St.Stephen's College, Pathanapuram

St. Stephen's college, Pathanapuram has been selected as one of the Participating Institutes(PIs) of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA). Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) is a flagship programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India with the vision to involve higher educational institutions in the holistic development of rural areas of the nation to achieve sustainable development and better quality of life. As part of the UBA the college has adopted five cluster villages namely Piravanthoor, Pidavoor, Punnala, Pattazhy Vadakkekkara and Pattazhy.

The responsibilities of the Participating Institutes (PIs) are:

The Participating Institute will adopt at least five villages in consultation with the District Collectors for the development activities under the UBA. Participating Institutions should do field studies, study the implementation of the Government schemes, and facilitate their better implementation so that they meet their objectives best.

PIs should engage interested faculties, students, NSS and other bodies of the institutes engaged in community activities for arriving at suitable solutions for improving the social and economic well-being of the rural communities. A committee has been constituted to implement extension activities in the

cluster villages. The following are the members of the Committee.

Mr. Sandhu John Sajan

Dr. Sharon S (Co-ordinator)

Dr. Sunesh C D

Dr. Sheeba K John

Mr. Blesson Mathew

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is a collaborative effort that brings together academia, government, and rural communities to work towards sustainable and inclusive rural development. By fostering a sense of responsibility and engagement among educational institutions, UBA contributes to the realization of Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a self-reliant and prosperous rural India. It seeks to bridge the urban-rural divide and leverage the knowledge and expertise of higher education institutions to address the developmental challenges faced by rural India. UBA promotes Academic and Community Engagement, Need Assessment, Skill development and advocacy of Policies for rural development.

With this intension, MHRD invited applications from interested Institutions offering higher education throughout India and surveys were to be carried out in the identified five villages. Pattazhy ,Pattazhy Vadakkekara,Piravanthoor,Pidavoor and Punnala were the identified villages.

Initially discussions with Grama Panchayath development officers and Grama Panchayath members of the selected villages were conducted. The motive behind the same was to identify the problems from their perspective. Household survey by using the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 'Household Survey questionnaire 'was carried out in 100 households of these villages. Similarly the village survey was conducted by using the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 'Village Survey' questionnaire. Data analysis of the household survey and village survey completed and based on the results and problems identified through the survey, the team developed 'village development plan.'

pre survey meeting 03/12/22

A pre survey meeting with representatives of panchayat had been held and pamphlets were distributed. An awareness session on household survey questionnaire had also been done. It helped in creating a rapport between members of the Grama panchayat and students.

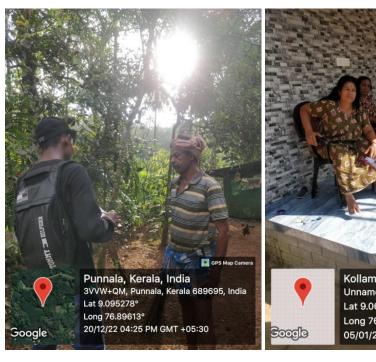




Household survey

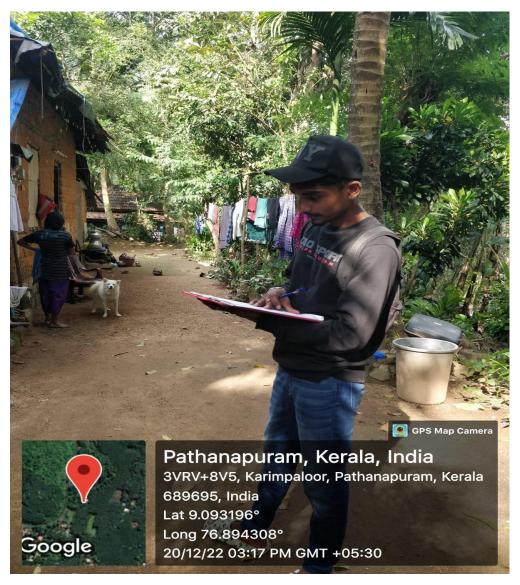
Students were grouped into teams of six and 5 teams were entrusted the job of data collection. Students had interactions with the coordinator and other faculty members. These interactions helped them to get an overview of the questionnaire and the questions to be asked. Household survey was carried out during the months of December and January.

