

Further Update on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Initiatives

The *Swatchhata hi Sewa* campaign launched by the Department of Social Work in partnership with the School of Open Learning continued with immense zeal and enthusiasm. The work under the month long initiative is being undertaken under the leadership of Prof. Neera Agnimitra, Head, Department of Social Work and Nodal Person, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, University of Delhi, and with active participation of faculty members Dr Seema Sharma, Mr. Sudhir Maske and Dr Binod Kumar. The students of the Department of Social Work and volunteers from SOL persevered to extend the scope and outreach of the programmes within the village communities. Meaningful support and facilitation was also extended by the Resident Welfare Associations of the villages. The resource support facilitated by Prof S.C Dubey from SOL has enabled the UBA Team to undertake this MHRD mandated initiative successfully and on a reasonable scale.

Medical Camp and Aadhar Card Camp

A Medical Camp and a camp to make Aadhar Cards for the residents of the village of Jagatpur were organised on the 1st of October 2019 with great fervor. These camps were held in collaboration with National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation and India Posts. The Medical Camp enabled the community residents to avail ENT and ophthalmic care; gynecological treatment and advice; and treatment through general physicians. Blood pressure and blood glucose assessments, as also ECG facilities were also provisioned. Free medicines were provided by physicians. Almost five hundred community residents utilized the services of the Medical Camp and 110 residents were able to get their Aadhar Cards made. Shri Vinod, the RWA President of Jagatpur assisted the team to make local arrangements at the venue. The student trainees of the Department of Social Work worked hard to mobilise the community and ensure the smooth conduct of the Camps. The other four villages of Jharoda, Mukundpur, Badarpur Khadar and Chauhanpatti are also due to have similar Medical and Aadhar Camps in the coming days.



Glimpse of Aadhar Camp at Jagatpur

Safai Abhiyan and Street Theatre in UBA Villages

On the 3rd of October 2019, the team of faculty and students from Department of Social Work and volunteers from School of Open Learning organized *Nukkad Nataks* in the villages of Jagatpur, Jharoda and Mukundpur. In a day long initiative, awareness on environmental conservation, hazards and disasters; sanitation and hygiene; and negative impacts of use of plastics was generated through interactive sessions and hugely effective performances by a 45 member troupe of the much acclaimed Sukhmanch Theatre Group. The group, led by Ms. Shilpi Marwah was able to draw out huge crowds and engage with them proactively on the above themes. It is important to note that the RWAs of all the villages were active partners in this noteworthy initiative of community participation. This initiative is aligned to the call by the MHRD Ministry to make the UBA villages *plastic free*.



Nukkad Natak at Jagatpur



Nukkad Natak at Jharoda



Nukkad Natak at Mukundpur

Meaningfully Engaging children in adopted villages to promote *Swachhta*

Meaningful work is also being undertaken with the school children. Poster making on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi to mark the commemoration of 150 years of Gandhi was undertaken. The posters were exhibited in the community and drew immense appreciation from the MCD School and the parents.

Preparations are ongoing to launch *safai abhiyans* in multiple clusters of the communities, as also to continue with the collection of single use plastic bags and products from the villages. Distribution of cloth bags to the village households shall follow.



Activity with children at Badarpur Khadar



Activity with children at Jharoda



Paper bag making at Mukundpur



Paper Bag Making at MCD School, Jagatpur

Safai Abhiyan by students of Department of Social Work by Shram-Daan

Cleanliness is not something, which someone can achieve alone. With this fundamental assumption, Department of Social Work organized *Shram-Daan* for *Swachhta* within its premises on 27th Sept 2019. The program saw huge participation of students and faculty members along with Head of the Department and Nodal Officer, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, University of Delhi Prof. Neera Agnimitra.



ShramDaan for SafaiAbhiyan at Department of Social Work premises