



**UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN
ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), KOLKATA**

PROGRESS REPORT

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Sl. No	ADOPTED VILLAGES	TALUKA (BLOCK)	DISTRICT
1.	Bakeswar	Bishnupur I	South 24 Parganas
2.	Magurkhali		
3.	Raghabpur		
4.	Shalpukur		
5.	Debipur		

List of Activities

Title of the Activity 1: DOCUMENTATION OF UBA ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE COLLEGE

Need of the Activity: To keep all documentation up-to-date

Brief Description:

In the exiting pandemic situation, field work activities under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan came to a sudden halt. Therefore, the department utilized the time for planning and documentation work.

During this time the annual reports from December 2018 up to April 2020 was finalized and uploaded on the UBA portal.

Title of the Activity 2: VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING WITH RCI-IIT KGP

Need of the Activity: Response to invitation from RCI. To learn from other PI's how they were supporting their adopted villages to prevent and combat COVID-19

Brief Description:

On 4th May 2020 Prof. Cheryl Francis, Ms. Sucheta Mukherjee & Ms. Shrawani Jha participated in a virtual meeting conducted by the UBA for the Participating Institutions under the Regional Coordinating Institute, IIT Kharagpur. In the said meeting representatives from NCI, RCI, and PIs came together to share and discuss about the initiatives undertaken by them for prevention and mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the adopted villages. As a takeaway from the meeting, PIs were encouraged to continue relief operations as well as to plan and prepare Village Development Plan and Project Proposal on the same.

On 13th July 2020, a teleconference was facilitated by IIT Kharagpur (UBA Regional Coordinating Agency) between IIT Delhi (UBA National Coordinating Agency), IIT Kharagpur and St. Xavier's College. During the hour long conference call, the staff were able to discuss about the following issues faced by St. Xavier's College as a Participating Institution (PI):

1. The auto generated report of Debipur and Shalpurkur missing from the PI Dashboard.
2. UBA website, the report of Shalpurkur is incomplete and the graphs were missing.
3. When we tried to print the report of Debipur, due to html format, half of the graphs/tables and the analysis portion was missing.
4. When we were trying to upload the survey data, the submit button was missing.
5. After uploading the survey data successfully, on a later date it showed that the data was not completed.
6. Proposal submitted to produce hand sanitisers.

IIT Delhi staff assured that the technical issues of the reporting portal would be resolved at the earliest. Regarding the proposal, the College was encouraged to submit a revised proposal where the capacity of the villagers would be built to produce hand sanitisers in the village itself. The College is exploring partnership with like-minded organisations to take this initiative forward.

Title of the Activity 3: PROJECT PROPOSAL ON HAND SANITIZER WAS PREPARED

Need of the Activity: To help adopted villages prevent and combat COVID 19 with the use of hand sanitizers.

Brief Description:

A project Proposal on making hand sanitizer was prepared in collaboration with the Dept. of Microbiology. The project was aimed at producing hand sanitizers and distributing the same to the adopted village community members.

However, we did not receive any response from UBA but it was communicated over telephone that such proposal would not be accepted. The training of women in producing the hand sanitizers and making them self reliant would have been appreciated. But due to this pandemic situation this project could not be implemented.

Title of the Activity 4: WEBINARS: SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOR NATURE CONSERVATION AND ROLE OF TECHNOLOGIES IN RURAL AREAS FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, LIVELIHOOD FOR ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

Need of the Activity: To learn to use technology for sustainable development in the adopted villages

Brief Description:

The staff attended two webinars which was collaborated by National Coordinating Institute (NCI) ó IIT Delhi. Below is a synopsis of the webinars:

- a) **International Webinar on Science and Engineering for Nature Conservation** scheduled on 5th June 2020: The Webinar was divided into two sections ó (i) Industry

and Environment and (ii) Sustainable Development Vs Developmental Engineering. The sessions focused on advocating for incorporating the environment sensitive developmental ideas for any form of socio-economic development.

