

HEALTH AND HYGIENE CAMP AT SUNDARIA, JAJPUR UNDER UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

As a part of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), which is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, IIT Bhubaneswar has adopted six villages in Odisha, including a cluster of five villages in Khordha district (Arugul, Podapada, Kansapada, Khudupur and Padanpur). The sixth village is Sunduria village in Jajpur district. Late MP Mr. Kalpataru Das had requested our institute to include this village in the list of villages adopted under UBA. As a mark of respect to the departed soul, our institute included it in the list of adopted villages as advised by our Director, Prof. R. V. Raja Kumar. Our Director, always encouraged the UBA team to conduct outreach activities to enrich the quality of life and make a difference in the adopted villages.

On July 6, 2019, a health and hygiene camp was organised at Sunduria in the premises of their Upper Primary School. UBA team had made several visits to Sunduria village prior to organising this camp to make a baseline survey and assess the requirement of the villagers on priority. This camp was the first major activity organised by the UBA team at Sunduria village. This program was conducted under the mentorship of UBA Coordinator, Prof. R. K. Panda.

The UBA team members in association with the doctors (Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan, Dr. Ashima Sarkhel), pharmacist (Shri Basanta Kumar Das) and staff nurse (Ms. Prabhavathy M.) of the Health Centre had organised the program. About 265 people attended the camp. Our doctors conducted free health check-up for the attendees and based on their prescription, free medicines were provided to the villagers. A first-aid kit box was gifted to the Headmistress, Sunduria Upper Primary School.

UBA team had prepared informative educational posters on maintaining good health and sanitation conditions in the village. The school students also participated in the program. The villagers attended in the camp whole heartedly. The program concluded with a heart-felt thanks and appreciation by the village Sarpanch, Shri Jibabananda Paribas and other villagers to the UBA team along with the Doctors. The core members of UBA, Nihar Ranjan Panda, Samir Kumar Jena, Tarapada Dey and the UBA Co-coordinators, Dr. T. Nayak and Dr. S. Bahinipati organized the camp.





