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UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

“If we have to build the nation, we have to start from the village”

- Hon'ble P.M. Sri. Narendra Modi

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Education with the intention to enrich rural India. The programme was formally launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) in the presence of President of India on 11th November, 2014. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 was launched by Shri Prakash Javadekar on 25th April 2018. The Vision and Mission of UBA are :

Vision

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is inspired by the vision of transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India.

Mission

The Mission of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is to enable higher educational institutions to work with the people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth. It also aims to create a virtuous cycle between society and an inclusive academic system by providing knowledge and practices for emerging professions and to upgrade the capabilities of both the public and the private sectors in responding to the development needs of rural India.

The Gandhigram Rural Institute formally submitted its application as one of the participating institutes under UBA in March 2018. Initially nine hamlets where GRI crèches are functioning were mentioned as adopted villages of UBA. In order to have a cluster approach and for easy accessibility, five panchayats in athoor block surrounding Gandhigram were selected as UBA service villages from January 2023. All the UBA programmes were planned and organized in these panchayats.

Service Villages

S. No	Name of the Village	Taluk	District
1.	Chettiyapatti	Athoor	Dindigul
2.	Kalikampatti	Athoor	
3.	Gandhigram	Athoor	
4.	Thoppampatti	Athoor	
5.	Alamarathupatti	Athoor	



To execute the UBA programmes more systematically, a multidisciplinary team from various departments was constituted. Dr.S. Kavitha Maithily, Associate Professor, Department of Home Science serves as the Coordinator of UBA, GRI.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF UBA, GRI

Sl. No	Name and Designation	Department
1.	Dr.K. Manikandan, Asst. Professor	Economics
2.	Dr. P S Sreedevi, Asst. Professor	Education
3.	Dr. K Devan, Asst. Professor	Cooperation
4.	Dr. A Thahirabanu, Asst. Professor	Home Science
5.	Dr. R Rama Subbu, Asst. Professor	Biology
6.	Er. B Sangeethavani, Asst. Professor	Centre for Rural Technology
7.	Dr. T Kalaiselvi, Asst. Professor	Computer Science and Applications
8.	Dr. M Arunachalam, Asst. Professor	Chemistry
9.	Dr. M Muthukumar, Asst. Professor & Director i/c	Geoinformatics
10.	Ms. K. Srikumari, Subject Matter Specialist	Krishi Vigyan Kendra



UBA PROGRAMMES ORGANISED 2022 – 2023

Sl. No.	Date	Activities	Beneficiaries
1.	27.06.22 to 01.07.22	Skill Training Programme Computer Hardware Maintenance	25 Rural youth
2.	18.08.22 10.09.22	Career Guidance at <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thambithottam HS SchoolSevikashram HS School	200 students
3.	21.09.22	Poshan Abiyan, Nutrition Month Celebration	School Students and Women of Kalikampatti Panchayat
4.	29.10.22	Inauguration of Balashanti Sena at Thoppampatti	30 children of Thoppampatti Village
5.	06.01.23	Toy Drive (January - April)	Children at Two crèches in Valayapatti and Chettiyappatti
6.	10.02.23	Honouring Panchayat President of Chettiyarpatti	
7.	18.02.23	Discussion With Panchayat President And Sanitary Worker About Solid Waste Management at Kalikampatti	Sanitary workers of Kalikampatti Panchayat
8.	07.03.23	Virtual Workshop on CUTE	250 Rural Students
9.	30.03.23 to 01.04.23	PRA Training	Forty GRI – scholars and students
10.	15.08.22 02.10.22 26.01.23	Participated in Gram Sabha <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chettiyarapatti&Kalikampatti<ul style="list-style-type: none">KalikampattiChettiyarapatti&Kalikampatti	
11.	17.11.2022 06.03.2023	Workshops attended by the UBA Coordinator and Executive members	
12.		Projects Sanctioned	

Training Programme on “Computer Hardware and Maintenance”

Date: 27.06.22 to 01.07.22

Venue: USIC, GRI



Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, two Rural Digital Knowledge Hubs were established at Thoppampatti and Kottaipatti in May 2022. While establishing Rural Digital Knowledge Hubs in village a need was felt to train the youth in Computer Hardware and Maintenance. That demand was expressed by youth from various sectors. Hence this training programme was organized. Four persons with disabilities also participated in the programme. Four graduates those who are running computer centres also attended the programme and expressed it was highly useful to them and they need not spend for maintenance of computers. Youths from Kallikampatti and Thoppampatti panchayats also undergone this training programme. They will be trained further to maintain the computers in Digital Knowledge hubs. The Vice Chancellor i/c Dr.T.T. Ranganathan, inaugurated the programme and Dr. G.Muralidharan, Registrar i/c, distributed the certificates to the trainees. Dr.M.Muthukumar and Dr.K.Dhevan coordinated the programme.



