FUTURE LINE OF WORK

➢ To conduct individual epidemiological studies in high risk populations like the commercial female sex workers, homosexual/bisexual men to know the exact incidence of the disease.

➢ Extra efforts should be made in creating awareness about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS. Outreach workers and NGOs have an important role to play where they can identify people with high risk sexual behaviour and bring them to STD clinics.

➢ Safe sexual practices like microbicide gel and condom usage including female driven devices where females can have control over their health.

➢ Research on HIV must be particularly focussed on molecular level to study the analysis of host and viral factors which determine the rate of progression of HIV disease.

➢ Improved therapies and diagnostic techniques for the detection of STDs including HIV must be made cheap and easily available.

➢ Research on treatment like Antiretroviral therapy must be done which can boost the immune system of the patient, prevent opportunistic infection and delay progression to AIDS.

➢ Research must be carried out on the ultimate solution- The vaccines like the preventive, therapeutic and perinatal.