



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: NSS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CAMP IN COLLABORATION WITH UBA

Objective:

- To provide NSS volunteers with meaningful exposure to rural realities through hands-on service, awareness initiatives, and community engagement.

Brief Description

NSS Experiential Learning camp, with the theme, '**Service is the highest truth, compassion the supreme duty**' was held in collaboration with UBA and Seva Kendra Calcutta at its Serampore centre, from **7th to 9th October 2025**.

On the **first day**, the **31 campers** were divided into **three groups**. One group left for the Dankuni Parking lot to help with the medical camp organised by Seva Kendra, for the truck drivers. The second group, with the public address system, went around the villages of Bangirhati, Mathpur, Sadhghora, and Khapukur to promote and encourage the village community to attend the upcoming Free Eye Camp to be held the following day. The third group remained in the campus and underwent training on germination processes like column grafting and how to prepare nurseries. In the afternoon, a session on the Prevention of Child Marriage was organised by Seva Kendra Calcutta for a group of 56 women and youth, followed by a session on Cyber Security and Alternative Career Options conducted by the campers.

On the **second day**, a Free Eye Check up camp was organised by the College Alumni Association in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt, of West Bengal. The event began with an inauguration ceremony graced by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College Kolkata, Rev. Fr. Anthony Rodrick, Director, Seva Kendra Calcutta, Rev. Dr. Joseph Kulandai, SJ, Vice Principal, Post-graduate department of Commerce morning, Rev. Dr. M.S. Arock, SJ, AICUF State advisor, Mr. Sanjib Konar, Hon. Secretary of SXCCAA, Mr. Yogesh Chopra, Asst. Secretary, and other members of the Alumni Association. Father Principal addressed the gathering saying, *"It is wonderful to see so many students come forward for this camp, especially during the Puja vacations. Your enthusiasm and participation make such initiatives meaningful. I extend my gratitude to Ms. Cheryl Francis, Rev. Fr. Antony Rodrick and the Seva Kendra staff, for their dedication in making this whole programme possible."* One of the campers, Aishik Dey shared his experience saying, *"The warm hospitality of the members of the Serampore Seva Kendra along with its lush greenery, made our camp experience a most memorable one. Our meaningful interaction with the truck drivers and the adolescents helped us go beyond our comfort zone and witness the struggles faced by them which we only read in books and newspapers"*

The Free Eye Check Up camp proceeded smoothly, with around **85 people** (from the communities, children with special needs and volunteers) availing the eye check-up camp making the initiative more meaningful and inclusive. Around 25 villagers will receive free spectacles after the camp. The 8 persons who were identified with cataract will undergo operation. Besides the eye camp, there were doctors to treat and counsel the 15 children with special needs along with their parents. Post lunch, the campers visited a nearby old age home to spend some time with the residents, who were overwhelmed to be in their company.

On 9th morning, the **final day**, all the campers undertook Cleanliness Drive in the Extension Centre. The Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign continued to motivate volunteers to uphold a clean surrounding and environment. They ensured to leave the camp site clean and green. The hospitality of the Seva Kendra Staff at Serampore was remarkable.

Each evening was spent in reflections highlighting the valuable lessons learnt through the day. Interacting with truck drivers showed the campers a new perspective on the diverse backgrounds and challenges faced by drivers, including their neglect of health, and were happy to see many come forward for medical check-ups. Their genuine empathy and meaningful conversations with the drivers, broke stereotypes about today's youth being indifferent. During the sessions with the adolescents, campers listened to their real-life struggles—from issues like hacked Facebook accounts to family pressures regarding career choices. They guided the children by sharing knowledge about opportunities such as the NDA exams and discussed alternative career options with a focus on entrepreneurship.

The volunteers returned with renewed empathy, a deeper awareness of social realities, and a silent pledge to continue serving others with love and humility.

Impact:

- The three-day camp enabled volunteers to develop a deeper sense of social responsibility. Through direct interaction with truck drivers, adolescents, village communities, children with special needs, and the elderly, they gained an understanding of real-life challenges.
- The medical camps for marginalized communities such as – truck drivers, elderly, children with special needs and rural women promoted *right to health* by providing access to basic healthcare.



