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To  
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

### **HIV AIDS Awareness programme at TNAU**

Red ribbon club of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University organized HIV AIDS awareness programme on 28, 29, 30th March 2015.

400 volunteers participated in the orientation training and HIV AIDS awareness lecture by Dr. K. Mahadevan, Professor and Head (Rtd), Department of Skin and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, CMCH, Coimbatore. He explained the causes of HIV infection and Tamil Nadu ranks 9th in the country in HIV infection with 0.3% of population being infected by the killer disease. He said that youth should be well educated about the clean habits, healthy foods and avoid the spread of diseases.

Since, the disease has no vaccine and no medicines spread of AIDS has to be checked Mr. M. Somesh, President, Coimbatore network for positive people (CNP+) explained the issues related to population who are vulnerable for AIDS attack including sex workers, injection drug users, infected blood donors etc. He called the RRC volunteers to be aware about the services available for HIV infected people and spread the message to the needy. The volunteers interacted with him and learnt about the stigma, discrimination faced by HIV infected people in the society.

A peer group consisting of 40 volunteers participated in the peer education training given by Mr. N.R. Vaideeswaran, RRC Manager on 30.3.2015. He explained the importance of reproductive health, need for blood donation and influence of peers in guiding their trends. He requested to impart the knowledge they gained to the vulnerable sections of the society.

Program officers Dr. N. Sakthivel, Dr. A. Thanga Hemavathy, Dr. R. Pavendan, Dr. M.R. Latha and Dr. R. Hemaprabha arranged the programme with the guidance of Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agri.), AC & RI, Coimbatore.

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