

# ITDWC

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INDIAN TRUCK DRIVERS WELFARE CONSORTIUM

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The Indian Truck Drivers Welfare Consortium functions on creating better life for the truckers on promoting their welfare and wellbeing. Various activities have been carried out for the truckers during the year like providing them medical aid through camps. Creating awareness to them on HIV/AIDS.

More than 400 members working in cluster wise CMDA I and II, warehouse, bullet points, Chennai port, Gummudipoondi truck parking areas, madhurantagam, sriperambadur, karnodai ponnammallee, Irunkattukodai etc. The truck drivers were provided more awareness and motivation to enjoy the benefits of being the members in the consortium.

### **Awareness on Road Safety:**

The major issues that always faced by the truckers is the road accidents which was caused due to the lack of knowledge on the signals and traffic rules & regulations. Considering it ITDWC have organized road safety awareness programme for the truckers on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Mr. Ragavendra, Advisory committee member, ITDWC handled the session on the importance of following the traffic rules, causes and consequences of road accidents. Mr. Muthukumar, Chairman ITDWC explained to the truckers on insurance claiming during the accidents, ways for getting welfare benefits from the transport owners. The truckers in their feedback have mentioned that they are very interested on the way the sessions were handled. About 500 truckers have got benefited through the awareness programme.

### **Advocacy committee meeting:**

The advocacy committee members were participated in the meeting and discussed about the issues affecting the truck drivers. The owners of the transport companies, mechanic shop owners, guiders association members, shop owners have participated in the meeting.

The owners conveyed that they have been supported the drivers by providing them suitable halting points to take rest and fresh up. They are very particular on handling their issues during any accidents in the travel place and while driving. The life safety initiative to be taken and they need to

It was discussed on the plans of the Indian Truck Drivers Welfare consortium; it was planned on applying for the legal aid clinic for the truckers to get clarified on their legal issues related to the driving field and other personal issues.

It was also planned to apply projects for the welfare of the truckers on the overall wellbeing of them. The CSR projects to be applied in the companies, government projects also to provide welfare services for them. The advocacy meeting was very fruitful for the development and welfare of the truckers.

### **Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign:**

Information, Education and Communication activities are considered to be the most important component on creating awareness to the truckers. The pictorial information on the Spreading of HIV, STI, causes and signs of HIV were highlighted in the IEC materials in the banner, handbills, broucher and posters. Through the IEC activity the truckers came to understand about the information related on prevention from HIV/AIDS. About 2800 IEC materials were distributed to the truckers.

### **Observance on World AIDS Day:**

Indian Truck Drivers Welfare Consortium every year takes a privileged to organize an observance on World AIDS Day for the truckers on 1st December 2018. The truckers were created awareness on STI, HIV/AIDS its symptoms and signs, testing and treatment, medication process and counseling through Street play, exhibition show and medical camp. Health camp was organized and the truckers were motivated to take HIV test and medicines were provided to the truckers. Those who found to be infected were referred for counseling and treatment centre. Through the Exhibition show the truckers came to understand the causes and consequences of STI, HIV/AIDS which is displayed with the pictorial information on various information related to HIV/AIDS. More than 1600 truckers have participated in the programme.

## **Interpersonal Communication (IPC) Sessions for the truckers:**

Interpersonal communication sessions were conducted for the truckers as the regular activity on creating awareness to the truckers on preventing them for HIV/AIDS making them to live a decent life, educating them on getting their welfare benefits from the Government as well as from the transport owners. The truckers who found to be vulnerable to get affected by STI, HIV are being focused more and regular follow up as been done to bring complete outcome from them. The programme were conducted in warehouse, bullet points, Chennai port, Gummudipoondi truck parking areas, madhurantagam, sriperambadur, karnodai, ponnamallee and Irunkattukodai.

## **Behavior Change Community (BCC):**

The truckers were motivated to change their behaviors which result in preventing them from getting infected by STI, HIV/AIDS and other diseases. As a Behavior Change Communication street theater with parai was conducted in the halting points of the parking and halting areas. The truckers were provided with knowledge through the regular intervention such as one to one interaction, group intervention and focus group discussions. Various topics like HIV/ AIDS, STI, Condom promotion and ICTC etc were taken to the truckers. About 1700 truckers have got benefited through the BCC activity.

## **STI Management Committee Meeting:**

The truckers were much prone to be infected by STI, since the STI Management committees have been formed. The main objective of the meeting was to prevent the truckers from getting infected by STI and to reduce the vulnerability of getting infected. It was discussed to create awareness to the truckers on condom usage and distribution of free condom to protect them from the diseases.

## **Advisory Committee Meeting:**

The Advisory Committee meeting was held on 5th June 2018 at Indian truck drivers Welfare Consortium office. All the advisory committee members have participated in the meeting

The Chairman said to support should be given to the drivers met with accidents get their Welfare benefits , benefits on loss of Life , Education and the job support to the driver's families. The basic facilities and the security for the drivers in the halting points parking areas to be ensured.

The Advisory Committee members were very interested to enroll more members in the organisation .It was also discussed on providing more awareness training for the trackers on road safety Awareness to create awareness to the Truckers on HIV /AIDS ,STI intervention conducting more health camps and medical aid services. The Chairman thanked the members for their effective participation in the meeting.

### **Annual General Body Committee Meeting:**

Annual General Body Meeting for the Indian truck drivers Consortium was held on 8th April 2018. The meeting was presided by the chairman P.M.MUTHUKUMAR .It was explained to the members on increasing the membership in the Consortium before the activities for truckers was implemented not in a formal manner .But the effort was taken by the Chairman on registering the Consortium to benefit the truckers in many ways which will support their livelihood , economic development, Health and Family Welfare .

He briefly explained about the highlights of the activities like driver's entitlements awareness program of the HIV /AIDS ,Road Safety Clean India mission educational support for marginalized drivers . Health Care activities , child education support for drivers children and general awareness programmes. All the members appreciated the initiatives and implementation of the activities. He also added the challenges faced by the organization like mobilizing the drivers for the memberships. There is more to need to support the deserving drivers community but the funding wise is a major issue. Then along with the members Annual plan was discussed for the year 2019 to 2020 .

It was planned to have network with the Transporter and automobile sectors. It was also planned to co-ordinate with the corporate and local bodies to get funding source according to their objectives and principles . Mr. Wilson, Treasurer ,ITDWC mentioned that more searching need to be done for the accessing funding's from state , Central and foreign funding's and also contact should be build up. In response to that chairman said that they have approached more International funding organization and corporate still awaiting response from the funders. The general body members appreciated the efforts of the ITDWC members and staff for their effective works. The Annual Year Accounts along with the Bills and Vouchers have been submitted for their approval.