

2014-2015 Activity Report

Himalayan Anti Aids & Anti Narcotic Drugs Society

Rehabilitation Centre 5th Anniversary Celebration



Committee members, Guests and Patients watching the program

The Patients, Staff, Board Members and families celebrated 5 yrs of successfully saving lives n bringing happiness in the society by the services rendered by HANDS Rehab on Monday 14th April 2014. Patients performed with all enthusiasm, group songs and folk dances which ended with a love feast.

Counselling Seminar on Education and Life Ethics



Mr Nereus Mukhia addressing the participants as resource person & Mr Philip Lepcha

Kalimping Regional Youth Fellowship of United Church of North India along with HANDS had organized a counselling seminar on education and life ethics on 15th April 2014, for the youth of the region to make them aware of social evils like Drug abuse, Live in relationships, and guidance lectures like Goal settings and Vocational courses. The participating youth were extremely grateful for all the knowledge obtained.

Fund Raiser Program at Mela Ground on 24th May 2014



HANDS along with Fabulous Entertainment, an event management company based in Kolkata had organized a fund raiser program in Mela Ground, Kalimpong. Though there were few other artists, the main attraction of the event was Yama Buddha, a very prominent singer from Nepal who has majorly contributed in fighting social evils in his nation through his music.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 26th June 2014



Staff, volunteers, Patients & NSS Cadets at ground zero

The primary motive of commemorating this international day is to be able to reach out to the masses in order to educate them about the disease of chemical dependency and its solutions. Though UNODC, still maintained the same slogan this year “Make Health your Fashion not Drugs” HANDS had a very practical message for the people this year which stated “Save Lives, Observe Anti Drugs Day Every Day” which were printed in stickers. The committee members, staff, volunteers and most importantly NSS Cadets of SUMI School gathered in the heart of Kalimpong Town and started pasting stickers in various private and commercial establishments and vehicles but not before consuming five minutes of their time in making them aware of the day and its cause. Very soon Kalimpong town was painted with our stickers which helped promote the message of this significant day



Life Saver stickers which painted Kalimpong town Red

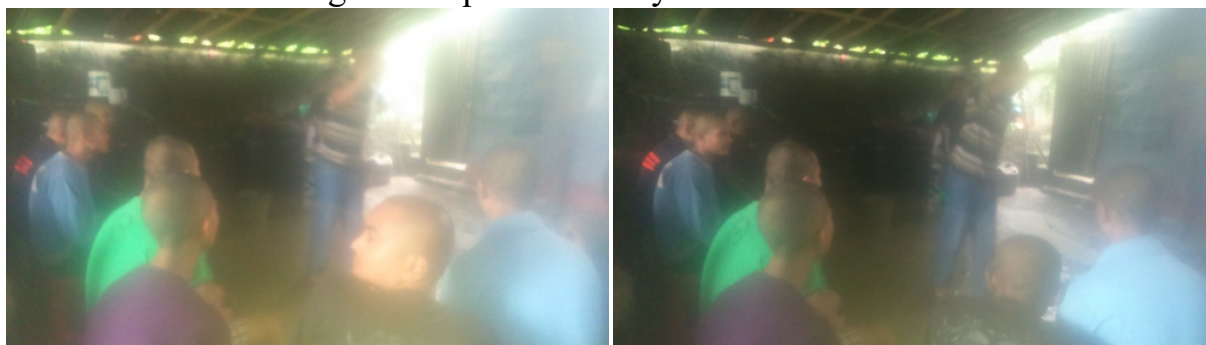
14th July Celebrations for FIFA World Cup Finals



Staff and Patients enjoying the match

With the intent of teaching the patients mainstream fancies and enjoyment without the use of chemicals, HANDS had organized a very lively atmosphere in the finals of FIFA World Cup by projecting the entire match in an LCD projector along with lot of refreshments.

15th August Independence Day Celebrations



Patients Dancing & Singing in celebration

Like Always HANDS celebrated the Independence day with lot of fun and games but not before parading in front of the National Flag. Celebrating these national events teach the patients the importance of commitment and sacrifice the freedom fighters made for the nation which in turn helps the patients to become productive citizens.

Awareness Program for SUMI School 29th August



Mr Philip Lepcha speaking to the students of SUMI School

Acknowledgment of substance abuse in the society by the youth, be it at schools or at homes, is the key role authorities play in initiating prevention measures. This one aspect is responsibly met by the Scottish Union Missionary Institute School of Kalimpong, who make great efforts in making their students aware of the horrors of chemically dependency and in the process safeguarding the students from this modern day plague.

Awareness program at DonBosco Jyoti Technical School, Kalimpong



Resource person Mr Bidhan Pradhan at the program & Mr Philip Lepcha sharing his self testimony

On 8th November 2014, HANDS Awareness team comprising of Mr Bidhan Pradha, Mr Philip Lepcha and Mr Nereus Mukhia gave another very meaningful awareness program to students of Donbosco, Kalimpong. Mr Br Pradhan and Mr Nereus Mukhia gave power point presentations on substance abuse and HIV/AIDS respectively to the students and Mr Philip Lepcha gave a heart rendering self testimony which the students took very eagerly and at the end they were left with lot of positive motivation and knowledge.

Christmas Day Celebrations 2014



Lights at the centre for the celebrations

celebrations on full swing

To change the notion of “Festivals to get high and only to make merry” the centre organized Christmas celebrations in order to educate the patients on respecting the significance of the occasion and celebrate it but in a sober manner.

GTA Krishi Mela, 17th Mile, 17th January 2015



Staff and resource persons of HANDS interacting with the public

Like every year the regional administration, GTA ,Gorkhaland Territorial Administration had organized a mala for the farmers of Kalimpong Subdivision. As substance abuse, specially Alcohol is an accepted vice in the society and is one of the major factors in producing downward growth among the masses. Hence GTA has rightfully identified this factor and involved HANDS in order to make the farmers of this social evil.

Awareness Program by HISSOP Ministries 21st January 2015



Mr Philip Lepcha addressing the gathering

HISSOP Ministries, a missionary organization, based in Kalimpong, working especially with the youth of the region had organized a seminar. HANDS played a vital role in enlightening the huge gathering on the how a person slowly but surely adapts his dependency unknowing his status of abuse.