

**Name of the activity:** Oral health education camp in Suryaghoda, Sankheda

**Date of Activity:** 01-12-2017

**Background for the activity:** As part of programs conducted in adopted villages/ regions of the Department, the AIDS awareness program was planned to be organized in Sankheda on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017..

**Participants:** Students and Teachers of Group Shala, Suryaghoda, Sankheda

**Brief details of the activity:**

An AIDS awareness program and oral health education camp was conducted on 01-12-2017 at Suryaghoda Group Shala in Sankheda. Sankheda is an adopted by the Department of Public Health dentistry A team of 5 members from the Department of Public Health dentistry had participated in the program.

Aa total of 76 school students and their school teachers were educated about oral manifestation of AIDS, methods of prevention of AIDS and regarding rehabilitation of AIDS patients.

**Learning:** The program was successful and it was realized by the team that involving students and teachers in AIDS awareness programs could offer the benefit of ripple effect.

**Suggested actions based on learning from the activity:** A survey of knowledge, attitude and practices pertaining to AIDS prevention can be conducted.

### PHOTOGRAPHS





**Name of the activity:**Health education program at Kothav village, Gujarat

**Date of Activity:** 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017

**Back ground for the activity:** There is a growing need to develop a sense of awareness among the rural population regarding the adverse effects of tobacco products. The initiative for the same was taken on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

**Participants:** Villagers of Kothav village, Vadodara district, Gujarat

**Brief details of the activity:** A short play was conducted by the Interns of the Department stressing on the adverse effects of tobacco usage, and on the importance of self- realization of these effects. There- after, health education was imparted to the villagers and door to door leaflets were distributed which enlightened the villagers about the harmful habits of consuming tobacco and counselled them upon quitting the habit. T-shirts and caps donning anti-tobacco slogans were also distributed to the villagers. Also, posters were put up around the village eliciting the harmful habits of tobacco and promoting cessation of tobacco in order to provide better quality of life.

**Learning:** The play presented by the interns was very well accepted by the villagers. A few villagers also came forward for counselling and vowed to quit the habit. Over all, the entire effort was very well appreciated by all and a step closer was taken to make the village a tobacco free village.

**Suggested actions based on learning from the activity:** A full screening camp can be organized and later a referral. A proper follow up can be done for those who want to quit habit post counselling.

#### PHOTOGRAPHS:

