

Press Note

On the occasion of World AIDS Day on 1st December, 2018, Telangana State AIDS Control Society is organizing Red Ribbon Run for creating HIV awareness and giving a call to everybody for knowing their HIV status. Around 5000 participants are expected in this event. The focus of the event will be on Youth, General Population and creating awareness on voluntary Blood Donation.

Dr. Shailendra Kumar Joshi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana, is the Chief Guest, Principal Secretary, Medical, Health and Family Welfare, President, Governing Body, TSACS, Government of Telangana and other IAS Officers and IPS Officers are expected to take part in the event.

During this World AIDS Day, Red Ribbon Run is conducted in three categories with prizes as follows. Stalls shall be put up on various activities taken up by TSACS and inter personal communication sessions will be organized in these stalls showcasing the posters display:

Category	1 st Prize		2 nd Prize		3 rd Prize	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
10 K Run	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.7,500/-	Rs.7,500/-	Rs.5000/-	Rs.5000/-
5 K Run	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.7,500/-	Rs.7,500/-	Rs.5000/-	Rs.5000/-
2 K Walk	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.10,000/-	Rs.7,500/-	Rs.7,500/-	Rs.5000/-	Rs.5000/-

Brief Note on Activities of Telangana State AIDS Control Society
During the year 2017-18

- The 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day will be marked on 1st December 2018.
- “National AIDS & STD Control Programme”, a centrally Assisted State Plan Scheme, is implemented by “Telangana State AIDS Control Society” (TSACS) through the 100% Government of India (GOI) funds received from NACO, GOI, New Delhi implementing HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support activities in the State of Telangana.
- The following are the TSACS key establishments and service facilities:

S.No	Name of the Service Centre	Establishments
1	Integrated Counseling & Testing Centers (Stand along ICTC)	164
2	Facility Integrated ICTCs (in PHCs)	609
3	ICTCs in (PPP model) Private Hospitals	144
4	Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) Centers	22
5	Link ART Centers	66
6	Link ART Centers (+)	13
7	Blood Banks	134
8	Designated STI/RTI Centers (Suraksha Clinics)	50
9	Targeted Interventions	53

- For the year 18-19 emphasis is laid on prevention of the infection in children and Women.
- During the year 2017-18, total testings done for HIV is 6,31,574 numbers. Positives found are 11,820 nos
- Pregnant Women tested were 7,63,297 nos. and found positive are 692 nos.
- Number of tests done for syphilis test is 97,791 and 570 numbers tested positive.
- A number of 3251 tested positive for TB out of 42,713 numbers of tests done.
- During this year a total of 1,12,750 units of Voluntary blood collection was done as against the total collection of 1,85,545 units of blood.
- As on today, 76,748 nos. are on Anti Retroviral Treatment as against total registrations 1,97,126 nos.

- During the year 2017-18, total units of blood collected are 3,96,209 units out of which blood collected through voluntary blood donation is 2,44,149 units.
- This year three viral load machines received for testing HIV virus count in the positive people in the State.
- As per NACO estimates, in the State of Telangana, there is 19% decline in new HIV infections and 45% decline in AIDS related deaths.
- However, the epidemic is not yet over, neither nationally nor in the state of Telangana. Telangana state still faces a prolonged and severe HIV epidemic with the prevalence rate of 0.70% which makes this State a high prevalent i.e., next to north eastern states as against national prevalence rate of 0.22%.
- Still there is need to redouble our efforts to reduce the rate of new infections.
- TSACS appeals to the individuals, organizations and civil society to join hands in further reducing the HIV prevalence in the State and make Telangana HIV free.