



**UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN
ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), KOLKATA**

PROGRESS REPORT

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Sl. No	ADOPTED VILLAGES	TALUKA (BLOCK)	DISTRICT
1.	Bakeswar	Bishnupur I	South 24 Parganas
2.	Magurkhali		
3.	Raghabpur		
4.	Shalpukur		
5.	Debipur		

LIST OF ACTIVITIES

TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 1: Cycle Van distribution to marginalized families

Objective: To provide livelihood opportunities to the marginalized communities of UBA adopted villages for economic empowerment.

Brief Description

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) programme organized a Cycle Van distribution drive in collaboration with Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle on **10th and 11th April 2024**. The programme was held at the College's rural campus at Raghabpur. Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, the Principal, handed over 16 Cycle vans including one motorized van to beneficiaries from 5 UBA adopted villages under Bishnupur Block I and 5 from other College adopted villages of South 24 Parghanas.

In his address to the beneficiaries Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ expressed his gratitude to the Rotary Club for their generosity and commitment over the years and for their collaboration with the Raghabpur campus. To the beneficiaries he said, "*Amra shudu student der porashonar khayal rakhi na, amra gramer shobar khayal rakhi. Ei van apanader poribarar arthonoitek abosta ektu bhalo rakbe.*" (We not only take care of student's academic needs but we also take care of the village community. These cycle vans will help your families

financially). He further encouraged them to send their children to school and college and assured them of his full support in every way possible.

The President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta thanked St. Xavier's College for providing them the space to implement their social projects and thanked Rev. Fr. Johnson Padyara, SJ, Vice Principal of the Raghampur Campus for all his support.

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata is a Participating Institute of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, which is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Education (formerly Ministry of Human Resource Development). UBA is inspired by the vision of transformational change in rural development process by involving knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an inclusive India. Under the UBA programme, St. Xavier's College, since 2018 has been involved in a number of community engagement projects in its adopted villages for its overall development.

With the distribution of these cycle vans, St. Xavier's College has furthered the scope of livelihood opportunities to the beneficiaries who would now be able to substantiate their family income. This initiative of reaching out to the marginalized will surely continue and bring relief to more and more deserving families.

Providing livelihood opportunities for the rural marginalized

By St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata
Dates: 10th and 11th April 2024
Venue: Raghampur campus





First phase of distribution took place on 10th April 2024



Second phase of the distribution took place on 11th April 2024



TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 2: Nobo Borsho and Women's Day at Village Shalpokur

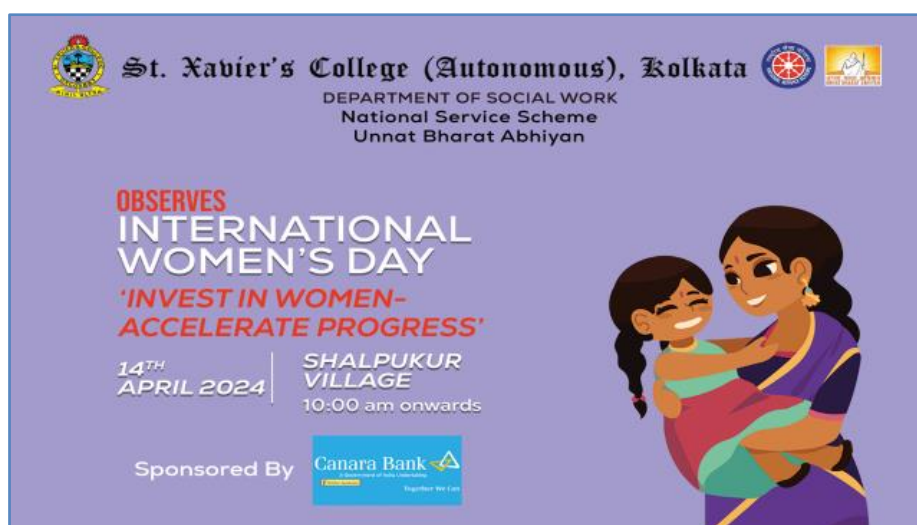
Objective: To provide awareness and knowledge on mother and child health

Brief Description

On 14th April 2024, defying the ugly weather, a group of about 35 Xavierians under the banner of NSS dared to head to Shalpokur village, situated about 25 km away from the city, for a double celebration – Nobo Borsho and Women's Day.

The programme began with Women's Day wherein an awareness session on Mother and Child health along with mental wellness was conducted by Dr. Subrata Sarkar, Principal of Sr. Nivedita Nursing School. With the help of charts prepared by the NSS volunteers, Dr. Subrata explained to the women as to how important it was for them to take care of their health. With practical examples and demonstrations, she made the session informative and interesting. More than 75 women attended the programme and expressed their gratitude by saying, *"Amra ajke onek shikechi. Amra e dhoroner shikha aro chai. Apnara ei gorome amader shonge aajke ashar jonno apnader college ke onek dhonnobad."* (Today we have learnt a lot. We want more of such sessions. In this heat you all have been with us, we are very grateful to St. Xavier's College). The volunteers too had an enriching experience and expressed, **"Though travelling to the village was very challenging, but after meeting these women, we are motivated and inspired by their enthusiasm and simplicity. We shall always remember this experience.**

The Nobo Borsho celebrations was made enjoyable where the NSS volunteers put up a brief cultural programme. With songs and dances, they entertained the women, who sat mesmerized. Finally, while expressing gratitude to one and all, especially to our Principal Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, whose guidance and motivation encourages all Xavierians to break all odds, the programme ended with distribution of goodie bags to all the women present along with a sumptuous snack box. The NSS is grateful to Rev. Dr. Peter Arockiam, SJ, Vice Principal of the PG department of Commerce Evening & Management Studies for his encouragement and perseverance in getting this programme fully sponsored by Canara Bank, Park Street Branch.





Dr. Subrata Sarkar, the Principal of Sister Nivedita Nursing School and the NSS team conducting the session on Mother and Child health



Informative and interactive session continues





NSS volunteers celebrating *Nabo Borsho* with the women through cultural performances



Women receive goodie bags and food packets at the end of the programme



A group picture after the informative session

Next Action Plan

Sl. no.	Activity to be conducted
1.	Continuation of literacy and awareness programmes in the adopted villages.
2.	Observe Independence Day in the adopted villages.
3.	Continuation of capacity building activities for SHG women in adopted villages.
