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March 2010

- **Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)**
[SAVE INP+ and NMP+](#)

NMP+ has issued a show cause notice to INP+, regarding termination of affiliation. Response is yet to receive from INP+. NMP+ secretariat cost and salary of 58 staff is pending from last 9 months. INP+ and PFI is not yet taking any initiative to release the pending grant. [read more…](#)

February 2010

- **Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)**
[INP+ – NMP+ dispute developments](#)

In further developments in the ongoing dispute between NMP+ and INP+, INP+ has caused further confusion by sending a letter to NMP+ announcing that the affiliation of NMP+ has been terminated. NMP+ refuses to accept their power to take this action unilaterally. NMP+ together with a number of other states disturbed by the performance of INP+ have asked GFATM to investigate. A hearing on the dispute is expected to be held in March, with a ruling probably in April. [[read more…](#)]

January 2010

- **Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)**
[Changes to ACT](#)

The next few months will see major changes to the ACT programme which has been operating in the six high prevalence states, including Maharashtra, since 2005. ACT will close on 31st March and the next day, 1st April, Promoting Access to Care and Treatment (PACT) will take its place. [[read more…](#)]

December 2009

- Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)

[Strike continues; networks help](#)

NMP+ has written to Mr Devkar, Project Director at MSACS, asking for him to use his influence to bring an early end to the dispute which has been causing disruption to services. [[read more…](#)

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November 2009

- Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)

[NMP+ present to national conference on 2nd line](#)

Manoj Pardeshi, General Secretary of NMP+, has presented the Maharashtra experience of struggling to get free 2nd line drugs for all at a national conference in Delhi. The conference was arranged by ITPC India, a consortium of people with HIV and their supporters, including doctors and lawyers, who are fighting for better treatment including free 2nd line for all. [[r ead more…](#)

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October 2009

- Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)

[PFI sets up meeting between NMP+ and NACO](#)

NACO's ART Consultant Rekha Jain is to meet the NMP+ board and some staff members at the PFI office in Mumbai on 3rd November. The meeting has been set up by Rohini Gorey, the PFI State Coordinator for Maharashtra. PFI is the Population Foundation of India, the principle channel for ACT funds to NMP+ and the districts. [[read more…](#)]

September 2009

- Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)

[2nd line: court order defied](#)

People in Maharashtra in need of 2nd line treatment are still being denied the free drugs by JJ Hospital. This is despite an undertaking made by NACO to Chief Justice A. M. Khanwilkar, a judge at the Bombay High Court, as reported last month. Earlier this month, Rekha Jain, the Regional Coordinator for NACO, told a meeting in Thane district that [[rea d more…](#)

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July 2009

- Latur School, We are Winning!

In one of our biggest advocacy campaigns since the anti-quack rallies in 2005, the Latur network NLP+, NMP+ and other local NGOs seem to have won the battle to keep positive children integrated into a local school.[[read more…](#)]

- Global Economic Crisis and HIV (UNAIDS)

[In this issue…](#)

The financial and economic crisis is beginning to impact the AIDS response. India recently reduced its budget allocation to AIDS for the current financial year. A recent analysis by UNAIDS and World Bank shows that in some of the most affected countries treatment programmes are being hit. World leaders are now taking notice and urging that commitments to social sector funding be maintained. [[read more…](#)]

June 2009

- **Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)**

[State public hearing on 2nd line on 30th June](#)

NMP+ board members and staff are getting ready for a State Public Hearing in Mumbai on the subject of access to 2nd line antiretroviral treatment. A number of people desperate to get 2nd line are travelling to Mumbai to attend the hearing and question the panel which includes representatives from NACO, MSACS, and the Human Rights law Network. [[read more…](#)]

May 2009

- **Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)**

[Dhule ART centre failings](#)

Serious failings have emerged in the standard of healthcare in Dhule district. There was a mass demonstration outside the ART centre earlier this month when 131 people who turned up for CD4 testing were refused the facility. Network of Maharashtra People with HIV (NMP+) President Shivaji Barge wrote to the new Project Director of MSACS, Rajesh Deokar, outlining the problem. [[read more…](#)]

