

Report on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan-Village Adoption-reg

In reference to the mail and letter no. IG/RSD/RCs/UBA/2019/5922 dated 28th Aug, 2019 received from RSD regarding Unnat Bharat Abhiyan-Village Adoption, IGNOU Regional Centre, Jorhat has adopted the following villages under Teok Revenue Circle of Jorhat district.

**i) Borgohain Chapari ii) Holabari Gaon iii) Sorufaidia Gohain Gaon iv) Handique Chuk
v) Borfaidia Gohain Gaon**

In this regard, an awareness meeting was held on 10th Sept, 2019 at Dihabheta Primary School, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat in collaboration with Swachh Bharat Abhiyan(Namaste State). All the officials and staffs of RC Jorhat were present at the meeting. About 50-60 people from these five villages attended the meeting. The following dignitaries were present in the meeting to deliver lecture on "Plastic Free Village" and Water Conservation & Rain water harvesting".

- i) Dr. Anil Kumar Saikia, Brand Ambassador, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan(Namaste State), Jorhat
- ii) Dr. Sanjan Hazarika, Retd. Professor & HOD, Dept. of Physics, Jorhat Engineering College
- iii) Dr. Sumendra Buragohain, Former Joint Director, Dept. of Sericulture, Govt. of India
- iv) Mr. Ram Borpatra, Headmaster, Dihabheta Primary School

Before start of the awareness meeting, one student one tree campaign was held asking the student of the school to plant a sapling in the school campus. The plantation ceremony was led by Dr. Sumendra Buragohain, Former Joint Director, Dept. of Sericulture, Govt. of India by providing free saplings to the students.

After the tree plantation ceremony the meeting got started at 12.00 PM. Dr. Anil Kumar Saikia , Brand Ambassador, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan(Namaste State) addressed the gathering and elaborate the objective of the meeting and introduced the dignitaries present in the dias. He briefly elaborated about the purpose and importance of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in the villages.

After the welcome address, Dr. Sanjan Hazarika, Retd. Professor & HOD, Dept. of Physics, Jorhat Engineering College delivered a speech on the issue "Plastic Free Village". Dr. Hazarika elaborated the harmful and ill effects of use of plastics in day to day life and advised the general public to avoid use of plastic bags that are non-biodegradable in nature and which negatively impact the environment. He said that for a cleaner, safer and healthier environment general public needs to replace plastic bags by newspaper bags. He also elaborated about the recycling of plastics to have a congenial environment.

Dr. Sumendra Buragohain, Former Joint Director, Dept. of Sericulture also delivered lecture on the issues plast free village and water conservation. He said that production and use of plastic bags is increasing rapidly owing to the rapid growth of industrialization and has become a global problem. He said that dumping of plastic bags in the river and drain leads to cause of

plastic pollution and heavy flood now-a-days. Therefore he advised the general public to curb the use of plastic bags which have very hazardous impact in the environment. He said that many countries have banned the use of plastic bags and it is our turn to reduce the production and use of such plastics. He also delivered lecture on methods of water conservation in villages with special reference to rain water harvesting. He said that by protecting the water against pollution we can contribute to the conservation of water. He added that without water life is not possible on the earth and he imparted valuable knowledge regarding water crises around the globe. Everyone should be aware of the shortage of water and should be active for conservation of water at their own place.

Addressing the students of the school, Dr. Anil Kumar Saikia, Brand Ambassador, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan(Namaste State) said that students are the ray of hope for the future and they should be made aware of these kind of issues like plastic free village and water conservation in their place. Dr. Saikia requested the general public to express their views of the issues related and general public also gave their views on the issues. They said that such type awareness meetings were very helpful for the village people and they have learned a lot from the dignitaries.

Mr. Ram Borpatro, Headmaster, Dihabheta Primary School thanked IGNOU RC Jorhat and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan(Namaste State) for conducting such useful and informative awareness meeting at his School and requested to conduct such meeting in near future also.

The meeting was concluded at 2.00 PM with vote of thanks by Mr. Dipu Borgohain, IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat.