HEALTH CAMP IN COLLABORATION WITH SEVA KENDRA CALCUTTA FOR TRUCK DRIVERS AT DANKUNIBI PARKING LOT



STUDENTS CAMPAIGNING FOR FREE EYE CAMP AT SEVA KENDRA EXTENSION CENTRE IN SERAMPORE





HANDS-ON TRAINING ON SEED GERMINATION, COLUMN GRAFTING AND NURSERY PREPARATION



CAMPERS BONDING OVER MEALS AND TEAM BUILDING EXERCISES





**AWARENESS SESSION ON CYBER SECURITY AND ALTERNATIVE CAREER OPTIONS
FOR THE RURAL YOUTH IN PROGRESS**



**THE BONDING BETWEEN
THE RURAL AND THE
URBAN**



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STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EVALUATION AND REFLECTION SESSIONS IN THE EVENINGS



**INAUGURATION OF THE
EYE CHECK UP CAMP BY
FATHER PRINCIPAL
REV. DR. DOMINIC SAVIO, S. J**





**FREE EYE CHECK UP
CAMP ORGANISED BY
SXCCAA IN
COLLABORATION WITH
THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND FAMILY,
GOVERNMENT OF WEST
BENGAL**



VISIT TO CHESHIRE HOME ALONG WITH SXCCAA





**STUDENTS
UNDERGOING
TRAINING ON
MUSHROOM
CULTIVATION**



**SPENDING TIME WITH THE
SENIOR CITIZENS IN
AN OLD AGE HOME**



**SWACHHATA HI SEVA
AT
SEVA KENDRA
CENTRE, SERAMPORE**

TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 2: NSS SPECIAL CAMP IN COLLABORATION WITH UBA

Objective:

- To engage NSS volunteers in participatory rural development, community awareness, and experiential learning in the Sundarbans—one of the most environmentally fragile and socially vulnerable regions of India.

Brief Description

The Residential NSS Special Camp of NSS Unit II was held from **9th to 15th October, 2025** in collaboration with UBA at **Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan, Hingalganj**, a school run by **Katakhali Swapnopuron Welfare Society**. The camp was conceived under the theme "**Join Hands in Empowering the Sundarbans Community**," emphasizing participatory development, awareness generation, and community integration in one of India's most environmentally fragile and socio-economically vulnerable regions. The camp was attended by **38 volunteers**.

The participants collaborated closely with the students and teachers of *Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan* and interacted with community members of **Ghuni, Paschim Khejureria, Bishpur, Barunhat, and Katakhali** villages. The camp also received administrative support and encouragement from the **Block Development Officer (BDO), Hingalganj Block**.

The camp began with an inaugural address by Mr. Manosij Bandhyopadhyay, Principal of Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan, along with school faculty, who welcomed the volunteers and introduced the institution's objectives and community context. Volunteers were oriented on the school's rules and local environment. An ice-breaking session led by the Katakhali Swapnopuron Welfare Society helped them adapt and build team cohesion. Volunteers were divided into four functional groups for upcoming awareness drives, PRA surveys and community outreach.

On the second day, awareness initiatives were undertaken across villages.

- Group 1 performed a street play on snake-bite prevention for school children.
- Group 2 conducted health, hygiene, and nutrition awareness at Bishpur village.
- Groups 3 and 4 began Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) surveys in Paschim Khejureria and Ghuni to study socio-economic conditions and resources.

In the afternoon, Group 1 promoted literacy during home visits in Katakhali, while Group 2 observed World Mental Health Day with students, highlighting emotional well-being, early intervention, and help-seeking. The day concluded with report writing, mapping, and reflection.

On the third day, volunteers completed PRA surveys and prepared resource maps and livelihood charts. Sessions with parents on health, hygiene, and snake-bite awareness strengthened community trust, followed by reporting and reflection.

A tree-plantation drive was conducted on the fourth day, which was followed by a visit to Barunhat Gram Panchayat to learn about rural governance. Volunteers led an anti-plastic campaign at Barunhat market. A visit to the BSF Camp acquainted them with Indo-Bangladesh border security operations.

