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**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:** AWARENESS SESSION ON 'COVID APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOURS AND MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT VACCINATIONS - PREPARING THE YOUNG BRIGADE TO FIGHT COVID.

**Objective:**

1. To generate awareness about COVID appropriate behaviours and
2. Myths & Misconceptions about vaccinations
3. To encourage youth members to get vaccinated and spread awareness about the same among their peer.

**Brief Description:**

With increased virulence of COVID-19 and the impending third wave in our country, the department organized a Talk on 'COVID Appropriate Behaviours and Myths & Misconceptions about Vaccinations' - *Preparing the young brigade to fight COVID*, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. Around 80 students attended the talk.

Dr. Bibek Maulik, a consultant paediatrician and neonatologist currently attached to District Hospital Howrah as Specialist Medical Officer-in-charge of Department of Paediatrics was the resource speaker for the session. Dr. Maulik has been treating COVID patients of all age groups since the onset of the pandemic. As the Talk coincided with Doctor's Day Ma'am Cheryl Francis, in her welcome address thanked Dr. Maulik and the medical fraternity for their tireless work during the pandemic. Dr. Maulik acknowledged the wishes and said, ***“For the medical fraternity today is also a martyr's day, as during the second wave alone, we lost 700 doctors to this deadly virus. These doctors lost their lives while treating their COVID patients”***.

Dr. Maulik divided his Talk into 3 major parts: (i) COVID appropriate behaviour; (ii) COVID appropriate behaviour if infected by the virus and the course of action that needs to be implemented; and (iii) importance and urgency to get vaccinated. During the session, the Dr. Maulik stressed on the fact that, ***“It is a war we are fighting against this virus and the youth have a major role to play which will ensure victory”***. While sharing his personal experiences on dealing with COVID patients and their family members he cited a number of Dos and Don'ts such as, -

- a. Mask-up.
- b. Not attend or organize parties.
- c. Avoid mass gathering.
- d. Not be complacent after taking the first dose but follow all the COVID appropriate behaviours.
- e. Create awareness, especially among rural people about COVID appropriate behaviour and the importance of vaccination.

The session was made interactive and students got the opportunity to clarify their doubts. At the end of the session, during a quick feedback, Akash Sarkar, a semester VI commerce student from Rural campus, said that this Talk greatly helped him. He said, ***“A couple of months back my whole family got infected and now when it is time to get ourselves vaccinated, I discouraged my family from getting vaccinated thinking we do not need it as we already have antibodies. After today's session, I realized how wrong I was. Today itself I will go to the concerned authority in my locality and get ourselves registered for the vaccination.”*** While Debajan Basu, a semester IV computer science student from main campus, was happy to have learnt how he could help to check the spread of the virus, ***“Many of my neighbours are still reluctant to get their vaccination, I will create awareness among them by making posters and telling them how important it was to get vaccinated to have a victory over the virus”***.

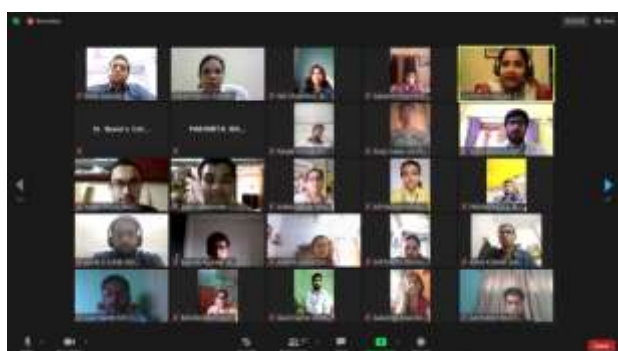
In conclusion Ma'am Cheryl Francis encouraged the students by saying, ***“We all are aware of this war like situation and it is the responsibility of every citizen to play their role in combating this deadly virus. Let us not depend only on doctors, on governments, on NGOs and other individuals and institutions. We all have to come forward and fight this war together and the best way is to begin from oneself. Let's pledge to maintain COVID appropriate behaviour and get vaccinated”***. She also encouraged the students to take leadership in spreading this awareness among all sections of our society beginning from our families and neighborhood.



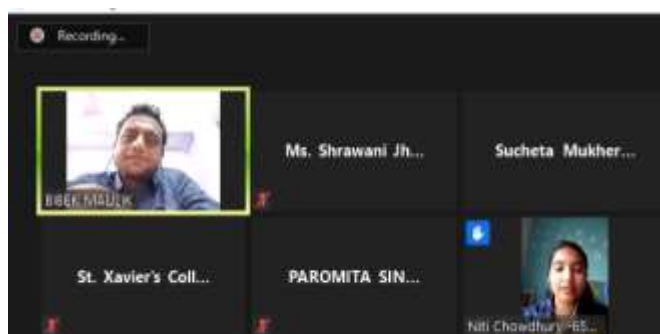
The poster



Dr.Maulik addressing the students



Interaction with the students



A student asking a question to the Doctor

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**TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 2: INITIATION OF VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN –TRAINING IN PISCICULTURE FOR SHG WOMEN MEMBERS OF DEBIPUR, SHALPUKUR AND MAGURKHALI.**

**Objective:** To formulate alternative livelihood opportunities for women members of the adopted village by training them in Pisciculture.

