

**Bishop Kurialacherry College for women, Amalagiri, Kottaym (ID 11616)**

**Unnath Bharath Abhiyan (UBA) Progress Report (2022-23).**

Since its very inception, Our College, the Bishop Kurialacherry College for women, Amalagiri has given prior importance to inculcating social values in our students. The College promotes regular engagement of students and faculty members with the nearby villages and the neighborhood community under the Unnath Bharath Abhiyan (UBA). As instilled in the motto of the College, 'Accendere Lumen'- to kindle the light, the College continues to remove the darkness of the minds from the rural communities specially. Following the vision and guidelines of the UBA, Bishop Kurialacherry College for Women, had adopted 5 villages, where our students and faculty have conducted a number of outreach programmes, **household village-level survey**, skill development classes, **Anti - Drug Awareness Program** and class, **Enriching Educational Outreach, Fostering Holistic Rural Development , Empowering Women Through Self - Defense**, life skill orientation and sensitization programs all of which has certainly helped in the uplift of the rural neighbourhood communities.

**In 2022 the month of August, we organised a household village-level survey**, aiming to comprehensively assess the socio-economic landscape within various villages. The survey gathered invaluable insights into the demographics, income distribution, employment dynamics, education accessibility, and the availability of basic amenities like water, sanitation, and healthcare. The findings not only shed light on the current conditions but also provided a roadmap for targeted interventions to uplift communities, emphasizing the importance of tailored policies and resource allocation. Overall, this survey stands as a vital tool for informed decision-making and sustainable development initiatives within the surveyed villages. The activities initiated under the UBA for the year 2022- 2023 are,

**1. Successful Anti - Drug Awareness Program at Onamthuruth Panchyath**

As part of the UBA (Unnat Bharat Abhiyan) guidelines, aligning with socially committed ventures, the Department of Commerce at B.K College took a proactive step by organizing an impactful awareness program for the residents of Onamthuruth Panchayat. The event, held on July 9th, 2023, included a special session during the ward committee meeting at the panchayat office. Despite age differences, ward members actively participated in the program, focusing on increasing awareness about the various issues related to drug use and abuse. Recognizing the crucial role of youth in shaping initiatives for drug abuse prevention, the students of the Commerce Department at B.K College contributed significantly to the session. They presented an insightful note on the Anti-drug campaign and even organized a spirited flash mob,

highlighting the importance of the cause. The session emphasized that while the risks of drug abuse are well-known, individuals continue to make choices that can have devastating consequences for both themselves and their communities. In summary, the anti-drug awareness program at Onamthuruth Panchayat, driven by the Department of Commerce, B.K College, received widespread acclaim from the audience, solidifying its impact on community education and engagement.



## **2. Enriching Educational Outreach: UBA cells extend support to SMV NSS Higher Secondary School**

On August 4th, 2023, the UBA cells from the Chemistry and Botany Departments of B.K. College orchestrated a meaningful visit to SMV NSS Higher Secondary School in Kallara. The event aimed to foster educational engagement and inspire the students for their future endeavors. Dr. Lincy Sara Varghese, representing B.K. College, conducted an engaging interactive session on Current Affairs, seamlessly transitioning into a spirited General Knowledge Quiz. The winners were duly recognized, and prizes were distributed, adding an element of healthy competition to the educational interaction. Following this, Dr. Asha S. Mathew, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, delivered a motivational class titled 'Tips for Success: Learn from the Stories of Mrs. Sudha Murthy' tailored for the Upper Primary students. Dr. Mathew emphasized the crucial role of morals, values, ethics, and character in shaping a student's life. She further discussed the significance of education in achieving success, explored prospects for higher education, and provided guidance on courses available after completing their school education.



### **3. Fostering Holistic Rural Development: UBA initiative by BK college's Economics and Geology Departments**

In a collaborative effort to contribute to holistic rural development, the Departments of Economics and Geology at Bishop Kurilacherry College, Amalagiri, have joined hands as part of the UBA initiative. Their collective efforts have been dedicated to the betterment of the designated village, Kothanalloor. On October 11th, three dedicated undergraduate students from the Department of Economics volunteered their time and creativity to paint the walls of the Anganwadi with vibrant cartoon characters and caricatures. This artistic endeavor aimed to bring joy to the young minds of the village, creating a visually appealing environment for the tiny tots. The colorful transformation of the Anganwadi walls not only beautified the space but also marked the beginning of a series of community service programs geared towards the holistic rural development of the Manjoor Panchayath. This joint initiative reflects the commitment of BK College for Women to make a positive impact on the communities they serve, exemplifying the spirit of social responsibility and collective efforts towards comprehensive rural development.



### **4. Empowering Women Through Self - Defense: UBA Initiative by BK College's English and Mathematics Departments (Lock and Throw: Learn to Defend in a Kung Fu Style)**

In alignment with the UBA guidelines and a commitment to social responsibility, the Departments of English and Mathematics at BK College took an innovative step by organizing a self-defense class for women representatives from Aymanam Panchayath. Master Sr. Juby Elza, a dedicated first-year student pursuing graduation in the Department of English, showcased her proficiency by attaining a Black Belt grade in self-defense. Her expertise was put to use as she demonstrated various effective defense techniques designed to empower women in challenging situations. The self-defense class aimed to equip participants with practical skills and knowledge to enhance their personal safety. The active engagement and response from the women representatives highlighted the relevance and importance of such initiatives in fostering a sense of empowerment and security within the community. This collaborative effort between the English and Mathematics Departments underscores BK College's commitment to not only academic excellence but also the holistic development and well-being of individuals within the communities they serve. The self-defense class stands as a testament to the college's dedication to nurturing skills that go beyond the classroom, contributing to the empowerment of women in Aymanam Panchayath.



5. **The UBA cells of English and Mathematics** departments of B.K. College, endeavour with unwavering dedication to champion social responsibility and meet the critical needs of marginalized communities. During a talk with the Vice President of Aymanam Panchayat, Mr. Manoj Kareemadom it was informed that the house of one family (K.A Markose, Kollathukarayil, Pulikuttissery) collapsed and they are in no way capable of rebuilding the house. On knowing this a team of faculties and students from Department of Mathematics and English visited the panchayat to know first-hand about the status of the house. The team found that the family of six has no money or resource left to rebuild the house. So we tried to get fund for building their house from K Chittilappilly Foundation. But in order to apply for that, they need the original deed of their property. Their original deed was in bank and the UBA cells of English and Mathematics departments collected Rs 60000/ from various sources and it helped them to take back their deed

from bank. After getting the deed from bank, with the help of NSS unit of Bk college we applied for K Chittilappilly Foundation building fund and it was sanctioned on 27-02-2023. The construction of the house is proposed to start in the month of March 2024. This gesture has left a positive impact on the society and the panchayat has started coming up with more projects of similar nature.



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