On the fifth day, groups 1 and 2 conducted PRA in Jorabattala village, while Groups 3 and 4 held digital literacy and cyber-fraud awareness sessions using drama and role-play. An art and dance workshop encouraged children's creative expression. The camp welcomed Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, S.J., and representatives of SXCCAA, who motivated volunteers during their visit.

On the sixth day, a field visit to the Golpata Forest and Ichhamati riverside provided environmental insights. Selected volunteers presented PRA findings at the Hingalganj BDO Office. The evening included an award ceremony and birthday celebrations.

On the final day the volunteers through presentation summarized the camp's outcomes. Tokens of appreciation were shared before volunteers departed for Kolkata, marking the end of a meaningful and enriching service experience.

Impact:

- The camp created a powerful blend of learning and service. Volunteers gained a deeper understanding of rural realities, strengthened empathy, and developed skills in teamwork, leadership, PRA mapping, and community communication.
- Awareness campaigns on health, hygiene, snake-bite prevention, mental health, digital literacy, and environmental responsibility benefited the children and families of the Sundarbans.
- Living and working together fostered resilience, self-reliance, and strong teacher-student bonding, reinforcing the NSS spirit of collective responsibility and service.



NSS UNIT II SPECIAL CAMP

Join Hands in Empowering the Sundarbans Community



DAY I

- Journey starts from Sealdah
- Ice-breaking session at Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan



Day II

- Health and Hygiene Awareness at Bishpur
- Snake Bite Prevention Awareness at Swapnopuron School
- PRA mapping and survey at Paschim Khejurerberia and Ghuni
- Home Visit at Katakhali



Day III

- PRA Mapping and Survey continues
- Nutritional Awareness campaign with the parents and local people



Day IV

- Anti-Plastic Campaign and Drive at Barunhat
- Tree Plantation Drive at Swapnopuron School
- Visit to 174 Battalion Barunhat BSF Camp

Day V

- Art and Dance Workshop at Swapnopuron School
- Digital Literacy Campaign
- Father Johnson at the Indo_Bangladesh border
- PRA mapping



Day VI

- Visit to Golpata Forest
- Visit to Hingalganj BDO Office
- Award ceremony



Day VII

Presentation Session



TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 3: VILLAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMME – THE COLLEGE TO VILLAGE INITIATIVE

Objective:

- To help the disadvantaged rural children by guiding them in their studies.

Brief Description

On 26th October 2025, around **40 volunteers** visited the villages of **Nurshikdarchowk and Hogulkuria** to conduct supplementary education sessions and craft-based learning for rural school children. Around **60 rural students** enthusiastically participated as volunteers helped them clarify doubts and strengthen their academic understanding. Action songs were introduced to reinforce learning in an interactive manner, improving the children's English-speaking skills through singing and movement. Volunteers also presented cultural performances, which inspired the children to showcase their own talents. Laughter, music, and applause filled the learning space, creating a joyful environment. In Hogulkuria, a craft workshop was organised where children learned vegetable block printing and created handkerchiefs, encouraging creativity and hands-on learning.

The initiative continued on 2nd and 9th November 2025 across **Hogulkuria, Nurshikdarchowk, Shalpukur, and Bakeswar villages**. A total of **100 volunteers and 175 children** actively participated over the two sessions. On 2nd November, activities revolved around the theme "**Be Vigilant, Be Responsible, Be Safe.**" The day began with academic support, focusing on subjects the students found difficult. This was followed by engaging discussions on personal safety, helping the children understand how to stay alert at home, in school, and in public spaces.

With the arrival of the winter season, the session on 9th November was centered on "**Ways to Stay Safe During Winter.**" After the study period, volunteers guided children on staying warm,

preventing seasonal illnesses, maintaining proper hygiene, and adopting simple health practices suitable for colder weather. The focus was on providing practical and easily applicable tips the children could follow in their daily lives.

Through these three village visits, the volunteers not only strengthened academic foundation and creativity among rural children but also equipped them with essential life skills related to safety, well-being, and self-care. The programme fostered confidence, active participation, and a positive learning experience, making education both informative and enjoyable for the children.