- **UNAIDS Newsletter**

[No Single Magic Bullet for HIV Prevention](#)

In this issue of the UNAIDS news–letter we focus on four aspects of the HIV prevention response that have been the subject of discussion in recent months– homophobia, harm reduction for drug users, sex work and the role of condoms. [[read more…](#)]

April 2009

- **Network of Maharashtra by People living with HIV (NMP+)**

[PLC Staff Share Expertise](#)

Staff at the Dhule network have come up with a great idea; their own confidential telephone helpline, Aamhi Aanandane Jagto (We are living happily). It provides immediate and accurate information to anyone with an interest in HIV and AIDS. Dhule staff believe good information is vital for a more informed society. Callers can include positive people, those who are affected, or anyone with a query about HIV or its transmission.[[read more…](#)]

March 2009

- **[Please give us 2nd Line](#)**

The Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) is helping our campaign to make access to second line treatment easier. The lawyers from HRLN will bring a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) to the high court in Mumbai. The PIL asks that all those in need of 2nd line drugs be provided

with them free of cost. At the moment, people who need 2nd line treatment are refused for a number of fairly trivial reasons that are not based on medical need. [[read more…](#)]

February 2009

- [Board visit State Governor](#)

Board members from the NMP+ visited His Excellency Shri S C Jamir, Governor of Maharashtra, in his Raj Bhawan residence on 22nd February. President Shivaji Barge with Anil Dalvi, Vaishali Naik, Manoj Pardesi, Rajesh Pendhari and Satish Rangari were joined by Thane District board member Shabana Patel [[read more…](#)]

Archives

- [More on World AIDS Day \(December 2008\)](#)

For everyone in Maharashtra, the Mumbai atrocity put a cloud over World AIDS Day events. Despite this, we went about our business as best we could and there were many successful events [[read more…](#)]

- [World AIDS Day – Health Insurance \(November 2008\)](#)

On World AIDS Day on 1st December, NMP+ and all the districts are campaigning for cause.

1. free bus travel for patients and a carer for their trips to visit their ART Centre [[read more…](#)]

- [Ganpatti festival, Aurangabad \(October 2008\)](#)

Using a "Video van" and working in cooperation with the Breakthrough Society, the Aurangabad district and in particular the Swapnapurti Drop In Centre staff put on a splendid 5 day publicity drive at the Ganesh festival in September. This was a HIV/AIDS awareness programme aimed at rural areas [[read more…](#)]

- [World AIDS Day \(September 2008\)](#)

The 1st December is World AIDS Day. We should cash in on the interest this will arouse. There is likely to be national and international media coverage. If you are able to do any activities, such as street theatre, or setting up a kiosk in a market place to dispense leaflets and information, your local paper may be eager to cover it. Let them know your plans well in advance so they put in their event diaries [[read more…](#)]

- [Positive Living Centre for Beed \(August 2008\)](#)

A new Positive Living Centre (PLC) has opened at Beed. The inauguration was on the 7th August. The PLC is funded by INP+ as part of the ACT project. Chief guest was Mr. Sunildada Dhande (Member of Parliament) who gave an assurance that he will make efforts for supporting the aims of the Network [[read more…](#)]

- [Advocacy \(July 2008\)](#)

State Advocacy Officer Kishor Sanas' work last month included a visit with Indian Red Cross staff to the Pune Municipal Corporation. He talked to 25 corporators who work in the

Jejuri Taluka, declaring his status and appealing for their help in combatting problems suffered by people with HIV in the Taluka [[read more…](#)]

- **[State Woman’s Forum launched \(June 2008\)](#)**

NMP+ is happy to announce that on the 13th May, the 'NMP+ State Woman's Forum' (SWF) was formed. 22 women from 14 districts attended. Coordinator, Rekha Chawda, said 'The women on the committee are very enthusiastic. We hope and believe we will achieve a lot for positive women and children in Maharashtra'. NMP+ board member Prema Khandagle, who is a committee member on the National Women's Forum, also expressed delight with the new forum

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