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Every morning, in the state of Andhra Pradesh (AP), a group of men and women are making change and making history. They are setting out to do something that most people do not normally do - talking about sex, sexuality and HIV/AIDS. V Samson and S K Sultana Begum are among some 48 peer counsellors who head towards schools, railway colonies, health units, railways hospitals, training centers, junior colleges, running rooms and mahila samitis (women's groups) - all known as 'entry points' and affiliated with the Indian Railways. The project - Equalizing Gender Relationships in the Context of HIV/AIDS Epidemic - is being implemented by the NGO, Railway Women's Empowerment and AIDS Prevention Society (REAPS). It is based in Vijayawada, about 294 km from Hyderabad, the capital of AP. At the heart of the project is its peer counsellors.

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