



SAMABHAVANA SOCIETY

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Members,

The managing committee of your society is pleased to present its Annual Report along with the Statement of Accounts on the working of the society for the year ended 31st march 2004.

10 meetings of the managing committee were held during the year where different inputs were imparted.

Programme:

Samabhavana society got a six-month up gradation grant from *SHRC-DFID* for its web initiative project www.indiaids.org in the beginning of the financial year in month of April.

Channel 4 of BBC interviewed Mr.Jasmir Thakur on issues of Alternate Sexuality in May 2003

We also promptly started work on Acceptability Study on Female Condom as we were selected, as the only NGCBO working in the sector of Male Sex Workers and Masseurs community and we recruited 25 respondents and the Secretary Jasmir Thakur was selected as the Master Trainer by *Hindusthan Latex limited - Female Health Company* for MSM and Male Sex Worker - Masseur target population - acceptability Study on Female Condom from the month of May till August 2003.

Concurrently, in June and July we were invited by *Bombay International High School*, Mumbai to speak to students of 8th,9th and 10th standard on issues of adverse effects of Internet and making them aware of Child Sex Abuse and substance abuse issues

In July 2004 we undertook a collaborative study with *Los Angeles Sexuality Institute, L.A-USA* on Ancient Alternate Sexuality In India that was ongoing till November 2003.

Avert Society invited Secretary Jasmir Thakur to be a part of Sex Mapping of Maharashtra state as an expert in the month of August 2004

Mr.Jasmir Thakur was invited by *Indian Institute of Population Science (IPPS) & RISHTA* project a joint venture between *Government of Maharashtra and University of Connecticut (USA)* to attend their Study dissemination in Lonavala in August 2003

We were awarded by *Hindustan Latex Limited* a *Animation project* for its Female condom Product in September and was completed in February 2004

The Charity Commissioners office had passed the order effecting the change of Members and appending the "Schedule I" .

In October 5th to 11th - 2003, Secretary & E.O - Jasmir Thakur attended the *Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health in Bangkok, Thailand* for which he had received scholarship from *SHRC-DFID* as the abstract on Male sex workers and Masseurs Community was selected for Poster exhibition

Mr. Jasmir Thakur was invited by Lawyers collective to attend the strategic planning meeting on HIV/AIDS legislation in October 2003

In November 2003 we were awarded by *Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society* a Project for Targeted Intervention In Pune City/District, and work was started in earnest to set up the office, select the requisite staff and creating referrals with other NGO/CBO`s, Hospitals, clinics and Law Enforcement Agencies.

In November 2003 we formed a coalition of Male Sex workers and Masseurs known as *Indian Male Sex Workers and Malishwalas Coalition (IMMC)*; This coalition consists of people from different behaviours of Homosexual, Bisexual, Heterosexual orientation and diverse geographical areas such as Srinagar- (Kashmir), Delhi, Jaipur- (Rajasthan) Lucknow - Varanasi- (Uttar Pradesh), Chandigarh -(Punjab), Mumbai-Poona- Kolhapur- (Maharashtra), Panjim - (Goa), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Thiruvanthapuram-Calicut-Cochin - (Kerala)

We successively under took up *Cursory Sex Mapping of MSM sites in Pune City* that was ongoing from November till December and report was submitted in December.

On December 3rd for WORLD AIDS DAY programme supported by *Avert Society* a Film show in Pune was organized and two movies were shown - *Mujhe Jeena Hai* and *First Ashiyen Baneyenge Hum* and was attended by nearly 310 people

In December, the Secretary Jasmir Thakur was invited by *I.L.S.Law College - Pune* as a speaker on Human Rights and Sexuality

Concurrently undertook research work on another study of *Sexual behaviour of Male and Female Clients of Male Sex Workers and Masseurs Community* followed by shooting the first ever documentary on Male Sex Workers and Masseurs Community titled *Masculinity Bazaar* which was edited and completed in January 2005

In January 2004 we undertook sex mapping of sites frequented by Male Sex Workers and Masseurs in Mumbai city

From 26th January till 5th February in Pune we collectively with other organizations organized speaking assignments under the auspices of Lok Manch and also conducted a workshop for students of *Symbiosis Law College- Pune*

Consecutively we undertook development of IEC material under the auspices of MSACS project and developed material on Safe sex, HIV/AIDS and Sexuality and Human Rights

In February Lawyers Collective and MDACS again invited Mr.Jasmir Thakur as a NGO partner of MSACS to attend the legislative meeting on HIV/AIDS in Mumbai

February we started work on Baseline study of MSM Population In Pune City with a sample size of 125 respondents from varied background, sexual behaviour and identities and the same was completed in March 2004

Hindustan Latex Limited and *Female Health Company* invited President Mr.D.K.Shenoy and Secretary Mr.Jasmir Thakur along with its MSW Project

coordinator Mr.Mahipal Choudhary and Mr.Omprakash Singh to Delhi for the dissemination and the launch of its Female condom product in India in February, 2004

Concurrently we undertook development of Manual titled *Sexuality Manthan* on Sexuality & Male Sex Workers and Masseurs issues and was completed in March 2004