- b) **National Webinar on Role of Technologies in Rural Areas for Skill Development, Livelihood for Atmanirbhar Bharat** scheduled on 16th June 2020: This webinar focused on the *Contribution of CSIR-CBRI Technologies in Housing and Skill Development; Karigar Aur Kutir Udyog and Skill Development; Processing Agro-Residue to Value Added Products and Energy Self-Sufficiency in Rural Areas using Biomass: A model of Gram Urja Swaraj.*

Title of the Activity 5: COVID-19 ESSENTIALS FOR THE VILLAGE CHILDREN

Need of the Activity: To help children prevent the spread of COVID -19



Figure 1: Consultation with villagers regarding distribution of COVID-19 essential items for children

Brief Description:

The College mobilized some essential items (such as hand sanitizers, soaps, masks and biscuits) for the village children.

A meeting was conducted with the village heads as o the process of distribution. The village repress were asked to make a list of children would receive these items and all COVID 19 protocols to be followed were explained to them. On 31st July the items were handed over to the village representatives who were asked to distribute the same to the children in small groups.



Figure 2: Handing over the essential items to Uma Majhi for distribution among children of Debipur

On 16th August 2020, the College distributed the same to Nurshikdarchowk and Shalpakur villages to 100 children who came in small groups. Prior to the distribution an awareness programme on hand washing was taught to the children by two college student volunteers.



Figure 3: A young girl receives the essential items



Figure 4: Children receiving the packet in Nurshikdarchowk village



Figure 5: Mothers of children below 10 years gather to collect their packets



Figure 6: Awareness session hand washing by NSS volunteers

Title of the Activity 6: VISIT TO KAKDIP

Need of the Activity: To provide assistance to cyclone Amphan affected families

Brief Description:

On 7th July 2020, a team from St. Xavier's College Kolkata led by the Principal along with other Fathers, staff and Alumni members left for the third visit to a cyclone shelter at Narayanpur No 4 Jetty of Kakdwip Police Station in the Sunderbans district in South 24 Parghanas for distribution of relief materials to the Amphan Cyclone victims.

Mr. Sudip Singh, Inspector In charge of Kakdwip Police Station helped the College to identify the location. Fr. Principal assured the beneficiaries that St. Xavier's would continue to provide all possible support to the affected people of the area.



Figure 7: College Principal and UBA coordinator addressing the people



Figure 8: Learning from one another washing of hands



Figure 9: seniors sharing their experiences of the cyclone

Title of the Activity 7: PRELIM DISCUSSION WITH ROTARY CLUB FOR POSSIBLE NETWORKING FOR OUTREACH WORK

Need of the Activity: To network with other organisations for resource mobilization for sustainable development of the adopted villages under UBA.

Brief Description:

On 2nd August 2020 a meeting was conducted with the Rotary Club Calcutta South Circle and St. Xavier's College for constructive action plan and resource mobilization for the same by RCCSC. It was discussed how the club can be instrumental in networking with the College to help the rural community.

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 focused group discussion to understand the need of the women.



Figure 10: Meeting in progress with Rotary members at Raghampur campus

Title of the Activity 8: ORIENTATION SESSION ON SKILL ENHANCEMENT FOR RURAL YOUTH

Need of the Activity: To motivate the youth to undergo various skilling programmes of the Government

Brief Description:

On 23rd August 2020, the RCCSC in collaboration with St. Xavier's College rural campus organized an awareness programme about the various long term and short term technical courses conducted by the MSME Technology Centre, Kolkata under the Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, for about 70 rural youth from five surrounding villages. 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.



Figure 11: The orientation session in progress



Figure 12: Mr. G.C. Das, Manager, MSME Tool Room-Kolkata addressing the youth

Next Action Plan

Sl. No	Activity to be conducted
1.	Due to this pandemic situation VDP for Shalpur village is on hold. All activities will be resumed based on the recommendations and guidelines of the Central and State Governments and by the College administration.
2.	RCI ó IIT KGP will be consulted on way forward for organic farming in the adopted villages
