

## Goa University launches its activities under UBA

The Directorate of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Goa University launched its activity by organizing a first programme on 17th June 2018 at 11.00 am in Nauxim village of Curca-



Bambolim-Telaullim Gram Panchayat. The program was inaugurated by Prof. Varun Sahni, Vice-Chancellor, Goa University, in presence of Sarpanch, Smt Maria Leena Da Cunha; Panch members Shri Krishna Kankonkar and Shri Surya Andrade and a resource person Dr. Uday Kakodkar, Goa Medical College & Hospital and the residents of Nauxi-Pirabhat Village besides UBA Coordination Committee members, faculty and the administrative staff of the University.

On the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, Prof. Ramrao Wagh, welcomed the gathering on the behalf of Directorate of UBA, explained the objectives and goals of UBA. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Varun Sahni in his inaugural speech mentioned that the Goa University has adopted the Nauxi-Pirabhat village under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan along with Cacra, Siridao-Palem, Marcaim and Gudi-Paroda. He promised the activities throughout the year that benefit the villagers. He congratulated the Sarpanch, Panch members, the residents and Dr. Uday Kakodkar, the speaker of the day for their whole hearted support. The Sarpanch, Smt. Maria Cunha, on the behalf of Curca Panchayat members and villagers thanked Goa University for adopting Nauxi-Pirabhat village and extended her full cooperation to the University in implementation.



The inauguration was followed by a lecture on "Sanitation and Hygiene" by Dr. Uday Kakodkar from Goa Medical Collge & Hospital. He spoke on the personal hygiene and sanitation scenario and suggested remedial measures to achieve a disease free healthy life. He stressed on how important is the cleanliness, dos and don'ts in monsoon, side effects of defecation in open places and drinking water contamination. He stressed upon avoiding the junk food that result in chronic diseases. His talk in colloquial language appealed villagers and took the programme objectives at a height at its start.

Two street plays giving a message on water management & conservation and on sanitation & cleanliness (Swachhata) presented by the students of Dept. of Microbiology, and Ms. Kiran Parsekar, MA student of Dept. of Women's Studies along with her group mates from Shivolim concretized the message given in the talk by Dr. Kakodkar. The judicious use of our natural resources was also stressed in both street plays.



The programme ended enthusing the villagers by a vote of thanks by Dr. S.N. Dhuri, Director, UBA.