children, adolescents, men and women

A new project focusing on ensuring safe pregnancy and prevention of malnutrition among infants by providing antenatal and post-natal care, with special focus on high risk pregnancies to prevent maternal and infant mortality was implemented. This includes screening adolescent girls for anaemia and women for

cervical cancer and treating iron deficiency and STIs. The one-year long project, funded by Tata Motors, Dharwad, aims to cover 5,000 beneficiaries in eight villages, including ANCs, PNCs, adolescents and children.



Facilitator training programme

With the objective of upgrading the knowledge of facilitators, a training programme for Facilitators under expanding and enabling Access to Comprehensive Sexuality Education CSE was organised on August 24 and 25. Mr Atif Rehman, Lecturer, Srushti College, was the resource person. The training covered a vast scope, including sexual health and well being human rights, gender and gender based violence, diversity, sexuality, pleasure, interpersonal relationships, communication and decision making skills, puberty and reproduction and sexual and reproductive health. Mr Shubhendu A Kalwadi and Ms Manjula Munvalli were the youth volunteers who facilitated the training programme.



Doctors trained for minilap and lap sterilization

Three doctors, Dr Rema Pratap, Medical Officer, RHFPC, FPA India Nilgiris Branch was trained for mini lap sterilization and Dr Hita Kashi from Tumkur and Dr Seema Bhairi from Dharwad were trained for lap sterilization.

GWALIOR

Programme for legal advisors held

The programme was conducted for Govt. Legal Advisors and members of Bar Association on August 27 at the Branch's Gola Ka Mandir office, with the objective of involving legal advisors in all activities and to get their support in legal matters and counselling. Mr Anil Mishra, President of the Bar Association, Gwalior, was the Chief Guest. Mr Bhoopendra Jain, President, Rotary Club, and a prominent social worker, was also present. He donated specta-

cles for 50 eye patients. Mrs Neelam Dixit, Branch Manager, said that the aim of the programme was to support women and empower them legally, financially and socially and Mrs Seema Sharma, President, addressed the gathering on the issue. Participants: 20 legal advisors and the members of Bar Association.



HYDERABAD

Mega health camps organised

The health camp, conducted in association with the Lions Club of Bhagyanagar, was held at Swaminarayan Gurukul, Chilkur, on July 22. Wing Commander MVN Rao, Vice President of the Branch, was the key resource person. Dr Dorothy Silver, MO, and the RHFPC staff examined the patients. Free condoms were also distributed at the camp. Participants: 41.

Another mega health camp was conducted jointly with the Lions Club of Secunderabad Pearls at Mekaguda Nandigam on September 30, in which free treatment was provided to clients. Mrs Sangeeta Gilda, Secretary, helped in organizing the camp and Dr Dorothy Silver, MO and the RHFPC staff attended to the patients. Participants: 284.



Training programme on counselling and gender awareness

Mr Shivrudra Lupane, Manager Partnership & Capacity Building, Ms Gayatri Chavan, Programme Manager, VICALP and Ms Preeti Sakat, Technical Programme Manager, Stigma, from the Headquarters conducted the three-day training programme, along with Mr Kunal Kumar and Mr Sanjeev Kumar, Volunteers from Murhu Project. Link Workers and Peer Educators were trained in counselling and gender awareness under the Innovation Men's Project. Dr C Ambuja, President of the Branch and Elected Member FPA India, Dr Renu Kapoor, General Manager and Regional Lead and Mr Kantilal Shah, Hon Secretary, were part of the programme and interacted with the participants.



ASHA meeting organised

A half-day programme was conducted for ASHAs on September 12. Dr Payal Bhargava, MO explained about the importance of screening the clients before abortion and laparoscopic sterilization. Dr Renu Kapoor, General Manager and Regional Lead, explained about FPA India activities and quality of services. Participants: 13.

Health camp for auto drivers

The camp was organised at M S Maktha Community Hall on September 5. Dr G Satyanarayana, MO, checked the auto drivers, conducted blood tests and distributed medicines. Participants: 53.