DATES	No.of Households Surveyed
06.12.2022	50
15.12.2022	50
18.12.2022	100
31.12.2022	100
4.01.2023	60
05.01.2023	70
25.01.2023	70













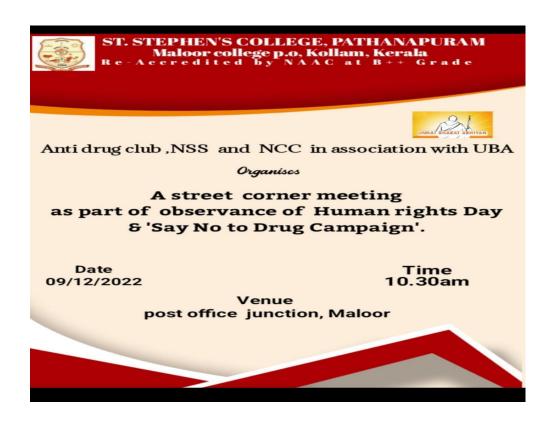








A street corner meeting had been organised in association with CDS members of Pattazhy vadakkekara Panchayat.It had been conducted to promote human rights awareness and 'Say No to Drug campaign'.Grama Panchayat member Ms.Aswathy inaugurated the programme.





Data Entry work

A team of students have been made for data entry work in each adopted village. By 15th March 2023,the college had successfully uploaded all the household survey and village survey.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS OF THE VILLAGES

VILLAGE	NEEDS
PATTAZHY	1. Villagers are not aware of the several
	government financial schemes aimed at uplifting the
	economic situation of Indian villages.
	2. The migration to city is less and hence it is a
	herculean task to find employment to all villagers.
	3. Lack of provisions for effective waste management
	in individual households as well as public.
	4. People do not have knowledge on new techniques of
	irrigation
	5. In spite of being literate, nearly 1/3 of the population
	lives below the poverty line.
PUNNALA	1.Enhancement of Infrastructure
	2.Awareness about Govt.Schemes
	3.Computer and Financial Literacy backwardness
PIRAVANTOOR	1. Unemployment level is very high and the
	dependency number is also shown at an
	alarming rate.

2. Poor water resource management and agricultural development. 3. Lack of Awareness on various central government schemes. 4. Lack of healthcare awareness and facilities. 5. Lack of Agri entrepreneurship schemes and small scale industries for women empowerment. 6. Lack of awareness of various government schemes. 7. Lack of digital literacy among women. 8. Men animal conflict is also seen 1. Unemployment level is very high and the dependency PIDAVOOR number is also shown at an alarming rate. 2. Poor water resource management and agricultural development. 3. Lack of Awareness on various central government schemes. 4. Lack of healthcare awareness and facilities. 5. Lack of Agri entrepreneurship schemes and small scale industries for women empowerment.

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	7. Lack of digital literacy among women.
PATTAZHY	1.50% of house holders belong to below poverty level.
VADAKKEKARA	2. Some of them don't have bank account.
	3. Lack of Awareness on various central government
	schemes
	4. House hold waste collection system is poor
	5. Lack of compost pit
	6. Two of them don't have secured shelter (house made
	of kutcha and 12 households having
	semi-pucca houses.)
	7. Cattle population is less

Awareness session on Livelihood programmes (4/3/23,11/3/23,14/3/23)

A training session on mushroom cultivation was held in three specific villages: Pattazhy, Vadakkekkara, Pattazhy, and Pidavoor Grama Panchayat. The participants included representatives from the Grama Panchayat and Kudumbashree workers. As part of an intervention programmeī following a survey, training kits containing oyster mushroom seeds, polypropylene (PP)

rolls, a bottle of ethanol, and paddy straw were distributed in these designated areas. There are 20 participants from each village.



HANDS ON WORKSHOP ON DUPPATTA PAINTING 14/3/2023

Entrepreneurship Development Club in association with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) and Department of Commerce conducted a hands on workshop on Duppatta Painting. The programme was conducted on 14-03-2023 in the Commerce Seminar Hall at 1:30pm

The students from various departments and outsiders also attended the programme. There are 15 participants in the programme.



Awareness survey and campaign on women empowerment - (15/3/23 -20/3/23)

Students Conducted a survey in a village to gather information about unemployed women can provide valuable insights into the economic and social challenges they face. It can help policymakers design strategies that address specific challenges faced by women in the village, such as lack of access to education and training or childcare responsibilities. Local governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can use survey results to allocate resources more efficiently. They can direct funding towards programs and services that support unemployed women, including skills training, vocational programs, and job placement services. Unemployment can lead to various social and psychological challenges, including poverty, stress, and reduced self-esteem. Understanding the social impact of unemployment through surveys can help communities develop support networks and mental health resources to mitigate these effects.





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