

## UNNATBHARATABHIYAN

**St. Xavier's College selected as Participating Institute under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan** - The College was selected as a **Participating Institution (PI)** under UBA in October 2018 and will be working in the following villages in South 24 Parganas, (i) Bakeswar, (ii) Debipur, (iii) Magurkhali, (iv) Raghampur and (v) Shalpur. UBA is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). The mission of UBA is to enable participating higher educational institutions to work with people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions which will contribute towards sustainable growth of the partner communities. The College, through knowledge transfer as well as community mobilization will bring sustainable rural development in these five villages. A UBA Cell consisting of faculty and students have been formed in the College. All students are encouraged to participate in this endeavour.

### **Following actions were undertaken:**

- i. UBA Cell was formed in the College and the first meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018. A UBA Field Coordinator based at Raghampur campus was appointed in December who visited the villages selected under UBA and prepared the ground work. A meeting with the District Magistrate and the UBA Coordinator was held in December. Subsequently, letters were sent from the College to the Higher Education Department, informing them about UBA-SXC partnership. Prof. Cheryl Francis (NSS Director & UBA Coordinator) along with Ms. Sucheta Mukherjee (NSS Coordinator) attended a one day '*Regional workshop for orientation of participating institutes to initiate work in adopted village clusters*' at IIT Patna on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
- ii. A meeting with the local MLA, VP of Raghampur campus, UBA Coordinator, Panchayat Pradhan and other local stakeholders was held in January 2019. Another meeting along with all the Panchayat representatives of the selected villages was conducted for smooth implementation of the programme. A pilot survey was conducted in Shalpur village.
- iii. On 24<sup>th</sup> February, students from Raghampur campus completed 106 household surveys in Debipur village. The survey data has been uploaded in the UBA online portal and an analysis is auto-generated. The plan of action has been formulated which will be implemented in 2020. Till September 2019, a total of 234 students completed 1573 household surveys in the four out of five adopted villages. The surveys will resume in October 2019.
- iv. In July 2019 the faculty were given an orientation and an update about UBA and a similar orientation was organised in August for the students and faculty of four major departments – Economics, Biotechnology, Mass Communication and Microbiology.

**As per recommendation of the National Coordinating Agency the UBA banner has been permanently displayed in the college campus to encourage students and faculty to become an active participant.**