JABALPUR

Initiative to serve poor and marginalized women

The Branch, in association with Indian Red Cross Society, ZH Foundation, Christ Church Alumina Association, has initiated this programme with the focus on Sexual and Reproductive Health. Dr Mrs Rashmi Agrawal, MO, Dr Mrs Jyoti Bhardwaj, Gynaecologist and the medical team from UFWC, Bhandalaya, provided services on STI/RTI, ANC/PNC and general gynaecological issues. Beneficiaries: 1,563 women.



JAIPUR

New project under Japan Trust Fund initiated

From June 2018, the Branch started a new project titled 'Community action for sustainable and inclusive growth: Increasing access to sexual and reproductive health through a gender equality and women's empowerment approach for marginalized women in India. The project comes under the Japan Trust Fund (JTF) for HIV and Reproductive Health.

Project activities include disseminating information, education and communication on SRHR, SGBV, HIV, FP and women's empowerment and services related to these aspects. Training and sensitization programmes also form an important part of the project. Forming Women's Action Groups (WAGs) in the community is one of its highlights.



KOLKATA

Capacity building sessions

Training the trainers:

A training programme on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) was organised on September 20. Mr Supratip Mazumder, Branch Manager and Dr Dipanwita Hazari, Patron, conducted the sessions. Participants: 9 Youth Volunteers, 6 FPA India field supervisors, 2 school teachers.

Training other NGOs:

Staff of Lutheran World Service Trust, an NGO, were trained in Reproductive and Sexual Health at Bidhannagar on September 17. Participants: 11 staff

Orientation programme for teachers:

The programme was organised on August 23-24 at Green Field Academy School (two teachers) and Gazipara Girls High Madrasa School (26 teachers).

Sessions on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE):

The sessions were conducted at Bidhannagar on September 12. Ms Mousumi Das, PO, and Ms Rakhi Saha, field worker organised the session. Participants: 22 girls, 17 boys.

Auto campaign:

The campaign was organised on September 14 in the operational areas of the Branch. Mass announcements and campaign was done to highlight the services offered by branch.



MYSURU

Income generation programme for women

At the awareness programme, conducted at Gandhi Nagar on August 1, 16 women took part. It was objectionable to learn driving two-wheelers and four-wheelers, the acceptable vocations being embroidery, fashion and dress designing. A meeting with Ananda Jyothi Network was organised on August 2, followed by the income generation programme on August 14. The result: 7 candidates availed of driving classes (among them, 1 HIV positive, 1 transgender).

SRH camp organised

The first ever SRH camp was organised in Madikeri on September 15. Dr S N Hegde, Chairperson of the Branch, Dr Vijaya Srinivas, Consultant, Mrs Bijimole, Branch Manager In-charge, Ms Shaheej Taj, Counsellor and Ms Bhagyalakshmi, Staff Nurse, participated. Dr Manisha Bhise, Director, Resource Mobilisation from FPA India Headquarter, also took part and inspired the proceedings. Mr Vishwanathan, local MLA, graced the occasion by visiting the camp. As many as 100 dignity kits were distributed to adolescent girls and women. Participants: 140.

MADURAI

Certificates given away to trainees

The Branch Manager gave away certificates to the 3rd batch of trainees who took part in the Paramedical Skill Development Course. Students who received certificates: 26.



MOHALI

Drug de-addiction programme in schools organised

As part of the programme, the Department of Social Securities, Punjab, sanctioned a special project through SOSVA, a local NGO. The project's aim is to create awareness against drug addiction among students. The Branch covered 16 government schools in Mohali district during July-September, 2018. Participants: 1,641 students.

Another programme on drug de-addiction was organised in association with the Punjabi Virsa Sabhyachark Society, Mohali on July 17. Participants: 100 community leaders.



NEW DELHI

Swachhta Pakhwada celebrated

Engineers India Limited (EIL) celebrated Swachhta Pakhwada in collaboration with FPA India New Delhi on July 12 around the theme of 'Hygiene and Women's Health'. The objectives of this programme were to create awareness about women's health, personal hygiene and family health. Mr Sreedharan Nair, Director, External Relations; Dr Suchitra Wadhwa, Medical Officer and Mr Abhijit Roy, Deputy General Manager, EIL, were the key speakers. Participants: 38 youth, NGO representatives and 4 people from EIL.

