

AIDS Day 2018

December 1st marks the 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day! ICMR-NARI hosts an open house for visitors every year on this occasion. This year too we organized the open house under the management of Dr. Vijay Nema, Scientist D. A crowd of more than 1200 individuals including students from colleges and schools, media personnel and individual visitors from all walks of life, visited ICMR-NARI on 3rd of December 2018. Devoted teams of NARI-staff hosted the guidance and dissemination of information at the Registration desk, Museum visits, Educations video play in the auditorium, Panel Discussions, Laboratory tour etc. to showcase the ongoing work at ICMR-NARI and make people more aware about the HIV research and diagnostics. Going in line with the theme, '*Know your status*', separate pamphlets were designed with awareness content and were distributed to all visitors along with refreshments. We also hosted a blood donation camp in association with Red+plus blood bank, Bhosari, Pune and 13 staff members from NARI donated their blood. On the World AIDS Day 2018, an exclusive interview of Dr. Samiran Panda was published in The Indian Express daily highlighting the potential of self-testing of HIV in India. Media also gave a very good coverage of the event and local newspapers gave glimpses of the events in their next day publications.