

## THALASSEMIA AWARENESS PROGRAMME AND THALASSEMIA SCREENING TEST CAMP

At College of Agricultural Information Technology, AAU, Anand

Thalassemia Awareness Programme and Thalassemia Screening Test Camp was organized by NSS Unit of College of Agricultural Information Technology, AAU, Anand in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society, Gujarat State Branch, Ahmedabad on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026 with the aim of educating students about genetic disorders and promoting early screening for better health management. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. J. V. Suthar, NSS Programme Officer and event coordinator, who emphasized the importance of this test for society. This programme was chaired by Y. R. Ghodasara, Principal & Dean, CAIT, AAU, Anand who gave his remarkable speech on importance of Thalassemia.

During the event, Medical Professional Shri Alpeshbhai Parmar briefed students about the importance of Thalassemia testing, explaining that Thalassemia is a hereditary blood disorder that can be prevented through timely screening, especially before marriage and during pregnancy. Experts highlighted that carriers of Thalassemia may not show symptoms but can pass the disorder to the next generation, making awareness and testing crucial. Total 53 students participated in the camp and voluntarily underwent Thalassemia Screening Tests. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks to the medical team and organizing committee.

