



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.	Shalpokur		
5.	Debipur		

**List of Activities**

**Title of the Activity 1: PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING WITH RCI-IIT Kharagpur**

**Need of the Activity: To share update about the work undertaken by the respective PIs during the pandemic and to discuss scope of opportunities for migrant workers.**

**Brief Description:**

1. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, a meeting was scheduled between all Participating Institutions (PI) in West Bengal, IIT Delhi (UBA National Coordinating Institute) and IIT Kharagpur (UBA Regional Coordinating Institute).
2. Dr. R. Banerjee (Head AGFE and RDC, IIT Kharagpur) delivered the welcome address in which she identified and emphasized on the scope of technology based interventions in rural development.
3. Dr. R. Banerjee requested all PIs to prepare a database of migrant workers who returned to their respective homes and the kind of work they were engaged in.
4. All the PIs were given an opportunity to update and share about the work they have done in the last couple of months and related future activities.
5. St. Xavier's College, Kolkata UBA coordinator briefed everyone present about the work the College was engaged in during the pandemic. She shared the College's plan of initiating organic kitchen gardening in the adopted villages, which was well appreciated by IIT Kharagpur faculty. IIT Kharagpur faculty further assured all kinds of technical support for the successful implementation of the project.
6. The staff also shared with IIT Delhi personnels about the technical problems the College faced with UBA reporting portal. We were assured that the technical glitches would soon be resolved by the team in Delhi.
7. On 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020, another follow-up meeting was held between all Participating Institutions (PI) in West Bengal, IIT Delhi and IIT Kharagpur.

Overall, the meetings were good and IIT Kharagpur UBA members suggested that more in-depth one-to-one meeting will be organized in the future with all PIs so that UBA project is implemented well which will help in the overall development of the villages.

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**Title of the Activity 2: PARTICIPATION IN THE WEBINAR ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 (organised by IIT Delhi) AND FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY BY PARTICIPATING INSTITUTE (ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, KOLKATA)**

**Need of the Activity: To spread awareness about the NEP 2020 and to highlight the expected role of PIs in information dissemination.**

**Brief Description:**

1. On 16th September 2020, a National Webinar was organized by NCI-IIT Delhi for creating awareness about National Education Policy 2020.
2. Follow up activities were suggested by eminent resource persons:
  - a. All PIs were asked to conduct a Webinar to create awareness about the NEP using E - resources provided by UBA in the adopted villages, as well as for college students. They emphasized on the involvement of volunteers of both NSS and NCC, in disseminating information, along with role of the faculty members and other academicians in conducting the webinars.
  - b. Other ways to generate awareness about NEP 2020:
    - ✓ Circulation of E-book via mass email.
    - ✓ Conduct quiz on NEP.
    - ✓ Poster making competition
    - ✓ Tele-conference with school Principals and faculties.
3. As a follow-up activity, the PI conducted an online quiz of 14 questions on NEP for all first year students. A total of 585 students participated in the online quiz. The questionnaire was prepared on google forms and published on the college website. This activity enabled the students to understand the NEP 2020 better.

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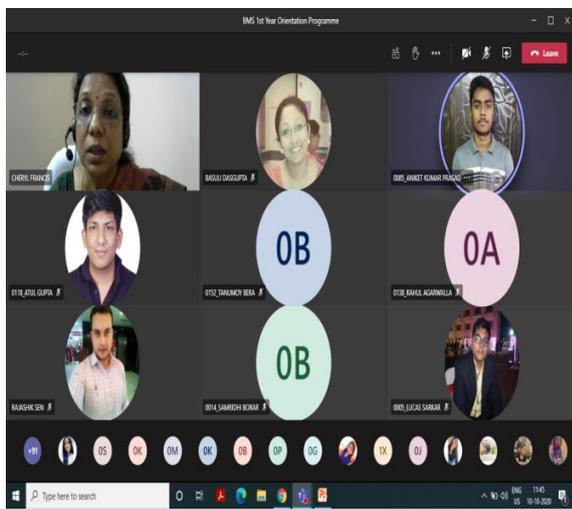
**Title of the Activity 3: VIRTUAL UBA ORIENTATION AND QUIZ FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS OF THE PARTICIPATING INSTITUTE (St. Xavier's College, Kolkata)**

