

2013-2014

3rd Anniversary Celebration & New Dormitory Inauguration



Patients acting and dancing to commemorate the celebration

The 3rd anniversary celebration was observed this time with a lot of vigour and zest by the patients and staff of the Rehabilitation centre. The new additional extension of the rehabilitation centre to serve as dormitory was welcomed warm heartedly by all and was inaugurated by Mrs Rinku Singh on behalf of the patron of HANDS Mr Satnam Jit Singh. Also present was a keen social worker from Finland Ms Lous Sans Pegret along with all the members and staff of HANDS. The guests and members were very impressed by the talent displayed by the patients who put up a very entertaining program which ended with thanks giving to all the well wishers and a well laid out Lunch.



Patients enacting

Guests & members present

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2013



HANDS together with local media partner Kalimpong Television “KTV” and print media Himali Darpan, Kalipong chapter this year organized a day long program in the town hall where various dignitaries were invited like the Local Magistrate, ASP and IC Kpg Police, MLA Mr Harka Bhadur Chettri, educationist and prominent members of the society. The program started with the releasing of the **documentary film “Trip, The Restoration in Process”** based on a success story of one of our HANDS patients. The documentary film was produced by HANDS in association with KTV, which managed to reach out to the public in an emotional manner and high lighting the ends of addiction and its horrors.

After the premier documentary film show, there was a panel discussion anchored by Mr Naren Tamng of KTV, on the analysis of the root causes of substance abuse and the channels of trafficking of the contraband items. The carefully selected panellist were personalities representing concerned departments like Lawyer Mr Pravakar Dewan, Law enforcement ASP Mrs Songmit Lepcha, Adminstartion The deputy Magistrate, Political representative Mr Suva Pradhan, HANDS Mr Bidhan Pradhan and representing transport for trafficking was the president of the commercial drivers union Mr T.D.Kazi. All the program was telecasted live on local cables to educate the masses of the ever growing substance related problems, be it Drugs or Alcohol.

Awareness at Lepcha Youth Hostel

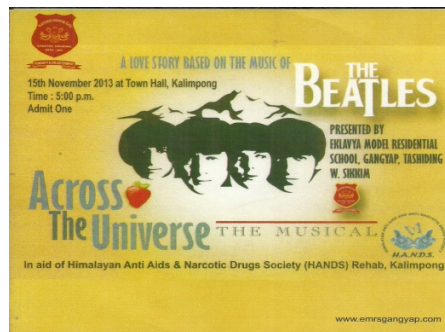


Mr Bidhan R Pradhan giving presentation on Substance Abuse

On request of the MLLDB, Maya Lang Lepcha Development Board, on 6th November 2013, HANDS organized an awareness program on substance abuse for the Lepcha community youth. There were over 200 young boys and girls who participated and achieved a lot of knowledge in this field.



Fund raising program “Across the Universe”



HANDS had again organized a very popular musical play “Across the Universe” based on the smash hit songs of Beatles performed by Eklavya Model Residential School, Gangyap, Sikkim on 15th November 2013 at Town Hall, Kalimpong. The fund raising program like always has helped HANDS give a helping hand and bring about changes in the substance abuse scenario to the financially weaker section of the society as well.

One of the many awareness programs at Donbosco



Mr Nereus Mukhia and Mr Nishal Pradhan in one of the awareness programs

As usual HANDS with its long standing relation with Don Bosco Jyoti, Kalimpong gave another Awareness program in its regular 3 months period to the students who have always been very receptive and eager to garner knowledge and equip themselves to combat the social menace of substance abuse.



Street Campaigning on World Aids Day 2013



Members, staff & volunteers participating in the street campaign

HANDS never missed out on commemorating international events like World Aids Day. This year HANDS took it to the streets in order to reach out to the common man on a one on one basis, trying to break the denial that our community was free and safe from this disease. Members served as foot soulders stopping people and requesting two minutes of their time in order to jolt them to reality that all is vulnerable to this disease provided we all know how to take correct precautionary measures.

