

Bishop Kurialacherry College for women, Amalagiri, Kottaym (ID 11616)
Unnath Bharath Abhiyan (UBA) Progress Report for the Current Financial
Year 2023-24.

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 various our students and faculty have conducted a number of outreach programmes, skill development classes, awareness class, life skill orientation and sensitization programs all of which has certainly helped in the up-liftment of the rural neighbourhood communities. 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. Mr. V.K Pradeep, the president of Onamthuruth Panchayat, initiated the session with an introductory note, while Mr. M. Murali, a dedicated ward member, presided over the event. 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.

Teachers and students from the Department of Commerce actively participated in the program, engaging with the participants.

The positive response from the attendees was evident, with many expressing gratitude for the initiative. The participants actively responded to the information presented, and the session generated a robust discussion on the issue. The program concluded with requests for similar initiatives to be conducted at other venues, showcasing its success in achieving its primary goal – making the public aware of drugs and their adverse effects. 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. Mrs. Seema, the Head Mistress of the school, extended a warm welcome to the visiting delegation and provided insightful introductory remarks about the school's operations. 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.

To infuse an entertaining and cultural dimension into the program, First Year degree students from the Botany and Chemistry Departments showcased a variety of performances, creating a vibrant atmosphere for the school students. The event reached its conclusion with Sr. Aji Joseph, Head of the Department of Chemistry, delivering heartfelt concluding remarks and extending a vote of thanks to all participants. Approximately 150 students from classes 5, 6, and 7 actively participated in the program, symbolizing the success of the collaborative educational initiative between B.K. College and SMV NSS Higher Secondary School.



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, Kothanaloor. 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 social commitment initiative undertaken by the students received widespread appreciation from both the Panchayat members and the general public. 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.



Thus adhering to the vision and mission of the UBA, Our College continues to imbibe social responsibility in our students and faculty to ensure inclusive development of the whole community. Looking forward to participate in more of such fruitful endeavours under the Unnath Bharath Abhiyan.

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