**Brief Description:**

1. On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021, PI had a virtual meeting was held with the Additional Director of Fisheries - Mr. Sabyasachi Bandhopadhyay to discuss scope of collaboration for imparting training in pisciculture to the women members. Therefore, it was decided in the said meeting to organize an orientation for the SHG members of Debipur, Shalpokur and Magurkhali on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
2. On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>July 2021, PI conducted a Pre - Orientation meeting with the SHG members of Shalpokur and Debipur villages respectively, to mobilize and motivate them to participate in the orientation programme on Pisciculture scheduled to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal.
3. On 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 an Orientation Programme on Pisciculture was organized at the Rural campus for 33 women SHG members of Debipur, Shalpokur and Magurkhali villages maintaining all SOPs of the pandemic. The resource team comprised of Mr. SabyasachiBandhopadyay, Additional Director of Fisheries, Ms. JoyotiHalder,

Fishery Extension Officer, Bishnupur – I Development Block, who is also the NRLM nodal officer for the block and Mr. Subrato Ghosh, Fishery Extension Officer conducted the orientation and also interacted with the women. A Need Assessment survey was also undertaken on the same day so that in- depth training programme can be planned accordingly. The questionnaire was prepared based on the inputs and suggestions from the resource persons. The analysis of the need assessment was shared with the resource team as well post orientation session.

4. On 1<sup>st</sup> September, a meeting with Smt. Debahuti Indra, WBCS (Exe.), Project Director, District Rural Development Cell, Government of West Bengal was held to take forward the Training on Pisciculture for SHG women of the aforementioned villages at our Rural campus.
5. The said training was scheduled to be held from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.
6. On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September respectively meetings were held at Magurkhali, Debipur and Shalpokur to mobilize SHG members for the training on pisciculture.
7. The training programme is postponed for the time being by the BDO as villages are flooded due to the heavy rainfall and the houses of the trainees are badly affected. However, the said training will be conducted as the situation is conducive for the same.



Pre- Orientation meeting at Debipur and Shalpokur



Mr. Sabyasachi Bandhopadhyay addressing the women



Ms. Cheryl Francis, UBA Coordinator addressing the women



Pear learning among the SHG women



Group Picture

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**TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 3: PARTICIPATED IN ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON STENTHENING RURAL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE.**

**Objective:** Response to the invitation by RCI and to gain more knowledge & understanding about Rural Community Governance, supportive techniques & technologies.

**Brief Description:**

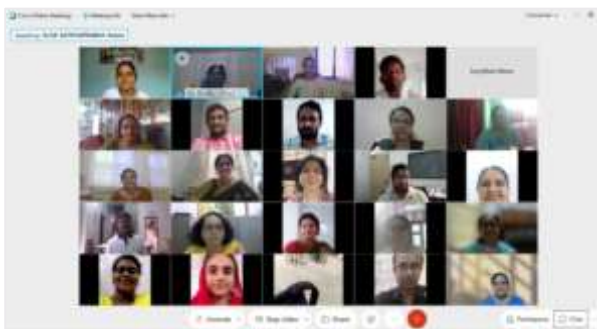
1. Ms. Cheryl Francis, UBA Coordinator and Ms. Shrawani Jha, UBA Cell Member of St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata attended an Online Training Programme on ‘*Strengthening Rural Community Governance*’ conducted by the National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Centre for Good Governance and Policy Analysis held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Key Learning:**

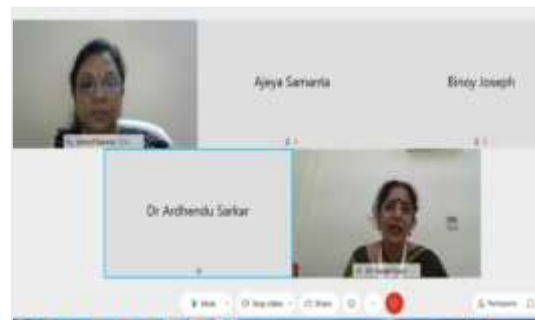
- a) Got a thorough knowledge about National Rural Livelihood Mission projects
- b) Got a chance to see model villages
- c) Learnt strategies to be applied to take UBA project ahead.
- d) Got to understand our own progress through SWOT analysis.



Presentations by the Resource person



Group Discussion session



Small Group Discussion

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**Next Action Plan**

<b>Sl. no.</b>	<b>Activity to be conducted</b>
1.	Training in Pisciculture will be conducted for SHG members of Debipur, Shalpokur and Magurkhali as situation improves and follow- up on the same will be continued. All activities will be implemented based on the COVID situation.
2.	Networking with stakeholders of Bakeswar, Magurkhali & Raghampur villages to be continued to initiate the VDP - Village Education Programme and organic kitchen garden. All activities will be implemented based on the COVID situation.
3.	Follow-up with the SHG members of the training programme on organic kitchen garden conducted in Shalpokur village will be continued along with preparation of organic compost making for next season. All activities will be implemented based on the COVID situation.

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