We were invited by Bachelors in Mass Media section of Wilson College to address the 2nd and 3rd year students on issues of Alternate Sexuality in February 2004

Under the auspices of MSACS project developed IEC material on Safe sex, HIV/AIDS, Sexuality and Human Rights

In February *Times of India-Pune Edition* interviewed Mr.Jasmir Thakur on the work that the organization undertakes and its plan of action and another feature was done on Male Sex work titled "*Sex code re written*"

Mr.Jasmir Thakur was invited by *Family Planning Association of India* as a speaker and trainer for their project staff and clearing issues of sex and sexuality of their respondents at Bhiwandi and Colaba in March 2004

On March 5th Under the Auspices of MSACS project we held a workshop on *Anal and Oral STI workshop* which was inaugurated by *Dr.S.P.Tripathi –Ex-D.G- Indian Council of Medical Research and Director – World Health Organization – South east Asia, Dr.Gangakhedkar* was the speaker and *Dr.V.L.kulkarni* could not attend as well as *Dr.Paranjpe- Director- NARI* could not make it and the workshop was attended by 65 persons from varied background.

On 30th March 2004,we conducted a *Human Rights workshop on Sexuality and HIV/AIDS*, which was Inaugurated by *Rtd.Hon.Chief Justice Narendra Chapalgaonkar*, and the other speakers were *Adv.Anand Grover- Lawyers Collective, Manisha Gupte-Masum, Principal Sarda of New Law College- Bhartiya Vidyapeth* followed by a panel of HIV+ persons of *Mr.Rajendra Shirke from NMP+, Vijay Nair from Udaan+, Mr.Rawat and Project Coordinator- Saaheli- Mrs.Tejaswi Sevakari*, which was attended by 85 persons, both the events were extensively covered by the local press and both the workshops was presided by the *President Mr.D.K.Shenoy*

This year Samabhavana society continued its extensive linkages with International agencies like *UNAIDS, UNDP, FHI, USAID, DFID, PATH, Pop council, HIV Alliance, PSI, Save the Children-UK, AUSAID, HLPPT and Female Health Company, BMGF-Avaahan* and National Agencies such as *NACO, APSACS, GUJSACS, GOASACS, MPSACS and many others*

Through out the year we have been doing intervention with the support of volunteers by distributing condoms and assisting the MSW & Masseurs and their Male and Female clients to access health care facility as and when required

Appreciation:

The organization would like to Thank *Dr Thomas Phillip and the entire team of SHRC and DFID- India for its immense support*

We are also thankful to *Mr.Sanjay Sawant (IAS)- Project Director – Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society* and its team namely *Dr. Dodwad-Ex.APD, Dr.Pandey-*

APD, Dr.V.L. Kulkarni- Dy Dir-STI, Mr.Sandeep Malwi- Dy Dir-IEC, Mr.Ratanakar-NGO advisor, Mr.Rajesh for their continuous support

We are also Thankful to *Hindusthan Latex Limited* and *Female Health Company* team, namely *Mr.G.Manoj, Anne Philpott, Neelima Jha and Ms Pallavi* and its Mumbai Office team *Ms.Smriti, Mr.Virupax, Ms.Sunita* and from Their Chennai office *Mr. Sushmit Mitra* and *Mr.Pradeep Balyan* for their trust & continuous confidence and support to us.

Mr. Andy Piller and Mrs. Arundhati char, Hutoxi Batliwala, Sandra, Madhav, Dr, Sandeep, Bhisham and other staff members of *dkt INDIA* for their continuous support.

Much obliged to *Ms.Rekha kumarr* -correspondent of Times of India-Pune edition

We are also thankful to our team of *volunteers* for their selfless work and support in our ongoing activity with Male Sex workers and Masseurs community in Mumbai Metro

We also appreciate the efforts and support of MSACS MSM Pune - project team namely *Adv Asim Sarode, Ashlesha Ahir* and *our outreach workers* in their exhaustive work and namely *Mrs.Tejasvi Sevakari* for her immense continuous support as well as other NGO / CBO`s in Pune for their continuous guidance

We would also like many of our Friends and supporters who have been giving us continuous guidance and support such as *Dr.Ravi Verma, Vaishali Mahendra Sharma* of Population Council, *Dr.Abhay Chodhari- HOD-Microbiology Dept-Grant Medical College, Dr.Asawari Heradewkar, Mr. Chandramouli (IAS), Dr.Narvekar, Bobby Ramakant, Anita Khemka, Devika Singh* and *Dr Alka Pandey*

Last but not the least we also place on record. Our sincere thanks to our *President Mr.D.K.Shenoy* for his immense support during the troubled times without whose guidance we could have been a lost ship in troubled waters, *Mr.Rudra Kumar Mandal* for the artistic inputs in developing IEC material and also the entire board of Samabhavana society for its never ending encouragement and dedicated support through the year.

Thanking You,

Sincerely Yours,

For Samabhavana Society

Sd/-
Jasmir Thakur
Secretary & E.O

Mumbai
Dated: 30 /4 /2004