**Need for the activity: To orient the students about UBA project and to motivate them to participate in the same.**

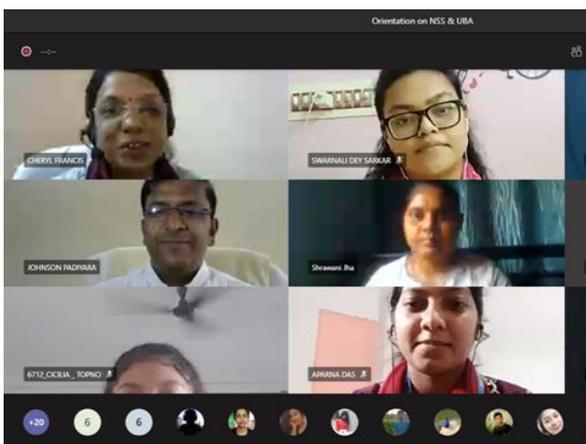
**Brief description:**

1. In the month of October, a virtual orientation on UBA was conducted for all the first year students of both the city as well as the rural campus. Overall 1,358 students were oriented.
2. As a follow-up of the orientation, an online quiz ( of 15 questions) on UBA was conducted for all first year students. A total of 481 students participated in the online quiz. The questionnaire was prepared on google forms and published on the college website. This activity helped the students to understand the UBA project and its functioning.

## Photo gallery Orientation for city campus students



## Orientation for rural campus students



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**Title of the Activity 4: NETWORKING WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS FOR SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT WORK IN ADOPTED VILLAGES**

**Need for the activity: To liaison with the stakeholders to take forward the Village Development Plans.**

**Brief description:**

1. A prelim meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with Dr. Dilip Kumar Swain, (Agricultural Systems & Management) Agricultural and Food Engineering Department, IIT Kharagpur.
2. The meeting focused on providing an update to Dr. Swain about the various rural activities conducted so far in the adopted villages. The activity related to organic kitchen gardening was discussed in detail. The PI requested Dr. Swain to provide technical support to take organic kitchen gardening forward in the adopted villages.
3. Dr. Swain agreed to take an orientation workshop in our rural campus for the SHG members on a mutually convenient date in early 2021.

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**Title of the Activity 5: PARTICIPATION IN WEBINAR ON SUSTAINABILITY: ‘THE PATH TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE’ (organized by IIM Simaur)**

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, the PI attended a webinar titled ‘The Path to a Sustainable Future’.

Key learnings from the webinar are as follows:

- ✓ **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 organizations is important.

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**Title of the Activity 6: ‘LET’S SHARE AND CARE’**

**Need of the activity: To celebrate the festive season with the underprivileged children of the adopted villages**

**Brief Description:**

- a. On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020, around 120 children from Raghampur, Bakeswar and Magurkhali villages were invited to the rural campus to celebrate the festive season. Maintaining all SOPs of the pandemic, the PI organized a brief programme for the children. College Principal along with a few staff members joined the celebration. Every child was given a gift bag with daily essentials as they left the campus.
- b. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December, around 225 children from Debipur, Nurshikdarchowk and Shalpur participated in the festivities in their respective villages. It was a cheerful moment for the children, the volunteers as well as the staff to meet one other after so many months. All the children received the gift bags as they left for their homes.

With the help of Samporna Nari Kalyan Sangathan (a local NGO consisting of women SHGs), the PI was able to mobilize the children from the three villages. This collaboration with the NGO will continue to take forward some of the developmental activities in the adopted villages.

### Photo gallery

PI Principal along with PI UBA Coordinator distributing gift bags in the rural campus



Distribution underway in the villages



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**Title of the Activity 7: PARTICIPATION IN WEBINAR ON ORGANIC FARMING FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE (organized by IIM Simaur)**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December, the PI attended a webinar titled ‘**Organic Farming for Sustainable Agriculture**’. The webinar helped the PI to enhance understanding of improved agricultural technologies with special emphasis on organic farming.

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**Next Action Plan**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Activity to be conducted</b>
<b>1.</b>	Due to this pandemic situation VDP for Shalpurkur village is on hold. All field activities will be resumed based on the recommendations and guidelines of the Central and State Governments and by the College administration.
<b>2.</b>	Networking with stakeholders will continue. Training of SHG members will be initiated under organic kitchen gardening project.
<b>3.</b>	Small Group activity and orientation of high school students will be initiated

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