NORTH KANARA

Anemia awareness programme for girls

The programme was organised at the Shree Guruprasad High School, Mallapur, in association with Canara Health Care Centre. Dr G G Hegde, Branch President and Mrs Santan Louis, Branch Manager, were the key resource persons. Girls were also examined for anemia and treatment given where necessary. Participants: 206.



SRH service session, AEP+ and health camp for students

An awareness programme in SRH was conducted for students of Janata Vidyalaya, Bada-Kangal, on August 25. Dr Radhika Bhat Kodlekere, MO, and Ms Manjula Gouda, PO, spoke to the students about family planning and services available at RHFPC. Participants: 234.

In another similar event, students of Touheed High School, Gud-Kangal, were given an awareness programme on SRH. Mr Beeranna Nayak, Treasurer, and Dr Radhika Bhat Kodlekere, MO, addressed the students and imparted information about health, hygiene, gender and sex issues, and FPA India facilities. Participants: 108.

A health checkup camp was organised for students at Shree Ramanath High School, Urkeri, on September 11. Dr Radhika Bhat Kodlekere, MO, and Ms Manjula Gouda, PO, interacted with the students and sensitized them about SRH, matters related to gender and sex, and services available at RHFPC. Participants: 94.

Programme on women's health and family planning

An awareness programme was organised, in association with the Government Hospital, Kumta, for women. Dr Radhika Bhat Kodlekere, MO; Ms Manjula Gouda, PO; and Mr R G Naik of the Hospital were the key resource persons. All of them spoke about family planning, women's health and the well-being of mother and child. Participants: 35.

Session on self-examination for breast cancer

The programme was held at Baggona anganwadi on August 20. Dr Radhika Bhat Kodlekere, MO, and Ms Manjula Gouda, PO, briefed the women who had assembled on techniques of self-examination for breast cancer, hand wash, menstrual hygiene and SRH service session, family planning methods and service availability at RHFPC. Participants: 30.

Sensitization session on family planning

At a programme held in Bada on September 7, women were sensitized about family planning methods. Mrs Bharati Nayak, Branch ANM, and Ms Manjula Gouda, PO, facilitated the programme. The women were also made aware of health and hygiene. Participants: 52.

PANCHKULA

Skill development and empowerment sessions

A karate competition was organised at the district level for boys and girls jointly with the Global Shito Karate Association, Panchkula. The District Karate Open Challenge Cup motivated the

participants to take up self defence and empower themselves. Mr Vinod Kapoor, President of the Branch and Mr Manoj Kumar, General Manager, were the key persons. Participants: 74.

An awareness programme on women empowerment was conducted at the Government College in Sector 1. The highlight of the programme was a rally, in which students of the college took part. Mrs Geeta Sahney, BEC Member, Mr Manoj Garg, General Manager and Mrs Archana Mishra, Principal of the College were the resource persons. Participants: 129.

In yet another programme, the focus was on awareness about SRHR. A blood donation camp was held in association with Rajkiya Prathmik Shiksha Sangh, Panchkula. Teachers and government employees were given a session on AEP. Participants: 76.

Male involvement in SRHR was the topic for a special awareness programme. A health camp was also organised for male labourers. Dr Deena Kakaria, MO and Mrs Sonia Arora, PO, facilitated the programme. Participants: 310.



Campaign to get GST exemption on sanitary pads

The objective was to appeal to the government to exempt sanitary pads from GST. This helps to spread the usage of pads widely and enable women to be free from infections. Dr Nitika Goyal, Consultant and Mrs Sonia Arora, PO, organised this campaign. Participants: 28.

SOLAPUR

MOU inked with Precision Foundation

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Solapur-based Precision Foundation. Dr Suhasini Shah, Director, Precision Foundation, Mr Madhav Deshpande, PRO, Prof Dr Shrikant Yelegaonkar, Jt. Hon. Treasurer, FPA India and Dr Nabha Kakade, President, were present.



