

UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN REPORT

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- a) **Meeting with Dr. Dilip Swain of IIT Kharagpur:** On 6th December a telephonic conference call was scheduled with Dr. Swain of IIT Kharagpur regarding initiating organic farming in the adopted villages. The meeting was attended by the Department staff members and Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, S.J. Vice-Principal of Raghampur campus. It was a fruitful discussion and it was decided that on a mutually convenient date next year, Dr. Swain will visit Raghampur campus for an orientation on organic farming for SHG members.
- b) Significant progress has been made to initiate activities under UBA in Bakeswar, Magurkhali and Raghampur villages. The department held a preliminary meeting with Samporna Nari Kalyan Sangathan to take forward development activities in these villages. The NGO consists of members from these villages, who would act as link between the villages and the College.
- c) **Webinar on Organic Farming for Sustainable Agriculture:** On 23rd December 2020, Ms. Shrawani Jha attended this webinar. The webinar helped to enhance understanding of improved agricultural technologies with special emphasis on organic farming. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Priyanka Kaushal (CRDT IIT Delhi) and input session was given by Dr. Rajeswar S. Chadel (Executive Director, PPKKY, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh). Unfortunately, due to technical problems, the other speakers were unable to present and the webinar was concluded.

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