Career Guidance for Higher Secondary Students

Date: 18.08.22 - Venue: Thambithottam HS School, Gandhigram

Date: 10.09.22 Venue: Sevikashram HS School, Gandhigram

Teenage decisions can have long-term consequences on people's lives. employment counsellors must thus assist teens in selecting the education and employment choices that are most likely to meet their aspirations and hopes. Realising this need, the administration of Thambithottam Higher Secondary School requested UBA to provide career guidance to their higher secondary students or maths/science/ arts stream.



Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator UBA, along with their executive members

Dr.A.Thahira Banu and Dr.T.Kalaiselvi gave a lecture on career guidance at 18.08.22. Initially Dr.S. Kavitha Maithily, explained the preparation and planning needed for higher studies. Dr.A.Thahira Banu highlighted what are the courses available in each stream and the colleges offering that course. Dr.T.Kalaiselvi stressed on the various entrance exams conducted by government and government



institutions and the modalities of applying for it. The students clarified various doubts and expressed that they will study with a focus and will get ready to qualify themselves for higher education. Dr. A. Thahira Banu and Er.B. Santheevani, set an interesting interactive session with students of Sevikashram school which help them to find their interests. Students clarified their concern and doubts about their passion and higher education..





Poshan Abhiyan 2022 - Nutrition Month Celebration

Date: 21.09.22

Place: Kalikampatti

In 'Poshan Abhiyan 2022', Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, organised Food Exhibition at the Primary School in Kalikampatti. Competitions on Millet based Snack preparation was also organized for Self Help Group members. These programmes were organized in coordination with ICDS. The ICDS workers, Panchayat president, school teachers and children, SHG members, students of Department of Home Science participated in the programme.



Also a quadrangular meet was conducted with Panchayat officials, ICDS officials, Faculty of Department of Home Science and SHG members in order to formulate strategies for Malnutrition Free Panchayat. As a follow up activity ICDS official invited Dr.A.Thahira Banu, to deliver a on-online lecture to the mothers of malnourished

children in Athoor Block. Students of Home Science also visited the homes of malnourished children and educated the mothers about hygiene and nutrition. Dr.A. Thahira Banu coordinated the programme.



Balashanti Sena

Date: 29.10.2022

Venue: Thoppampatti

Shanthi Sena is an organization or group that promotes peace and non-violence. "Shanthi" means peace in various languages spoken in South Asia, such as Hindi, Tamil, and Sinhala. "Sena" means army or force. So, "Shanthi Sena" can be loosely translated as "Peace Army" or "Peace Force." Bala Shanthi Sena is the peace army of school children who are future of our country. Bala Shanthi Sena will nurture children to behave in society and how should be responsible towards social issues.



Realising the importance of peace building among the children UBA , GRI has organized Balashanti Sena among children of Valayapatti Children in October 2021. Faculty and students are visiting them monthly and training them in personal well being, non-violence and local administration. In continuation with that next Balashanti Sena was inaugurated at Thoppampatti on 29.10.2022. Dr.R.Mani, Chief Organizer, Shanti Sena inaugurated the programme and Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily explained the purpose of the programme. Dr. M.Arunachalam, Executive member, UBA organized the programme. Thirty children of Thoppampatti village enrolled as members of Balashanti Sena.





Toy Drive 2023

Date: 06.01.23

Place: Valayapatti and Chettiyappatti



Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Department of Home Science organized the 'Toy Drive 2023' to help the children in our service villages. The objective of the programme is to collect the new or used toys from the students and faculty of GRI and distribute it to crèches in our service villages. This programme helps to make the toys accessible to deprived children, promote sharing quality among children, encourage the concept of reuse

and make rural children to play with the toys.

On 06.01.23 Toy Drive programme was inaugurated at Bell maidan. Dr.K.S.Pushpa, Head, Department of Home Science welcomed the gathering. Dr.V.P.R. Sivakumar, Registrar, GRI inaugurated programme by donating toys and appreciated the initiatives taken by the students to organize this programme. Dr. K.Ravichandran, Coordinator, RCI-UBA delivered the felicitation address and Dr.S. Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator UBA, proposed vote of thanks. A box was kept in the bell maidan during the working days in January and February '23. Those who are willing to donate can drop the toys in the box. Around 100 toys like balls, soft toys, puzzles, dolls were collected Ms. K.Kaviya and Monisha of II M.Sc Home Science Extension coordinated the programme. Those toys were donated to two crèches in Valayapatti and Chettiyappatti. Dr.G.Muralitharan, Member, Board of Management distributed toys to teachers of Creche in the presence of Dr.L.Raja, Dr.K.S.Pusha and Dr.R.Venkatravi.