Session on Comprehensive Sexual Education organised

CSE session was conducted at Survase Prashala. Dr. Suhasini Shah, Director of Precision Foundation gave lecture on CSE. Also present were Mr Madhav Deshpande, PRO, Prof Dr Shrikant Yelegaonkar, Jt. Hon. Treasurer, FPA India, Dr Nabha Kakade, President and Mr Sugratna Gaikwad, Branch Manager. Other dignitaries present included Mr Mallikarjun Prashala, Hatture Wasti, Mr Vajinath Hatture, Principal, Mr S. Shaikh, Teacher, Mr Virendra Pardeshi, PO, Ms Kalpana Gadgade, Social Worker; staff and students.



In a third programme, again with Dr Aithal conducting it, 30 people participated at Bagyamandhira Samudhya Bhavan. It was organised on June 25.

In the programme held at Indiranagara Anganwadi Centre, 36 people took part. Dr Aithal facilitated it on June 28.

Active Case Finding programme for TB organised

The programme was organised for the community at Indiranagara on June 3. Mrs Harini Damodar, Branch President, Mr Kodanoor Devaraja Moorthy, Hon Secretary, Mrs Hemalatha Hilari Jathhan, Municipal Counsellor and Mr Shantharam Salvankar, took part in the programme. Dr Srikrishna Aithal, MO, UFWC, briefly spoke about the Actively Case Finding-Tuberculosis survey. Participants: 30.

Orientation for National Deworming Day

The programme was organised for school and anganwadi teachers at the Branch on August 7. Dr Srikrishna Aithal, MO, UFWC, spoke about the National Deworming Day which was on August 10. Mrs Revathi N Shetty, President, Lions Club of Bannanje, Mr Kodanoor Devaraja Moorthy, Hon Secretary and Mrs Rama Devi, Hon Treasurer, were present. Participants: 21 teachers and staff.

Programme on sex ratio and Mission Indradhanush

Dr Srikrishna Aithal, MO, UFWC, spoke about sex ratio and the importance of immunization at a programme conducted on August 13. It was organised at Kasturbanagara with the participation of 18 people.

SOUTH KANARA

Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF) 2018 orientation programme

The programme was organised on July 4 for awareness and training of school and anganwadi teachers. Dr Srikrishna Aithal, MO, UFWC, addressed the audience and emphasized the importance of the programme. Participants: 21.



Malaria prevention and nutrition for mother and child

This programme, to help eradicate malaria and offer nutrition for mother and child, was conducted at Bailur Anganwadi Centre on June 15. Dr Srikrishna Aithal, MO, UFWC, was the resource person. Participants: 27.

Another similar programme was organised at Chiptadi Anganwadi Centre on June 23, where Dr Aithal was the resource person. Participants: 31.

VIJAYAPUR

Documentary on gender violence filmed

A documentary video about controlling violence on women was shot in Rajajinagar. Mrs Suvarna Kulkarni, Counsellor on violence and crises, delivered a speech on the subject which was filmed as part of the video. Mr Ramesh Sollapur, PO, organised the shooting of the video. Mrs Renuka Sonnad also spoke about gender violence, which could be physical, mental or sexual. Participants: 21 women.

Health camp for orphan and HIV vulnerable children

The camp was organised in association with Sankalp Network at St Joseph Community Care Centre, Indi Road. Mr Ramesh Sollapur, PO, spoke on child abuse, while Dr A P Joshi, LMO, did the health check-up of the children. Participants: 37 children.

Programme on gender-based violence

The event was held at Rajajinagar on August 21. Mr BV Teli, Basava Literature Committee Member, spoke about women's standing in society. Dr C M Chippalkatti, LMO, and Mr Ramesh Sollapur, PO, also addressed the gathering. Mrs Suvarna Kulkarni, Counsellor, also attended the programme.

Awareness programme on stress management

Senior citizens and staff took part in this programme, which was held at Sri Siddeswara Vidyapeeth, Ganesh Nagar. Mr Ramesh Sollapur, PO, and Dr A P Joshi, LMO, were the key speakers. Mr SS Gidadamani, President; Mr Sharangouda Birdar; Mr LK Kabade, Secretary also took part. Participants: 25.