Impact:

- The programme strengthened academic learning, enhanced safety awareness, and created cheerful, engaging experiences that made each session meaningful for the children.



**VILLAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN HOGULKURIA & NURSHIKDARCHOWK VILLAGES
ON 26TH OCTOBER 2025**



VILLAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMME was held on 2nd & 9th November 2025



TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 4: CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Objective:

- To celebrate Children's Day by engaging children across multiple centres in creative, joyful, and inclusive activities promote holistic development.

Brief Description

Children's Day was on **16th November 2025** across the village centres of Bakeswar, Debipur, Hogulkoria, Magurkhali, Raghabpur, Nurshidarchowk and Shalpukur. Around **85 volunteers** celebrated children's day with **277 rural children**.

The celebration included a series of fun games and interactive activities that brought immense cheer to the children. A drawing competition was also organised, encouraging creativity and self-expression. Winners of various events were awarded small prizes, and all participating children were given chocolates as tokens of love and appreciation. The children thoroughly enjoyed the festivities, and the warmth of their enthusiasm made the programme lively and memorable.

Impact:

- The celebrations across all centres fostered happiness, creativity, and meaningful interaction, making Children's Day a shared experience of joy, inclusion, and togetherness.







TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 5: LET'S SHARE AND CARE

Objective:

- To celebrate the festive spirit of giving among the underprivileged rural children.

Brief Description:

On **21st December 2025**, **Let's Share and Care** was organised in collaboration with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCCAA), rooted in the spirit of compassion, sharing, and community engagement, the initiative sought to spread joy and Christmas cheer among children from underprivileged communities.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from children belonging to the adopted villages and neighbouring areas. A total of **296 children**, aged between 10 and 15 years, benefited from the initiative. Among them, **108 children were from Magurkhali, 83 from Raghabpur, 86 from Debipur, and 19 from Bakeswar**. Goodie bags filled with Christmas gifts, generously sponsored by the SXCCAA, were distributed to each child, creating an atmosphere of celebration and warmth.

In an expanded effort to reach more young beneficiaries, **100 goodie bags were distributed to the students of Swapnochhoya Primary School, an NGO-led institution located near Nepalganj**. Additionally, **110 goodie bags were distributed to the students of Paikhala Primary School**, further strengthening the program's inclusive outreach and ensuring that many more children could experience the joy of the festive season.

Significantly, this year the activity was extended beyond the immediate adopted villages to **Patharpratima**, a small locality located in the distant region of the Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas district. This outreach marked an important expansion of the program's social footprint, reaching children in a geographically remote and socially vulnerable area. During this initiative, **100 goodie bags were distributed among children from underprivileged communities, further reinforcing the college's mission of service to society and widening the circle of care**.

Adding a creative dimension to the celebration, a sit-and-draw competition was organized among the participating children. The activity witnessed enthusiastic involvement and artistic expression from the young participants. Three students—first, second, and third—from each village were selected and awarded prizes by the dignitaries, encouraging creativity and making the event more engaging and memorable.

The event was supported by the dedicated efforts of **30 NSS volunteers**, comprising 12 male and 18 female volunteers, whose enthusiasm, discipline, and spirit of service played a crucial role in the smooth execution of the program.

The occasion was graced by several esteemed dignitaries, including Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, S.J., Principal of St. Xavier's College and President of SXCCAA, who led the distribution of gifts and conveyed heartfelt Christmas greetings to the children. Other notable attendees included Rev. Dr. Peter Arockiam and Rev. Dr. Joseph Kulandai, Vice Principals of St. Xavier's College; Fr. Narendra Singh, Vice Principal of St. Xavier's Collegiate School; Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, Vice Principal of the Raghabpur Campus; Mr. Yogesh Chopra, Philanthropic Convenor of SXCCAA; Mr. Sanjeev Koner, Secretary of SXCCAA; and Mr. Subhajit Biswas, Campus Developer. Their gracious presence underscored the institution's steadfast commitment to community welfare and social responsibility.

