



# PLUS

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Network of Maharashtra People with HIV

## SAVE INP+ and NMP+

NMP+ has issued a show cause notice to INP+, regarding termination of affiliation. Response is yet to receive from INP+.

NMP+ secretariat cost and salary of 58 staff is pending from last 9 months. INP+ and PFI is not yet taking any initiative to release the pending grant.

## Free bus pass



On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2010 meeting was arranged with Mr. Radhakrishna Vikhe - Patil State Transport Minister, Mr. Vincent, Mr. Yende and Mr. Pravin represented NMP+.

Mr. Patil promised that he will positively raise the issue in Ministry and will try to pass the free bus pass issue for PLHIV at the earliest.

The credit of this success goes to all our District Level Networks who supported us in this process.

## Sangli and Nagpur to get CABA

India HIV/AIDS Alliance with NMP+ and Avert society had a meeting with MSACS Project Director Mr. Ramesh Devkar. CABA is Children Affected By HIV/AIDS. This is a pilot project and will be implemented in 10 districts of India.

Sangli and Nagpur districts are been selected from Maharashtra state. The objective of the project is

1. To implement a multi-sectoral approach of providing comprehensive package of services to children affected by HIV/AIDS
2. Establish district and community level coordination mechanisms
3. Build the knowledge and capacity of all the departments concerned with providing services for children to meet the needs of CABA.

NMP+ will be District Lead Agency for Sangli & Avert Society will be the District Lead Agency for Nagpur.

## New project at Satara DLN.

Network of Satara by People Living with HIV (NSP+) has got a new project named Link worker scheme funded by Avert Society. The link worker scheme will be working in 100 villages with team of 40 link workers. These link workers will be conducting survey door to door basis on health.

We congratulate Satara DLN for their good effort.

## International Women's Day

International women Day was celebrated under CHAHA Programme by all the seven Sub Sub Receipt.

The theme for the International Women Day was "Rights, equal opportunities: progress for all"

All the SSR invited Government officials from ART Medical Officer, CDPO, DAPCU, Rural Development, and Social Welfare.

SSR celebrated the womens day at large scale; more than 1400 women participated in this program.



Mr. Vilas Thopate, Officer Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation addressing the participants on International women's Day.

## INSURANCE NEWS

NMP+ and PSI they started HIV care Insurance Policy last year. In the Month of March 5 Clients from them got benefit.

## HIV/AIDS Bill

On be half of all the Networks in India, INP+ had a communication regarding the delay in passing the HIV/AIDS bill in Parliament.

Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Law Minister updated on the HIV/AIDS that they will be finalizing the bill at the earliest.

## Vincent says goodbye



Vincent McDonald, who came to NMP+ as a volunteer from Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) has finished his two year placement and is returning to his home in England. A new volunteer, Alison Down, will be coming to NMP+ for one year in April.

Vincent wanted to thank all his many friends in NMP+ who have been so kind and welcoming. He will miss you all, and he wishes good progress with the important work that you do.

Smt. Kavita Nalawade has passed away on 20 March 2010. She has contributed for NMP+ for number of years. She was very hard working and helpful by nature. She was working with Positive women Network as Regional Coordinator.

**Star of the month ☆ Nashik, Akola, Amrawati, Nandurbar, Dhule, Latur, Buldhana, District Level Networks got the Drop in Center funded by MSACS.**

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