

## **HIV/AIDS Intervention**

We are happy to inform you that on 8<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> September '07 we could organize an intervention programme amongst the students of standard VIII, IX & X. On 8<sup>th</sup> we conducted it in a boys school (Calcutta Vidya Bhawan) and the 19<sup>th</sup> of September we did it in a girls school (Shree Vidya Niketan).

In Kolkata this subject is still not taught thoroughly in the school though it is in the curriculum. Teachers and parents alike don't like to discuss this subject openly because they feel embarrassed. So the schools and teachers are very hesitant to have this type of intervention. We are lucky that we share a good rapport with many schools so they agree and give us permission for us to do such interventions.

At these interventions we try to make them realize and aware how much danger this dreadly disease is. Within three hours time we try to give them adequate knowledge through assessment sheet, individual class intervention and group intervention. In both the sessions that class and group intervention we the speaker use to confront before huge question. They clear all their doubts and show eagerness to know more. They become more and more inquisitive through out this session. Finally the interactive session takes place where almost all the students participate unhesitatingly and with full enthusiasm.

We believe that we have managed to cross some barriers and we hope to cross many more in the future.