



SREE NARAYANA TRAINING COLLEGE, NEDUNGANDA
Report on Support to Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) by Unnat
Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell

Introduction

As part of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) initiative, the UBA Cell at Sree Narayana Training College, Nedunganda, actively supports Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) by engaging in activities that promote sustainable development, environmental conservation, and community engagement. On October 2, 2024, aligning with Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of cleanliness and sustainability, student-teachers from the college participated in a series of impactful events in collaboration with the local Gram Panchayat and community members.

Events and Activities

1. Collaboration with the "Thozhilurappu" Scheme for Cleaning Onnam Palam Region

The day began with the active participation of student-teachers and workers under the "Thozhilurappu" scheme (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme - MGNREGS) in cleaning the Onnam Palam region of the village. This activity aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene in the locality while creating awareness about the importance of maintaining public spaces. The cleaning drive involved the removal of accumulated waste, including plastic and other debris, ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment for the local community.

2. Visit to Golden Island (Second Ward of the Village)

Following the cleaning activity, the team proceeded to Golden Island, a unique and culturally significant location in the village. This small, isolated island houses a temple where rituals are conducted, but it lacks a bridge connection and is accessible only by boat. The island, rich in biodiversity, is home to various species of flora and fauna. Recognizing its ecological and cultural significance, the Department of Biodiversity, Government of Kerala, has initiated

steps to declare the island a heritage site and protect its natural ecosystem by planting mangroves.

3. **Support for Biodiversity Survey and Conservation Efforts**

The UBA Cell of Sree Narayana Training College extended its support to the biodiversity survey conducted on the island. Student-teachers assisted in documenting the island's rich biodiversity, providing crucial data for conservation planning. Additionally, they joined hands with local authorities and the Gram Panchayat in planting mangroves, contributing to the restoration of the island's natural habitat and enhancing its ecological resilience.

4. **Plastic-Free Green Tourism Declaration**

A key highlight of the day was the declaration of Golden Island as a plastic-free green tourism destination. The student-teachers participated in cleaning activities on the island, removing plastic waste and other pollutants to restore its pristine environment. This initiative aimed to promote sustainable tourism practices and raise awareness about the harmful impact of plastic pollution. By collaborating with local stakeholders, the UBA Cell played a pivotal role in making the island a model for eco-friendly tourism in the village.

Outcomes and Impact

- **Community Engagement:** The activities fostered a sense of community among the participants, highlighting the importance of collective action for sustainable development.
- **Environmental Conservation:** Cleaning drives and biodiversity surveys contributed significantly to environmental protection and conservation in the region.
- **Awareness Creation:** The initiatives raised awareness about the need for sustainable practices, such as reducing plastic use and preserving natural habitats.
- **Support for GPDs:** By aligning with the Gram Panchayat's development plans, the UBA Cell reinforced its commitment to local governance and development.

Conclusion

The activities conducted on October 2, 2024, exemplify the collaborative efforts of Sree Narayana Training College's UBA Cell, the Gram Panchayat, and the local community in advancing the goals of the GPDs. Through initiatives like cleaning drives, biodiversity surveys, and conservation programs, the UBA Cell demonstrated its commitment to fostering sustainable development and

environmental stewardship. These efforts not only contributed to the village's progress but also served as a model for other communities to emulate.



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