

UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN REPORT

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Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Progress Report of August 2020

1. Upload of UBA survey sheets

Due to technical glitches, only 20 UBA survey sheets have been uploaded on the UBA portal. The department is facing this problem for the past five months and has communicated the same with UBA RCI and NCI team. The department has been assured that the matter will be resolved at the earliest.

2. Celebrating Independence Day with a difference

On 16th August 2020, the department reached out to the children of Nurshikdarchowk and Shalpokur villages. Around 100 packets (comprising of hand sanitiser, mask, soap and biscuit) were distributed among children of Nurshikdarchowk and Shalpokur villages respectively. Two NSS volunteers from Raghampur campus along with Prof. Cheryl Francis undertook an awareness session on handwashing for the beneficiaries.



Figure 1: A young girl receives the essential items packet in Shalpokur



Figure 2: Children receiving the packet in Nurshikdarchowk village



Figure 3: Mothers of children below 10 years gather to collect their packets



Figure 4: Awareness session hand washing by NSS volunteers

3. Prelim discussion with Rotary Club for outreach work

On 2nd August 2020, Ms. Cheryl Francis went to Raghampur campus to attend a scheduled meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle. In the prelim discussion which was

attended by Rev.Fr. Johnson Padiyara, Ms. Cheryl Francis and members of Rotary Club, it was discussed how the club can be instrumental in reaching out to the vulnerable communities in the adopted villages.

Rotary club expressed their willingness to train women in producing hand sanitisers, undertaking organic farming and providing sewing machines to make masks. It was decided that the Department will schedule a meeting between Rotary Club and the SHG members for an interaction and conduct a focussed group discussion to understand the need of the women. Ms. Francis explained to the Club members that providing training alone will not be sustainable as the SHG members also need handholding support in procuring materials to marketing the finished products.



Figure 5: Meeting in progress with Rotary members at Raghapur campus

4. Orientation session on skill enhancement for rural youth

On 23rd August 2020, Raghapur campus came to life with the chatter of 66 youth. The youth came to the campus to attend an orientation session conducted by MSME Technology Centre, Kolkata in collaboration with Rotary Club. The 66 youth from five surrounding villages were oriented about the scope of skilling themselves with various long term and short term technical courses conducted by the MSME Technology Centre, Kolkata under the Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India

During the session Mr. G.C. Das, Manager, MSME Tool Room-Kolkata explained various aspects of the training programs such as structure of the course, admission and other related areas.

The participants were encouraged to join and upskill themselves with various technical courses. The resource person further explained to them about the importance of vocational and technical skills in the present scenario.

As a follow up, Ms. Shrawani Jha (NSS Programme Officer of Raghapur campus) telephoned all 66 participants and after a round of tele-counselling, a list of 30 students were prepared who expressed their desire to pursue vocational course under MSME Technology Centre.

In due course, an in-depth orientation will be planned wherein MSME will guide the students and help them pursue vocational courses.



Figure 6: The orientation session in progress



Figure 7: Participants during the session



Figure 8: Rotary Club team addressing the gathering



Figure 9: Mr. G.C. Das, Manager, MSME Tool Room-Kolkata addressing the youth

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