Appendix-I

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS ON AIDS

05.06.1981 The first case of AIDS in the World was detected at United States Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

1985 Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi established facilities to screen individuals with risk behaviours at National Institute of Virology, Pune and Christian Medical College, Vellore.

1986 HIV, the cause of AIDS was named by International Committee on Taxonomy of viruses.

1986 The first AIDS case in India was detected in Chennai.

1986 Mandatory HIV testing of blood began in US & UK.

09.06.1986 India’s first death due to AIDS reported in a Mumbai Hospital.

1987 Government of India planned AIDS Control Programme formation of National AIDS Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister for Health & F.W.

Jan, 1988 World Summit of Ministers of Health formed on Programmes for AIDS prevention.

01.12.1988 First World AIDS day was celebrated all over.

1989 Detection of first IDU induced HIV case in Manipur

01.04.1992 NACO was formed, Orissa State AIDS Cell and AIDS Prevention and Control Societies were formed in various States.

06.01.1993 Rudolf Nureyer, 54, the most celebrated ballet dancer of his generation died in Paris of AIDS.

07.02.1993 Arthur Ashe, 49, former Wimbeldon Champion died of AIDS in Newyork.

1993 India’s first NGO for Voluntary Counselling and Testing YRG CARE (Centre for AIDS Research and Education) was founded in Chennai.

Jan.1996 UNAIDS was formed.

17.04.1996 Indian Railways bars AIDS patients from using trains.


1996 Mandatory HIV testing of blood began in India.

1997 The first World AIDS Campaign was launched.

1997 Justice Tipins of Bombay High Court came up with a judgment that a person can not be denied employment only on the ground that he/she is HIV positive (AIR 1997 Bombay 406, 431 P).

18.06.1999 IGNOU launched distance education on AIDS, the first by an Indian University.

01.04.1999 NACP Phase II (1999-2007) was launched with a total outlay of Rs.1425 crores.

1999 First Indian Western Blot Test developed.
24.03.2000  US President Bill Clinton during his visit to India announced 5 million dollars grant to this country to fund projects on AIDS Control and TB Research.


11.7.2000  The first AIDS vaccine designed for Africa has been cleared for testing humans.

26.08.2000  Public Sector Insurance Companies rule out any insurance cover for people suffering from HIV/ AIDS.

29.09.2000  South African Constitutional Court says HIV affected persons can not be denied job in the cabin attendant’s case.

02.11.2000  UNICEF says every minute six people under 25 years are infected with HIV.

19.06.2001  Microsoft Chief Bill Gates donate 100 million dollars to Global Fund on AIDS, Malaria and T.B.

21.06.2001  United Nations calls for need to find billions of dollars to fight the HIV/ AIDS epidemic which has penetrated every part of the world.

June,2001  12 year old boy N Kosi Johnson better known as “Messiah of people affected with AIDS” died due to AIDS.

25.06.2001  Three day long United Nations General Assembly Special Session (first session on health issue) began at Newyork.
26.06.2001  US President George Bush announced a donation of 20 crore dollars to global fund on AIDS.

27.06.2001  United Nations General Assembly adopted commitment on HIV/AIDS.

11.07.2001  Kenyan President Arap Moi asks Kenyans to abstain from sex for 2 years in an effort to curb the spread of AIDS.

01.01.2002  VCTC opened at VSS Medical College, Burla.

25.01.2002  Goa intends to mandate couples to declare their HIV status before marriage.

28.02.2002  In the Union Budget 2002-03, Government removed Excise duty on AIDS drugs.

02.04.2002  National AIDS policy was announced by Government of India.


11.11.2002  Bill Gates during his visit to India announced a grant of $100 million for our AIDS Control Programme.

03.12.2002  Orissa and Gujrat signed a MoU to work jointly for prevention of AIDS among the migrant labourers.

29.01.2003 President Bush proposes $15 billion plan for emergency AIDS relief for Africa and Caribbean.

12.05.2003 Women disagree with new recommendation that HIV/AIDS be made grounds for divorce.

June, 2003 Tata Steel bagged the Global Business Coalition Award for best practices on HIV/AIDS prevention and reduction of stigma and discrimination.


14.10.2003 UNPF criticizes Vatican statement that condoms do not protect people from HIV.

01.04.2004 The AIDS Control Programme for free antiretroviral (ARV) drugs for one lakh patients makes a beginning on a small scale.


27.02.2005 Cynthia Lesomo is crowned Botswana’s new Miss HIV/AIDS stigma Free 2005.

21.04.2005 Global Fund spokesman says India has the highest number of HIV positive people in the World, though Government of India puts the figure at 5.1 million as against South Africa’s 5.3 million.
22.07.2005  NACO says 111 districts in India, about 1 to 4 percent of the population are HIV positive.

02.12.2005  Russia's first beauty pageant for HIV infected women crowns 24 year old Svetlana Izambayeva as Miss positive.

28.03.2006  All new entrants into Indian armed forces to undergo compulsory HIV test.

23.04.2006  NACO to open 400 more HIV testing centres in several States, 5.2 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.

20.07.2006  Bill Gates to give $287 million to help 165 scientists in 19 countries who work on an AIDS vaccine.

13.08.2006  Six days International AIDS Conference opens in Toronto, Canada.

24.10.2006  First ART Centre of Orissa opened at MKCG Medical College, Berhampur.


08.07.2007  UNAIDS accepts the National Family Health Survey's figure of 2.47 million HIV cases in India and not the earlier figure of 2.5 million.

06.10.2008  Luc Montagnier of France, the co-discoverer of HIV won Nobel Prize for Medicine.

05.08.2009  The Madras High Court ordered T.N. AIDS Control Society for removal of Photographs of woman-child on AIDS awareness campaign banners across T.N. which gave an impression as if both were suffering from AIDS and pay a compensation of Rs. one crore and beg apology.

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