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Ribbon of hope: Indian women walking past a giant AIDS red ribbon sand sculpture as part of an awareness campaign on the eve of World AIDS Day at Chandrabhaga sea beach in Konark, India. — AFP

World AIDS Day is held on Dec 1 each year and is an opportunity for the world to unite in the HIV fight, express support for people living with HIV and remember those who died. According to the United Nations, about 34 million people worldwide are living with HIV, and 2.5 million were infected last year alone. People show their support for World AIDS Day by wearing a red ribbon — the international symbol of HIV awareness — and organising awareness campaigns.



Moving message: Motorcyclists riding near a truck displaying a poster advertising World's AIDS Day in Hanoi. — AFP



Spreading awareness: A volunteer wearing a costume featuring a condom during an AIDS awareness campaign in Seoul, South Korea. — AP



Standing up: Activists carrying a placard during a protest march marking World AIDS Day in Manila. — AFP



Showing support: Students signing their names on an anti-AIDS banner during an AIDS day event at a school in Hanshan, central China's Anhui province. — AFP