

**Press Release**

**HLL Factories observe WORLD AIDS DAY 2024;**

**Celebrates milestone of 5290 Crore Condoms in 58 Years**

Thiruvananthapuram, 01 December 2024: HLL Lifecare Limited, a global leader in contraceptive production, commemorated World AIDS Day today by highlighting its significant contribution to global AIDS prevention efforts. With over 5290 crores condoms produced in 58 years, HLL has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health.

Dr. Anitha Thampi, C&MD (i/c), HLL, inaugurated the World AIDS Day programme at the company's Peroorkada factory in Thiruvananthapuram by tying a red ribbon on a tree, symbolizing solidarity in the fight against AIDS. Senior officials and employees joined in the observance. AIDS awareness balloons were also released during the occasion.

Inaugurating the programme, Dr. Anitha Thampi said, “At HLL, we are proud of our contributions to AIDS prevention and awareness. The red ribbon today symbolizes our commitment to a healthier future and our ongoing efforts to promote safe practices and reduce stigma.”

Simultaneous celebrations were held at HLL's condom factories in Kanagala, Karnataka, Kochi, and Irapuram. Besides, Akkulam Factory, which produces blood bags—a crucial component in AIDS control-also conducted various events as part of World AIDS Day.

Prior to World AIDS Day, HLL organised mega awareness campaign based on the theme, “Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right” at its various factories across India through various platforms to spread knowledge about AIDS prevention and safe health practices.

HLL produces over 30 condom variants and is the world's only company manufacturing a comprehensive range of reproductive health products. In addition to male condoms, HLL also produces female condoms, oral pills, intrauterine devices, and more. The company's state-of-the-art Corporate R&D Centre (CRDC) is dedicated to advancing reproductive health research. A recent breakthrough is the indigenously developed Graphene condom, offering enhanced flexibility, tensile strength, and thermal conductivity.

Peroorkada Factory is one of the largest condom factories in the world, with a production capacity of 1,246 million pieces. It supplies condoms for government programmes with brands like Ustad and Rakshak. MOODS, HLL’s commercial brand, is also produced here. The Kanagala facility in Belgavi district is HLL’s second-largest, and HLL also manufactures male and female condoms at its Kakkanad and Irapuram Factories. HLL products are exported to over 87 countries, and all HLL factories maintain global quality certifications.

Established in 1966 as part of India's National Family Planning program, HLL has evolved into a multi-location, multi-product, and multi-service organisation under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India. HLL has eight factories across India and five subsidiary/associate companies.