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SHANGHAI: An estimated 33.4 million people worldwide are infected with the AIDS virus, up from 33 million in 2007, but more people are living longer due to the availability of drugs. However, more than half of the people who need life-saving drugs are not getting them, according to the 2009 AIDS epidemic update, launched by the World Health Organisation and Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS here yesterday. — Reuters