WHAT IS SCORP?

The Standing Committee on Human Rights and Peace unites students who strive to create an equal and peaceful world, and believe in international, intercultural as well as interpersonal solidarity.

We believe in everybody’s responsibility as well as ability to contribute to creating this world, as human rights can only exist when it applies to all humans.

HISTORY

In 1983, the Standing Committee on Refugees was formed, aiming to call attention to the problems faced by the displaced population and participate in relief efforts.

The committee members soon realised that these efforts were merely palliative, whereas a sustainable solution would have to address the root of the problem – violence, conflicts and human rights violations.
AIMS

Enhance students knowledge on human rights, peace building, humanitarian response, international humanitarian law and violations of human rights.

Provide medical students with tools and skills to act according to Human Rights and ethics both in clinical settings and in everyday life;

Support and create activities, such as campaigns, capacity building and advocacy, aiming to fulfill the vision of the standing committee.

Facilitate the Federations policy development on areas related to human rights and peace.

Provide members with the opportunity to advocate for implementation of policies through inclusion in national and international laws and frameworks.

Collaborate with relevant partners in the implementation of objectives related to human rights and peace.
ACTIVITIES UNDER SCORP INTERNATIONALLY

Human Right Trainers:
In 2013, the first SCORP Camp, a summer training camp on SCORP issues was held in Slovakia. In 2014 the Camp was hosted in Jordan, and in 2015 it was Sweden’s turn. Thanks to these camps, in addition to a number of other international, regional and national workshops, IFMSA now has about 150 Human Rights Trainers spread over the 5 regions.

Migrants Rights:
Apart from the projects on a local level, regional and international initiatives have been taken. 20 European NMOs made a statement on the disaster on the Mediterranean, and a campaign has been created to celebrate World Refugee Day (20th of June).

Disaster Risk Management & Humanitarian Actions:
IFMSA hosted four three days training during the year 2014-2015 on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Humanitarian Response, which have resulted in extensive mobilization and recruitment of medical students to be involved in the topic. A curriculum of a seven mount training on DRM and Humanitarian Actions is development and a recruitment of participants to this comprehensive training is launched.

Health Care:
IFMSA have developed a collaboration with ICRC Health Care in Danger project, where IFMSA is training medical students on the ethical dilemmas of medical workers in disaster settings. Three trainings have been taking place at this point; one global in Sweden, one in EMR region and one global in Turkey.

World Humanitarian Summit Taskforce:
IFMSA is currently leading a taskforce for the World Humanitarian Summit, which has the main mandate to enhance the voice and capacity of the youth.
FROM THE DESK OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE..

Human rights are very essential and each right has a role to play in our day to day lives. As medicos, we are duty bound to contribute to the field of humanity. We must realise that it is very necessary to be a good human being. All of us have the right to life and all are equal. Our aim at the standing committee of Human Rights and Peace is to extend this message to everyone and to prove that human rights were not drafted for the sake of it, but to make them worthy in the true sense. There are totally 30 human rights of which the rights that hold paramount importance in India include- Right to equality (woman rights, gender equality), freedom from discrimination, Right to life, liberty, personal security, Right to education and freedom from torture or degrading treatment. The MSAI SCORP team conducted various events and activities this year which are illustrated in the Booklet.

The SCORP MSAI team intends to plan many more innovative activities and campaigns which will help people and serve humanity. A big thanks to all the SCORP officers and volunteers who helped us expand the team and helped spread the message of universal brotherhood implying ‘we are all one, we are all equal.’

NEHA MASRANI & NAMRATA ROY,
National officers of Human Rights and Peace
MSA India
EVENTS CONDUCTED BY THE MSAI SCORP TEAM

1. MAKE THE WORLD SMILE CAMPAIGN:
2. “AMCHA GHAR – OUR HOUSE ORPHANAGE”
3. “PRAGATI”
4. “ORPHANAGE FOR HIV POSITIVE CHILDREN”
5. #WESTANDFORHUMANRIGHTS.
6. I AM A FIGHTER
7. SAY NO TO ABUSE
8. HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION
9. YOU’RE NOT REPLACEABLE
10. WALK FOR A CHANGE
11. BAPNUGHAR
12. GIFT A PAD
13. RAISE YOUR ELDERS
14. A STEP TOWARDS BETTER MOTHERHOOD
MAKE THE
WORLD SMILE...

Multiple activities were conducted under this campaign. The society's pride is a child's smile and hence to preserve this priceless possession at hand, The MSAI SCORP team introduced MAKE THE WORLD SMILE CAMPAIGN. The target group included but was not limited to children living in orphanages. We distributed food goodies, soaps, clothes, towels and toothpastes and other basic necessities during this campaign.
SESSION ON MUTUAL RESPECT AT ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES ORPHANAGE, MUMBAI

“Amcha Ghar-Our house”

The Maharashtra team of Msai conducted an event at Aamcha Ghar, a shelter care for girls in Bhayender. Aamcha Ghar looks after the daily needs, education and stay of a lot of kids and work effortlessly for their better life. A lot of these kids we interacted today with were either from poverty line (parents have hence left them at the shelter due to no funds), orphans, red light area kids, kids of parents having AIDS. We started by a two way introduction to light up the mood. We spoke on the following topics.
MAKETHEWORLDSMILE CAMPAIGN

“The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up”

-Mark Twain

We spoke to them to realize the importance of so many things that we take for granted so many times.
We as volunteers collected clothes which were in a good condition and donated it to the NGO. They were more than happy to have received "New" clothes for Diwali, the upcoming Indian festival.
We had also taken cakes, chocolates, biscuits for these girls. They have two pets a cat "pussy" and a dog. Thus, keeping in mind the need for hand hygiene we explained to them about "hand was moves". We also explained to them regarding menstruation and menstrual health keeping in mind the age group.
We were overwhelmed to meet such amazing cheerful souls!