Awareness sessions and contraception camps

The programme was organised at Bendigeri Street on July 17, in

collaboration with BLDE Ayurvedic Medical College, Vijayapur. Awareness about family planning was the main agenda. Participants: 50 (25 males, 25 females).

Another similar session was conducted at Darga Street on July 26. The audience was familiarized about family planning and contraception methods. Dr C M Chippalkatti, LMO, was the key resource person.



CASE STUDIES

BALLARI

A bold, young girl fights threats and violence

Ms Priyanka (name changed) is a 19-year-old college student. Having lost both her parents, she stays with her uncle and aunt. She was born with the HIV infection, so she joined a PLHIV network. She came to FPA India with the complaint that she was being threatened by a man who wanted to have sex with her. She tried to ward him off by telling him her HIV positive status, but the man would not budge. She had no one to confide in, so she approached FPA India. She also kept her mobile switched off to avoid the man's calls.

The Branch decided to complain to the police. The SP at the police station was very supportive – he asked Ms Priyanka to switch the mobile on. The man called, his location was traced, and he was arrested. The SP was highly appreciative of FPA India's efforts. Today, Ms Priyanka lives a life free from worries, thanks to FPA India's timely intervention.

DHARWAD

FPA India doctor's advice improves girl's health

Ms Lalita Pujar (name changed) is a 25-year-old anganwadi teacher who had received ANC and sterilization services from FPA India. She noticed a white discharge, which led to detection of chronic cervicitis. She was advised to go in for hysterectomy. At FPA India, she underwent colposcopy, and in the biopsy, she was diagnosed as having moderate dysplasia. Her family was apprehensive about hysterectomy. The FPA India doctor advised against hysterectomy and treated her with crayon therapy. Thanks to the advice, now her health is much better.

MUMBAI

Where private clinics failed, FPA India treats successfully

Mrs Savita Salunkhe (name changed) is a 32-year old housewife with two children. She came to the clinic with complaint of boils around her private parts. She had received treatment from several clinics but with no relief. It had become so serious that she was unable to walk or do any routine activity. She was thoroughly examined and medicines were prescribed. Just a week later she showed improvement. Eventually she was cured completely and is very happy with the results.

KOLKATA

FPA India helped to terminate an unwanted pregnancy

Ms Sagota Kundu (name changed) is a young student of hotel management. Her boyfriend promised to marry her and had sexual relations with her leading to an unwanted pregnancy at the age of 18.

As an unmarried girl, she was humiliated by the community. Following a field worker's suggestion, she visited the FPA India clinic. She was counselled and treated, and her pregnancy was terminated with an MTP kit. She is now relieved and is able to carry on with her life.

MTP ensures a healthy gap between children

Mrs Sraboni Sardar (name changed) is a 22-year-old mother who has a baby girl of 12 months. Accidentally, she became pregnant again and wanted to opt for abortion. In her ignorance, she purchased an MMA kit from the local chemist, but failed to terminate her pregnancy. Then she came into contact with an FPA India fieldworker who suggested a visit to the RHFPC. The doctor conducted a USG test, and aborted her pregnancy using MTP. Now she is happy that she can maintain a gap between her children.

PANCHKULA

Infertility turns into joy

Mrs Sarita (name changed) is a 23-year-old married woman who had been suffering from infertility. She had been married for five years and had been undergoing fertility treatment for three years, yet there was no result. She was examined thoroughly at FPA India and her treatment began. After just four months of sub-fertility treatment by the consultant, the patient conceived. Now she is nine weeks pregnant and extremely happy. FPA India saves the situation, yet again!

OTHER NEWS

'Achiever of Karnataka' Award

Prof Poornima George, Volunteer, FPA India Bidar Branch, was awarded the 'Achiever of Karnataka' award instituted by Times Group and Vijaya Karnataka for her exemplary service in the field of Education with a social cause. The award was presented at a glittering ceremony at Chancery Residence, Bengaluru, on August 12.

She was awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation by Sri. Sadanand Gauda, Minister for Statistics and Programming Govt. of India and Sri. Priyank Kharge, Minister for Social Welfare Govt. of Karnataka. She made education possible for the poor and talented students at Bidar by providing free education.



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