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UBA team of Govt. Degree College for Women Anantnag conducts Assessment and Awareness Program on Safe Water Facilities and Practices in NUNWANI

ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 09: In its continuing effort to enhance rural development and improve public health, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell of Government Degree College for Women Anantnag under the auspices of the worthy Principal Prof (Dr) Masood Ahmad Malik, conducted a comprehensive ground-level Assessment and Awareness Program on Safe Water Facilities and Practices in the adopted village NUNWANI Anantnag under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan initiative.

The program aimed to assess the current state of water facilities and raise awareness for safe water practices among the villagers.

The team from Government Degree College for Women Anantnag, which included expert faculty members & senior students, visited multiple households and local water sources to conduct a thorough assessment to evaluate the availability, quality, and accessibility of safe drinking water. The assessment revealed that the village has access to multiple water sources, but most poverty-line households are deprived of these water resources also there are inconsistencies in the reliability of supply during winter & dry seasons.



Achabal Spring, which is the main source of water, was found to have poor water quality during the rainy season & summer season due to the huge influx of tourists which puts pressure on the waste disposal mechanism. It was further revealed that the existing under-construction water storage community tank has poor water quality and needs to speed up the construction of the filtration part.

Following the assessment, an awareness session was held in the village with active participation from local residents & students.

At the outset, Prof. Talib Ahmad Ganaie, Coordinator Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Government Degree College for Women Anantnag emphasized the importance of safe drinking water storage and highlighted the risks of contaminated water containers. Prof. Ganaie also delved on the importance of personal hygiene, such as washing hands with soap, using sanitary latrines, and keeping drinking water sources clean to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases.

The program was well-received by the villagers, who actively participated in discussions and raised concerns about their local water sources. Many villagers expressed their desire for better water infrastructure and more frequent awareness sessions. "We are grateful for this initiative," said Mr Manzoor Ahmad, Numberdar of the Village. "The awareness program has helped us understand how to keep our water sources safe and clean and will go a long way in sustainable use of our drinking water sources." Based on the findings of the assessment and the positive response from the community, Government Degree College for Women plans to collaborate with local authorities and other stakeholders to implement long-term solutions, including repairing and upgrading existing water infrastructure.

The steps will also include installing new water purification systems in schools and community centres and organizing periodic follow-up awareness programs to reinforce safe water practices.

Through these efforts, Government Degree College for Women aims to ensure that every household in the village has access to safe and clean drinking water, contributing to the overall well-being of the community.