

Department of Social Work: NSS & UBA

*Report for the
month of
October 2020*

Orientation on NSS and UBA for First Year Students of both campuses

This month, the Department staff were busy conducting orientation on NSS and UBA for all the first year students of both the campuses. Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, S.J. Vice Principal of Raghampur campus was present during the orientation of History and Bengali department students of Raghampur campus. Except B.A/B.Sc departments of main campus (with exception of Animation and Multimedia department), all the first year students got a chance of understanding what NSS and UBA is all about. They also got a glimpse of how NSS work grew in the college in the last 51 years. The students were motivated and encouraged to volunteer not just for NSS and UBA work but also be engaged in any form of social service especially during this pandemic. It was made clear that during this pandemic situation, all outreach programmes will be done virtually but if any student (with consent of their parents) wants to accompany the Department staff for any village visit, they will be welcomed.

Below is the snapshot of the number of students who were oriented this month:

Sl.No	Department	Number of students
1.	Commerce – Morning	700
2.	Commerce – Evening	424
3.	Animation and Multimedia	60
4.	Bengali (RGP campus)	51
5.	B.A. General (RGP campus)	30
6.	History (RGP campus)	38
7.	Commerce (RGP campus)	55
	Total	1,358

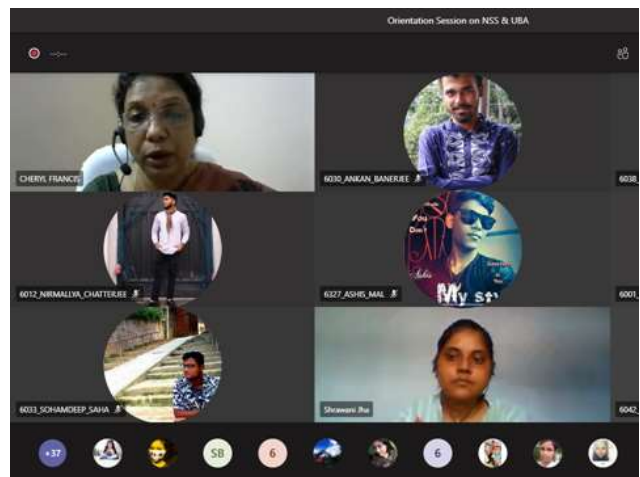
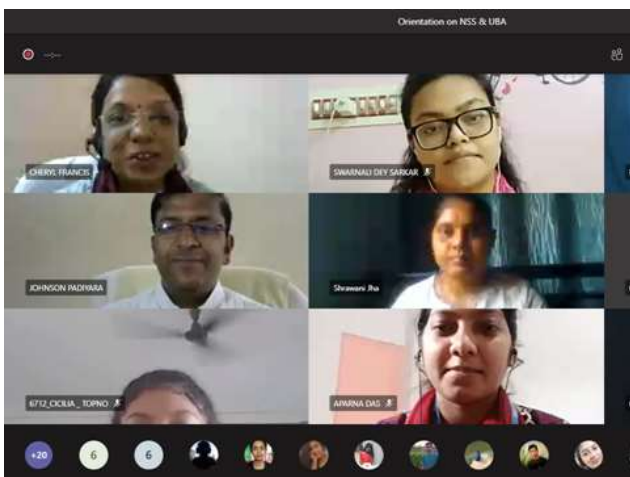
We hope to conduct similar orientation sessions from B.A/B.Sc departments in the next couple of months.

Photo gallery

Orientation for Main campus students



Orientation for Raghbapur campus students



Planning of various online outreach activities for students of all the years

The Department staff worked on planning various online outreach activities for students of all the years. These activities will be available online from next month onwards. Guidelines were also made for the students which have been submitted to Fr. Principal for approval, after which it will be uploaded on the website for easy reference for the students.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

1. Upload of UBA survey sheets

Till 15th October around 25 survey sheets were uploaded but unfortunately it did not reflect on the UBA reporting portal. This was immediately discussed with IIT Delhi staff (UBA-NCI), and the technical team tried to resolve it. However, it is still not resolved and the team is further working on it. Upon the advice of IIT Delhi staff, uploading of survey sheets have been stopped till this crucial issue is rectified. All the survey sheets uploaded since lockdown is not reflecting as well, so once this problem is resolved, the Department staff will again have to re-upload those survey sheets as well.

2. Networking with various stakeholders for the smooth implementation of development work

To take forward the plan of introducing organic farming for SHG members, Ma'am Cheryl Francis contacted ADA of Bishnupur. He advised to again get in touch with him in the month of November and discuss how the project will be implemented.

The Department has also emailed IIT Kharagpur (UBA-RCI) for necessary handholding support in initiating and implementing organic farming project in the adopted villages.

3. Webinar on Sustainability: 'The Path to a Sustainable Future'

On 28th October, the Department staff attended a webinar titled '**The Path to a Sustainable Future**'. The webinar had resource persons from both academia as well as corporate. The webinar focussed on how locally available resources can be utilised through innovative methods for the benefit of rural people. Throughout the webinar, emphasis was laid on how through engagement of students and research scholars low cost innovative methods can be implemented for rural development. On the other hand, it was discussed how corporates play an important role in doing business sustainably, preserving natural resources and ensuring growth and development of all stakeholders.

Key learning from the webinar are as below:

- ✓ **Capacity of all stakeholders should be built** so that they are able to judiciously use natural resources available, thereby ensuring sustainable development.
- ✓ Students can play a key role in **creating awareness** among the stakeholders about optimal and rational use of natural resources.
- ✓ For holistic sustainable development **collaboration** between technical, non-technical and like-minded organisations is important.

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