

RED RIBBON CLUB (RRC)

(2023-2024)

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Red Ribbon Club (RRC) is initiated in the college with an objective to spread awareness regarding HIV – AIDS amongst students. HIV is a virus spread through certain body fluids that attacks the body's immune system, specifically the CD4 Cells often called T Cells. Overtime, HIV destroys many of these cells that the body can't fight off infections and disease. These special cells help the immune system fight off infections. **Red Ribbon Club** also envisages instilling charity mind among all the students to extend their help towards developing healthy life styles, donating blood to the needy by promotion of regular voluntary blood donation.

On **01.09.2023**, **Red Run Marathon** was organised in lieu with International Youth Day. **Thiru. Raja Gopal Sunkara I.A.S**, District Collector, Erode joined the Marathon along with the students. The race started from **Collector Office, Erode** to **Government High School, Thindal, Erode**. The zeal and enthusiasm encouraged the RRC Volunteers to complete the entire race. Students were gripped with a feeling of anxiety and nervousness although some runners achieved triumph; others were still satisfied with their attempt to complete the entire marathon. Overall it was a good experience for the students and the marathon was a success.

On **16.10.2023** (Monday), RRC organized a special meeting on the topic "**Life Skill for Empowering Youth: A Social Work Approach to HIV Awareness**". **Mrs. L.Akash Promoth**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore, was the resource person. He enlightened the students on life skills. He also delivered his valuable speech on HIV/AIDS and created awareness amongst the students and educated the students about the prevention and treatment of HIV. About **75 students** from various departments were benefited.

To commemorate the Founders Day of Vellalar Educational Trust, **NSS Units, Youth Red Cross, Red Ribbon Club** in association with **Thanthai Periyar Government General Hospitals, Erode** and **Vivekandha Blood Donors Club (NGO)** organised a **Blood Donation Camp** on **19.02.2024 (Monday)** from **9.30 am to 1.30 pm**. Our Benevolent Secretary and Correspondent **Thiru.S.D.Chandrasekar**, President **Thiru.C.Jayakumar**, Principal **Dr.S.K.Jayanthi**, Trust Members, Teaching and Non-teaching staff members graced the occasion. Volunteers came forward to donate blood during the camp and gave excellent response. The blood donors include teaching and non-teaching staff and students' were given juice and biscuits after donating the blood in order to reenergize them. **Thanthai Periyar Government General Hospitals, Erode** and **Vivekandha Blood Donors Club (NGO)** collected **64 units of blood** and all the blood donors were provided with Blood Donor Certificate by the Government Hospital and NGO Club.

On **23.02.2024 (Friday)**, RRC conducted **Tamil Elocution and Drawing Competition**. Topics for Tamil Elocution were "HIV Ozhipil Maanavar Pangu" "HIV Ozhipum Savaalgalum" and "Samoogathin Paarvaiyil HIV". Drawing Competition topics were "AIDS Ozhipil Arasin Thittangalum Panigalum", "AIDS Illaa Ulagam Namkaiyil" and "Nanneri Paathai Nalvazhippaathai". Students actively participated in the competitions and showcased their talents. The prize winners were awarded with books and certificates.

Tamil Elocution Winners

First prize - **S.Rithika**, II B.Sc., Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence

Second Prize - **J.Monika**, I B.Com with Computer Applications 'A'

Drawing Competition Winners

First prize - **K.Devaki**, II B.A., History

Second Prize - **M.Bhavadharani**, II B.A., English Literature