



Venue: Govt. Dental College, St. George Hospital, Mumbai

Theme of this year: **'Getting to Zero'** :

- **Zero new HIV infections**
- **Zero discrimination**
- **Zero AIDS related deaths**

Audience: All Avert Staff, MSACS, MDACS, students from MDACS Red Ribbon Clubs and students from Govt. Dental College attended the programme.

Dignitaries:

Mr. Suresh Shetty, Minister for Public Health and Family Welfare,
Mr. Bhushan Gagrani, IAS, Secretary, II Public Health Department
Mr. Jayant Kumar Banthia, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary (I), Public Health Department
Dr. P N Singhare, Director, Medical Education and Research, Mumbai
Dr. Suresh Gupta, Director, DHS
Dr. Mansingh Pawar, Dean, Government Dental College, St. George Hospital
Mr. Vikas Kharge, Commissioner (FW) and MD, NRHM
Dr. Rashid Merchant, Nanavati Hospital
Mr. Ramesh Devkar, IAS, Project Director, Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society
Dr. Harish Pathak, APD, Mumbai District AIDS Control Society
Ms. Smriti Acharya, Project Director, Avert Society

Display of collapsible stalls with BCC materials by all three societies and HLPPT.

Lighting of the Lamp was done by all the dignitaries.



Felicitation of the NGOs from all SACS and SLP doing exemplary work in the field of HIV/AIDS. This included Avert Society and the following partners:

NGO	Theme	District
Aamich Amche	PLHIV Network	Sangli
Rashtra Swasthya Prabodhini	Migrant	Thane
Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha	LWS	Aurangabad
Committed Communities Development Trust	OVC	Mumbai & Thane



After the felicitation unveiling of the book was done on Pediatric HIV/AIDS written by Dr. Rashid Merchant from Nanavati Hospital and then he addressed the audience.