Reported by Ms. Sonali Mehta
A STEP TOWARDS PEACE...
Neha Masrani, LO SCROP, along with SCROP-India team conducted an arts and craft activity for children between the ages of 6-15 years in association with an NGO named Pragati at their center in Dharavi, Mumbai. We wish to instill a feeling of universal brotherhood and principles of non-discrimination among young minds that will be an integral part of the society in the near future. The activity was conducted in the hope that their minds will be imprinted with the message of Peace we wish to spread.
A STEPTOWARDS PEACE...
SAY NO TO ABUSE!!

“Child abuse casts a shadow the length of a lifetime”

-Herbert Ward

SCORP-Karnataka conducted the Event at Don Bosco Home, where Children were rescued from Child Labour activity. We taught them Various Types of Abuses, Importance of reporting the abuses to the care taker or guardian and Protect themselves from the abuses. We also taught them why it is important to not be silent on the abuses mainly Mental and sexual Abuses.

Along with Right to Protection from Abuse, we also thought them about Right to education, Right to Health and Why it is important to maintain Peace and universal Brotherhood Reported by Ashfaq Baig
WALK FOR A CHANGE - VISION 2030
INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY CELEBRATIONS – WALK A CHANGE VISION 2030

MSAI-TN&PY collaborated with AWARE, a Chennai based NGO, in a "WALK FOR A CHANGE - VISION 2030" that was conducted at Marina Beach. A peaceful walk from the Gandhi Statue, along the beach, with 70 volunteers from various organizations holding placards and banners. There were messages about girl child abuse, child marriage, hazards of early pregnancy, dowry, rape, importance of female education and the dwindling sex ratio. Many Guest speakers mentioned that they were working in tandem with the new SDG goals set by the UN for 2030 and had chosen the 5th goal - To Achieve Gender Equality and Empower all Women and Girls. Reported by Manju
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATIONS

“I am not interested in picking up crumbs of compassion thrown from the table of someone who considers himself my master. I want the full menu of rights.”
- Desmond Tutu

WE IN INDIA CELEBRATED HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AND IT WAS THE FIRST EVER HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION IN OUR NMO.
WE MADE A PLAY ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS THAT OFTEN TAKE IN INDIA:

1. Right to peaceful demonstrations and democracy.

2. Freedom of thought and expression

3. Don’t discriminate

4. Right to adequate lifestyle

5. Say no to child labour and slavery

We made a lot of placards, and added a lot of related Bollywood songs to capture viewers’ attention and help them connect.

In terms of Hyperbole it turned out to be an audiovisual treat.

“We as medical students work exceptionally hard to learn how to save lives. So it is very disheartening that certain people think it’s okay to just blow a few apart.”
GIFT A PAD

Upasana Society will be providing sanitary napkins to the students who cannot afford it until the time the campaign takes off successfully. During our last visit, we distributed nearly 250 sanitary pads to girls from poor backgrounds.

We put up boxes so that students can drop a packet anonymously to be distributed to their anonymous counterparts. This will meet the need and help the college run a self-sustained programme. When one woman reaches out to another, it will ensure a confident smile.
BAPNU GHAR EVENT: WOMAN AT BAPNU GHAR WERE COUNSELLED REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Ms. Priyanka Manghani from the Maharashtra Team attended a session in Bandra, Mumbai with Mr. Harish Iyer (a renowned LGBT Social Activist who also works to eliminate child sex abuse) and team yaariyaan and humsafar, showing support from the medical community in the awareness of gay rights and the stigma attached to it.
“PROTECT, RESPECT, EMPOWER AND INSPIRE”
- THE BASIC NEED OF THE HOUR

Woman's Rights event conducted under the banner of 'Protect, Empower and Inspire' the basic need of the hour: The event focused on teaching the adolescent group to respect girls, changing social attitudes, elimination of discrimination and all forms of violence against girls. The girls were also taught of basic ways which can protect them to stay safe both physically and emotionally.
September 10th is marked globally as World Suicide Prevention Day to raise awareness about mental health and how to deal with an emotional situation and times of depression. The youth, which is most vulnerable to mental stress and suicidal tendencies, was addressed.
RAISE YOUR ELDERS. (ELDERLY ABUSE AWARENESS)

The activity is mainly concerning the geriatric population with an alarming rise in the number of elderly people being sent to old age homes to spend the latter days of their life due to prevalence of elderly abuse in the society. This would involve surveying the elderly people staying in the old age homes regarding the abuse, the common forms of abuse and its correlation with socio-economic status, gender of the victim, presence/death of spouse and who is the accused and probable cause for the abuse and reaching out to the general population (all age groups) and creating awareness regarding the same and whom/where to contact if they come across any case of elderly abuse and counselling them to help reduce and involve in fighting this problem. Also, the elderly people would be counseled about the Rights of the Elderly, Human Rights and Concessions and Facilities given to Senior Citizens.
A STEP TOWARDS BETTER MOTHERHOOD.

The major concern regarding the pregnant woman is that they should be made aware about the precautions they need to take during their term of gestation and even after the childbirth. Over 75 pregnant women attended the event. They got a proper information regarding the maternal care emphasising basically towards the maternal health. The basic message of ‘A Healthy Mother will only be give birth to a Healthy Child’ was given out the patients.
After all, a woman handles the HEART and the Hearth