

BRINGING HOPE

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FAMITA AND RAVI'S LOVE STORY

HIGHLIGHTS :

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A healthy HIV positive mother with her child

Fatima and Ravi lived in a poor slum community in the Hyderabad city. They played together on the streets as children.

Ravi fell in love with her and knew that he wanted to be with her one day. They were both of different religions but he always had the hope that it would work out in the end.

When she turned 12 she disappeared from the locality. He asked everybody about her and looked for her everywhere but to no avail.

6 years later he found her married to an old man. Ravi couldn't do anything any thing about it.

2 years later he found her back in her mothers house single, HIV positive and desperately sick She had no body to take care of her.

She moved in with Ravi, who was now working and had a place of his own and he took care of her.

When she went to take her ART's at the local govt. Hospital she was diagnosed to be pregnant and was referred to Nireekshana for care and counselling.

Fatima and Ravi, a discordant couple were counselled on how to live together with their different HIV status and were encouraged regarding the birth of a healthy baby.

She gave birth to a healthy baby last month. They now hope for a long life and that their child is diagnosed HIV negative.

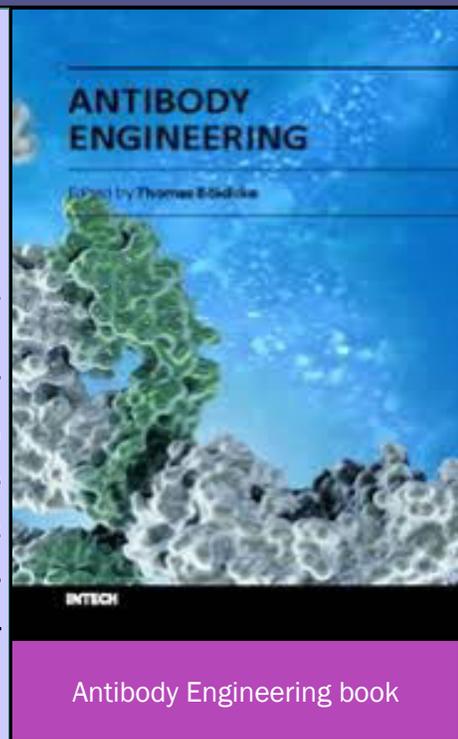
CLINICAL STATISTICS

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

| Place | Follow up | New Registrations | Total |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| HIV-Hyderabad | 404 | 7 | 411 |
| Leprosy Clinic | 33 | 13 | 46 |
| HIV Vizag | 71 | 2 | 73 |
| General | | 29 | 29 |
| TOTAL | 508 | 51 | 559 |

121 tests were conducted on patients in the last one month

We are happy to announce that the research team has published a chapter 'Bioinformatics as a tool to identify infectious disease pathogen peptide sequences as targets for antibody engineering' in a book titled Antibody Engineering.



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The women's empowerment unit has been researching and updating their products in the last month. The following are the products created by the team:

18 Cushion Covers, **28** Malika Pouches, **252** +Pillows, **211** Bed Sheets, **10** Body Scrubs, **6** Gift Pouches, **32** Coconut Oil Soaps, **10** Liters of Laundry Detergent, **8** Bottles of Pain Relief Oil were made by team.



Organic olive soap with a free face cloth and hair tie made by the women in Nireekshana

CARE AND DEATHS

12 Home Based Care visits , **5** Hospital Visits were conducted by Nireekshana Vizag.

78 patients were given ART counseling. **143** patients were given special counseling, **38** patients were counseled over the phone.

12 people required dressing, **19** IM injections and **23** IV saline

34 patients were provided with the Nutrition mix. **24** Patients and their families were provided with nutrition support

112 HIV positives and **2** general patients were given medical care at a special medical camp conducted in collaboration with Bethel Ministries

1 patient passed away in Nireekshana, Vizag

BRINGING JOY

EDUCATION

20 children were supported through school in the last one month.

LUNCH TO PATIENTS AND STAFF

170 patients and families were provided with lunch over the last one month 23 staff was provided with lunch daily at Nireekshana, Hyderabad.

20 HIV positive women were provided lunch at HIV clinic, 10 HIV positive children were provided lunch at Logos church and at the youth hostel a small snack is given by Nireekshana, Vizag

Nireekshana, ACET India is a registered developmental NGO based in Hyderabad that is involved in the holistic care of people infected and affected by Infectious Tropical Diseases with special focus on those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, TB and Leprosy. It currently has 700 HIV positives under regular care each month and 284 leprosy patients registered with 40 ongoing on a monthly follow up routine. Nireekshana's Infection Disease laboratory was set up in 2007 and hosted 5 PhD students through the years. 30 scientific papers have been published since its conception. The laboratory conducts an approximate of 500 tests on the patients every month.

VISION- That individuals, families, and communities affected by HIV/AIDS and other diseases of poverty (neglected tropical diseases) will experience health, fullness of life and have hope.

MISSION- Provide counseling, medical care and socio-economic support to individuals, families, and communities affected by HIV/AIDS and other diseases of poverty, conduct awareness programs, training, education and research to promote health, and undertake special programs for empowering vulnerable women and children at risk.

Nireekshana works with those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and other diseases without any discrimination on the basis of race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or any other factor. Each program is run to high standards, adapted to cultural and local needs, with shared vision and values.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CAUSE!

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS WHO HELP US CARRY OUT THE WORK. THANK YOU!

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