Honouring Panchayat President of Chettiyapatti

Date: 10.02.23

Venue: Board Room, GRI

Chettiyapetti Panchayat is one of the adopted villages of UBA. During the republic day celebrations on 26.01.23 this panchayat was declared as the best panchayat in Dindigul District. Panchayat President Mr.Raja received the award from the district collector.

To honour his achievement, UBA of GRI organised a felicitation function at Board Room, GRI on 10.02.23. Panchayat President along with the panchayat officials All the executive members attended the meeting.

Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator, UBA welcomed the gathering and explained about the UBA activities carried out in Chettiyapatti. Dr. V. P.R Sivakumar, Registrar, Gandhigram



Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram honoured panchayat president with a shawl and congratulated for his achievements. The Panchayat president thank the members and requested to provide technical guidance in setting solar panels at community level to reduce the electricity cost of the panchayat. The coordinator requested the Director, Centre for Rural Energy to do the needful.



Solid Waste Management at Kalikampatti Panchayat

- Discussion with Sanitary Workers

Date: 18.02.2023

Venue: Kalikampatti

Waste management is intended to reduce the adverse effects of Solid waste on human health, the environment, planetary resource, and aesthetics. Solid waste management have stages like collecting, treating and disposing of solid material that is discarded because it has served its purpose or is no longer useful. Improper disposal of municipal solid waste can create unsanitary conditions, and these conditions in turn can lead to pollution of the environment. During the Gram sabha meeting, people stressed the need for proper solid waste disposal in their village. UBA agreed to provide technical guidance in Solid Wasted Management. In this regard, Dr.S. Kavitha Maithily, Er. Sangeetha Vani, Dr. K. Devan and Dr. M. Muthukumar visited Kailkampatti panchayat to find out the viability of setting up of Vermi compost pits. UBA executive members conducted a discussion about the solid waste management techniques and implementation methods with sanitary workers and president in Kalikampatti. Based on the discussion, the executive members decided to submit a SEG proposal to UBA on solid waste management.





Virtual Workshop on Orientation for CUET

Date: 07.03.2023

Venue: Google meet

Common University Entrance Test (CUTE) is a national- level entrance test offering admission to UG, PG and integrated programmes in 54 Central and more than 80 universities across India. This exam is computer-based test and it was implemented from year of 2022. Admission in GRI is done only through CUET exam. But the students in rural area are not aware of that and they need guidance in applying the exam through online.

In order to help more rural students to apply for CUET, UBA GRI organised a Virtual Workshop on orientation for CUET on 07.03.23 at 11:00 am. The school teachers, higher secondary students and parents are encouraged to attend the workshop through google meet and YouTube.

The poster is for a virtual workshop titled "Virtual Workshop on Orientation for CUET". It is organized by Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. The institute is accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade (3rd Cycle) and is located in Gandhigram, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu. The workshop is scheduled for Date: 07-03-2023, Time: 11:00 am. The resource persons are Dr. R. UTHAYAKUMAR, Professor & Head, Dept. of Mathematics, Academic Director, (GRI-DTBU), and Dr. G. BASKARAN, Professor & Dean, School of English & Foreign Languages, Nodal Officer - CUET, (GRI-DTBU). The Google Link is <https://meet.google.com/tof-euqq-pas> or https://youtube.com/live/2_8Jr8XcNFA?feature=share.

Dr. S. Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator UBA delivered the welcome address and explained the purpose of the workshop. Dr. R. Uthayakumar, Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics, Academic Director, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram and Dr. G. Baskaran, Professor & Dean, School of English & Foreign Languages, Nodal Officer- CUET, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram served as the resource persons. The procedure for filling and uploading the application was explained. Also tips were provided to prepare for the CUET exam. The students also clarified their doubts. UBA also took initiative to assist the students of Thambithottam and Sevikashram students in applying for CUET exam. Around 250 students were benefitted with the workshop. Dr. M. Muthukumar, Executive member, UBA coordinated the programme.



