

VISIT REPORT

Subject: Educational Visit of Red Ribbon Club to ICTC Department, Sub-District Hospital, Chimur **Date:** October 5, 2026 **Time:** 10:00 AM **Venue:** Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre (ICTC) Department, Sub-District Hospital, Chimur

Introduction

An educational exposure visit was organized for the volunteers of the **Red Ribbon Club** of Rashtrasant Tukdoji Mahavidyalaya, Chimur, to the **Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre (ICTC)** at the Sub-District Hospital, Chimur. The primary objective of the visit was to build awareness regarding HIV/AIDS prevention, testing procedures, and community health management.

Dignitaries and Faculty Present

- **Dr. Rajeshwar Rahangdale** (Faculty, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Mahavidyalaya)
- **Dr. Praful Rajurwade** (Faculty, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Mahavidyalaya)
- **Dr. Halmari** (Medical Officer, Sub-District Hospital, Chimur)

Key Highlights and Proceedings

1. **Overview of Counselling and Testing Procedures:** Dr. Halmari addressed the volunteers and provided a comprehensive explanation of how HIV testing and pre- and post-test counselling processes are conducted in the ICTC department.
2. **Emphasis on Confidentiality and Compassionate Care:** The medical staff demonstrated how patient privacy and strict confidentiality are maintained throughout the process, highlighting the importance of psychological support for affected individuals.
3. **Role of Youth in Awareness:** Faculty members Dr. Rajeshwar Rahangdale and Dr. Praful Rajurwade emphasized that student volunteers must take an active leadership role in dispelling myths and social stigmas surrounding HIV/AIDS in the community.
4. **Interactive Session:** The Red Ribbon Club volunteers engaged in an interactive session with the hospital doctors, asking questions regarding preventative measures, available treatment options (such as ART), and government support schemes.

Conclusion

The visit proved to be highly informative and inspiring for the volunteers. It deepened their understanding of public health responsibilities and equipped them with practical knowledge to conduct effective community awareness campaigns in the future.

