

HIV/ AIDS awareness program at 400/ 220KV TUMKUR (Madhugiri) **Substation**

Objective: To create awareness among workers and staff on HIV Virus & immune - deficiency syndrome and provide information on prevention/cure.

Venue : 400/220 kV Substation Tumkur

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The contractor M/s. KEC International Ltd. project team at Tumkur organized an awareness program on HIV/ AIDS. The program was conducted by an NGO called 'Suraksha', which is a social service organization from Bangalore. Apart from conducting such programs on social issues, Suraksha organization provides services in conducting health check-ups.

The event started with inauguration speech by Dr. Shetty of 'Suraksha'. He started by explaining the causes of HIV / AIDS and further said that if diagnosed at an early stage, HIV is curable. But if the condition of infected patient reaches next stage i.e. AIDS than this disease is incurable.

Dr. Shetty discussed about various sources which may cause HIV/AIDS like unsafe sex, HIV infected blood transfusion, using shaving blades of HIV infected person etc. He informed that we should accept HIV/AIDS infected people in society as any other human being and there is no harm in shaking hands with them or sharing their utensils.

Towards the end of his discussion, Dr. Shetty informed the gathering about ways to prevent from HIV by using safe sex gear like condoms, using clean and tested syringes etc. The program concluded with an interactive session between audience & Dr. Shetty and distribution of brochures and condoms.

The program was attended by workers and staff from POWERGRID, KEC and Niha Builder.



Dr. Shetty of Suraksha (NGO) explaining the workers about HIV / AIDS



Dr. Shetty of Suraksha (NGO) interacting with the workers on HIV / AIDS



Workers listening to the lecture



Workers clarifying their doubts on the disease