Three Days Workshop on Participatory Rural Appraisal

Date: 30.03.2023 to 01.04.2023

Venue: Seminar Hall, Tagore Block

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, GRI organized Workshop on Participatory Rural Appraisal for students and scholars of Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram from 30.03.23 – 01.04.23.

Dr.K. Manikandan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram, Dr. S.

Manivel, Professor, Department of Cooperation, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram and Dr. B. Baskar, Assistant Professor Department of Cooperation, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram served as resource persons. Dr. V.P. R. Sivakumar, Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram inaugurated the Workshop. Dr.K.Ravichandran, Coordinator RCI-UBA felicitated the programme.



In the three days workshop, participants were given both theory and practical classes - six



technical sessions and two field visit & application of PRA tools. Participants are divided in groups and instructed to practice PRA techniques which was learned in forenoon. On next day, participants presented their PRA tools and result. They also share their experiences with all, resource persons were corrected their mistakes.

On third day, every PRA works were exhibited. The trainees expressed that the training programme was very useful and impressed by the practical sessions. Overall, the programme was successfully completed. Dr.M.Muthukumar and Dr.K.Dhevan coordinated the programme.



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Participation in Gram Sabha

National Coordinating Institute, UBA, instructed that all the UBA units should participate in the Gram Sabha meetings at their adopted villages. UBA, GRI will regularly participate in the gram sabha meetings in its adopted villages. The members will observe the issues deliberated in the Gram Sabha and will try to find out scientific solutions to the problems. The Gram Sabha meetings attended by UBA members are given below.

Sl. No.	Village	Date
1.	Chettiyapatti & Kalikampatti	15.08.22
2.	Kalikampatti	02.10.22
3.	Chettiyapatti & Kalikampatti	26.01.23



During the Gram sabha meeting the villagers requested for proper solid waste management. UBA executive members agreed to provide technical solutions for solid waste management in Kalikampatti Panchayat



Dr.M.Muthukumar, Executive member UBA, discussed about the execution of his UBA project on 'DEVELOPMENT OF SPATIAL NATURAL RESOURCE PLAN FOR ENRICH GPDP' at Chettiyapatti Panchayat



**Participation Of UBA Co-ordinator And Executive Members in Workshops
Organised By Regional Coordinating Institute , GRI**

S.No	Name	Date	GRI Participants
1.	Orientation Workshop on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan for Coordinators of Participating Institutions in Southern Tamil Nadu	17.11.2022	1. Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily 2. Dr.T.Kalaiselvi 3. Dr. M. Arunachalam 4. Dr. K Dhevan 5. Mrs P S Sreedevi 6. Mr M.Muthukumar 7. Mrs B Sangeethavani 8. Mr K Manikandan 9. Mrs K.Srikumari 10. Mrs A Thahira Banu 11.Mr R. Ramasubbu
2.	Localization of SDGs and Community Engagement Programmes of UBA Institutions	06.03.2023	1.Dr.K.Dhevan 2. Dr.A. Thahira Banu 3. Dr.S. Kavitha Maithily 4. Dr.M. Muthukumar 5. Dr.R. Ramasubbu 6. Er.B. Sangeethavani 7. Dr.M. Arunachalam 8. Dr.P.S.Sreedevi 9. Dr.T.Kalaiselvi



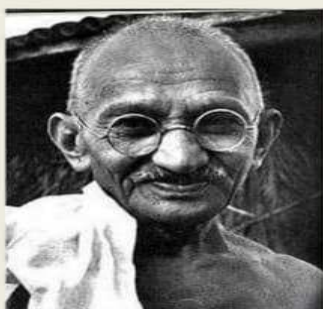
SANCTIONED PROJECTS - UBA

(2022 – 23)

S.No	Name of the Principal Investigator	Project Title	Funding Agency	Amount (Rs)
1	Dr.M.Muthukumar,	Development of Spatial Natural Resource Plan for GPDP in Chettiyapatti Gram Panchayat	NCI -UBA	100000
2	Dr.A.Thahira Banu Dr.R.Ramasubbu Dr.T.Kalaiselvi Dr.P.Kalimuthu	Production of Seaweed Based Plant Growth Promoters and Bio-pesticides and Edible Coating Blends for Fruits and Vegetable Preservation for the Livelihood Development of Fisherfolk	National Cooperative Development Corporation	5000000
3	Dr.V.Kirubakaran	Design and Development Solar Water Heater integrated Solar Dryer for Preparation of Siddha Medicinal Plants in Rural Areas	NCI -UBA	100000
			Total	5200000

(Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs only)

Gandhian Approach of Rural Development



"India lives in its villages"

- Mahatma Gandhi.