

REPORT ON the Orientation cum Awareness Programme of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) organised by the Directorate of UBA, Goa University in Collaboration with the Village Panchayat, Marcaim

The programme started at 11:00 am on 29 July 2018, at the Village Panchayat Hall, Marcaim. Following were present for the Programme:

1. President of the Programme: Sarpanch of Marcaim Village Panchayat, Smt Deepa Naik
 2. Director of UBA, Dr. Sunder Dhuri, Goa University
 3. Principal of Navdurga Higher Secondary School, Mrs Seema Sawant
 4. Members of Panchayat, Shri Nilesh Naik, Vishant Naik, Yogesh Gaude, Vasu Naik, Smt Laxmi Volvoikar, Asmita Madkaikar, Rohan Kunklikar
 5. Resource person and expert on Solid Waste Management, Shri Ramesh Gaonkar
 6. Regional Head-Goa, Green Wave Environmental Solutions: Dr. P. V. Unnikrishnan
 7. Villagers of Marcaim village
 8. MA students and teachers of the Department of Sociology, Goa University
- Prof. Ganesh Somayaji, Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, welcomed the gathering.

All the speakers and the special invitees were requested to take their seats on the dias.

After that the speakers and the special invitees were welcomed by presenting a flower. On behalf of the Sarpanch, Shri Yogesh Gaude, one of the Panch member and Ex-Sarpanch of Marcaim Village Panchayat welcomed and thanked Goa University for adopting Marcaim Village and also said that provide the support to carry out the UBA activities in his village.

Later the Director of UBA, Dr. Sunder Dhuri, made a presentation on UBA and gave details on the schemes. He also requested villagers for their cooperation during household survey conducted by the students of Goa University.

Some of the highlights of his presentation are:

- First, he made it clear that Swacch Bharat Abhiyan and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan are two different schemes.
- Under this (UBA) scheme five villages are adopted by Goa University namely, Nauxi-Pirbhat, Cacra, Siridao-Palem, Marcaim and Gudi-Paroda.
- The Scheme was initially started by the technical institutions and was named as UBA 1.0 and not the non-technical institutions have taken up the scheme and it is called as UBA 2.0
- Besides Goa University, three colleges in Goa have also adopted villages under this Scheme which include: DM's College, Assagao, Mapusa, Don-Bosco Engineering College, Margao and Fr. Agnel College, Pilar.
- The vision of UBA is to involve the institutions to achieve the development of self-sufficient and sustainable village clusters.

Major areas of Interventions:

1. Human Development in the areas of education, health, skills and holistic perceptions.
2. Sustainable Economic like organic agriculture, local natural resources, basic amenities, water management, renewable energy system, artisans, industries and livelihood and e-support.

After the presentation by the Director of UBA, the students of the Department of Sociology sang a song in the local language Konkani titled, "Maka Kityak Podla"

which was based on the future of Goa based on environment and that the Goa should now raise their voice to save themselves from all the problems.

The Programme was continued with a awareness talk on, “Solid Waste Management” by Ramesh Gaonkar, who is also Alumni of Goa University with MSc in Zoology, BEd, MPhil and presently a Freelance Trainer for Preschools. He has a decade of experience as Environmental educator. In his talk he first classified the types of waste like liquid waste and solid waste. In his lecture he stressed on Household / Municipal solid waste which is divided into two types i.e. Wet waste (Bio-degradable) and Dry Waste (Non-biodegradable). Dry waste is further divided into Recyclable Waste and Non-Recyclable waste; He also screened a short documentary movie on Plastic Waste and its effects on the environment. He also informed that there is scheme for management of garbage called as “Rural Garbage Disposal Scheme 2005. Under this Scheme the segregation is made at the source (house), then collection by Panchayat and pick up Goa Waste management Corporation.

After this the MA students of Sociology presented a Street play on the theme of Rural Development. The message of the play was that we all as team can work and solve the problems faced by villagers in the villages of Goa. The message was also was on garbage segregation at source and management of waste without disturbing the nature.

Soon after the play, Dr. P. V. Unnikrishnan, Regional Head-Goa, Green Waves Environmental Solutions, spoke on how solid waste could be treated and made use of and gave examples of making paper bags and other usable items from segregated solid waste. He also brought the pencils made from the waste papers to show to the people. The pencils were unique as they contained at the end of the pencil some seeds which were stored in the capsule. These seeds can be planted as the capsule is dissolvable.

The presentation on various Schemes of State and Central Government was made by the Students of Sociology, Goa University to the villagers. Some of the schemes are listed below:

- 1) Swacch Bharat Abhiyan
- 2) Assistance to Voluntary organizations of SC
- 3) Atal Pension Yojana
- 4) Integrated Child Development Services
- 5) Prevention of atrocities act
- 6) Swarna Pravas Assistance
- 7) National Social Assistance
- 8) Ladli Lakshmi Yojana etc.

The booklet consisting of 86 pages (Samanvay) with State and Central Government was handed over to Sarpanch of Marcaim Village Panchayat.

The MA sociology, also displayed various posters waste management, food waste cycling, Various Government Schemes, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Miss Favita Dias, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Goa University

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