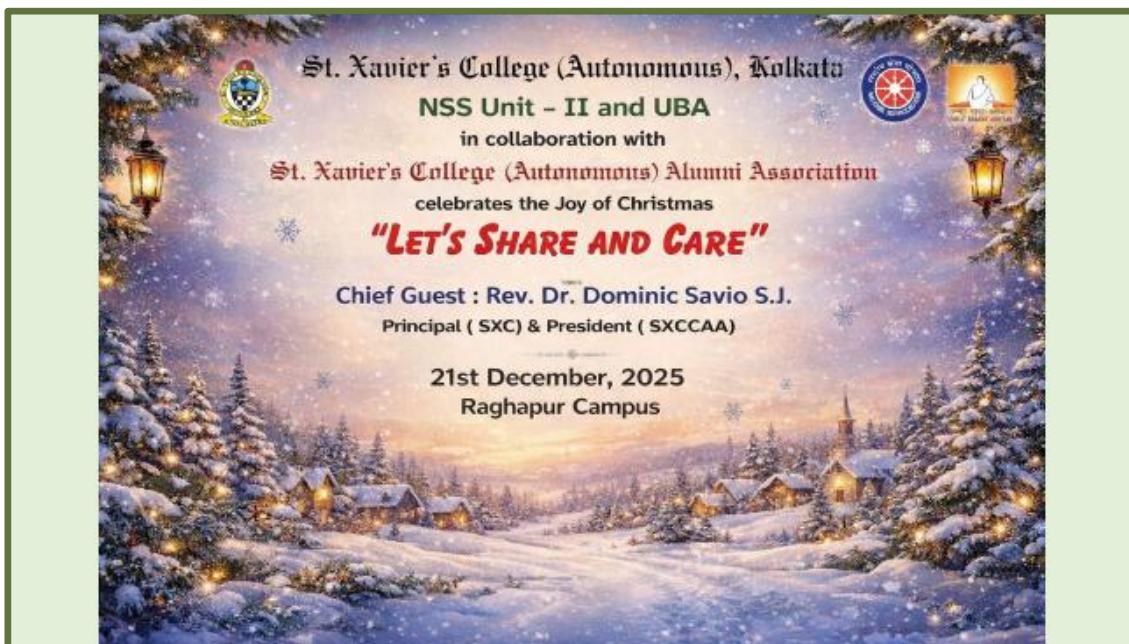
The event was seamlessly conducted by Diya Barman, a second-year student of the Commerce Department and an NSS volunteer, whose confident emceeing added vibrancy to the occasion. Prof. Ritashree Pal played a significant role behind the scenes in mentoring and preparing the emcee.

The success of the event was the result of collective dedication and teamwork. Under the mentorship of Ms. Cheryl Francis, Director of the Department of Social Work, and the constant guidance of Mr. Yogesh Chopra, Philanthropic Convenor of SXCCAA, the program flourished. The leadership of Mr. Tuhin Chitrakar, Program Officer of NSS Unit-II, along with the committed support of Prof. Sourav Banerjee, Prof. Subhra Pratim Roy, and Prof. Ashesh Kumar Dhar, proved instrumental in ensuring its success. The NSS Field Coordinator, Mr. Pradip Mondal, once again stood out for his exceptional dedication and tireless efforts. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Sanjib Konar, who expressed gratitude to all contributors and participants for making the initiative meaningful and impactful.

The “Let’s Share and Care” program once again reflected the core values of St. Xavier’s College—service, solidarity, and social commitment. By bringing smiles to hundreds of young faces and fostering a culture of empathy among volunteers, the initiative left a lasting impression on everyone involved. The collaboration between NSS volunteers, faculty members, alumni, and institutional leaders ensured the program’s resounding success and reaffirmed the college’s unwavering dedication to social upliftment.

Impact:

- The “Let’s Share and Care” initiative successfully reached out to 600 children spreading the spirit of joy, love and care.





Let's Share and Care

- celebrating the spirit of love and care with over 600 rural underprivileged children in the South 24 parganas district



Xaverians spreading festive love among rural children

Next Action Plan – January to March 2026

Sl. no.	Activity to be conducted
1.	Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign
2.	Village Education Programme
3.	Shishu Mela – a carnival for underprivileged children
4.	Women's Day celebration
