## PROMOTING THALASSEMIA AWARENESS AND EARLY DETECTION AMONG STUDENTS

## **DATE: 12 August 2024**

## **VENUE: Geeta Hall**



Thalassemia is an incurable disease. Only awareness may help us to protect ourselves from this curse of society. Under the guidance of Principal Dr. H.M. Patel, NSS Unit Convenor Dr. Dharamvirsinh Parmar and CWDC Committee Convenor Dr. Harsha Vagadia, Bhavan's Sheth R.A. College of Science organized a **Thalassemia Awareness and Testing Camp** in association with Rotary Club and the Indian Red Cross Society, Ahmedabad, on 12<sup>th</sup>, August 2024.

The students were motivated to undergo thalassemia testing through an expert talk and on-the-spot testing. The expert emphasised that early detection is crucial for better management and treatment, whether someone is a carrier or suffering from the disease. As a result, around 157 students (127 girls and 30 boys) chose to take the test. The College also plans to conduct a counselling session for students who are identified as thalassemia carriers, along with their parents. The initiative aims to foster an open dialogue about the health issues and reduce any stigma or fear associated with the testing.