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HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme for Police Personnel
held at POLICE TRAINING CENTRE, TUMKUR ON
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Department of Postgraduate Studies in Social Work, Tumkur University, Tumkur in association with Sanjivini AIDS Awareness Women's Organization®, Tumkur had organized a HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme for the Police Personnel of Tumkur District at Police Training Centre, Tumkur on Dec 11, 2011. Mr. Thimmanavar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, was the inaugurator of the programme. In his inaugural address, Mr. Thimmanavar said that every section of society needs to be made aware of the causes and consequences of HIV/AIDS. He further stated that especially the police personnel need to be sensitized regarding the HIV/AIDS as they can effectively use this information to protect the vulnerable people from the many dangers emanating from it.



Police Personnel inaugurating the Awareness Programme. Dr. Ramesh is seen

Dr. Ramesh B., Associate Professor of Social Work, in his introductory remarks, highlighted the importance of adoption of a humane approach by the police personnel in dealing with the victims of HIV/AIDS. He observed that only the empathetic approach and not the legal one would enable them to win the confidence of the HIV infected persons and convert them into peer educators for others in society.

Mr. Santhosh, Programme Manager, BIRDS-KASAPS, Tumkur and Mr. Yamanappanavar, Coordinator, Sanjivini AIDS Awareness Women's Organization®, Tumkur were the resource persons for the programme. They made a comprehensive presentation on the causes and impact of HIV/AIDS, the rights of the victims, and the ways to empower the victims of HIV to lead a healthy and responsible life. This was followed by an interactive session where the participants got an opportunity to get their doubts clarified.

Mr. Thimmanavar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mr. Jayaram, Inspector of Police, and Mr. Dayanad H, Sub-Inspector of Police made significant contribution to the discussion held at the end of the programme by sharing with their colleagues their knowledge on HIV/AIDS and other STDs. Thus, the programme was successful in its objective of generating awareness among the police personnel regarding the nature of HIV/AIDS and the multiple problems faced by its victims.