**Village Adoption Scheme and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**

**Report of the Field Visit by the Team Members of Village Adoption Scheme and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan to Map out the profile of the villages for Adoption around the vicinity of CUJ, Main Campus and Selection of Gram Panchayat for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan on Wednesday, 16th September 2015**

**I.Members Visited:**

1. Mr. Anil Kumar Bharti, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, CUJ
2. Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, CUJ
3. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, CUJ
4. Mr. Mohd Uzair, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, CUJ
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**II. Purpose of the visit:**

**A. Village Adoption Scheme:**

As per the directions of the honorable Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu a team comprising of six faculty members visited the villages for identifying the possibilities of village/school adoption near the vicinity of CUJ Main Campus, Bagla.

**B. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan:**

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India to uplift rural India. As per the guidelines the team has worked for the identification of Gram Panchayat for the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

**III. Summary of the visit**

**A. Under Village Adoption Scheme**

**i. Village Suchani:**

**Location:** The village is near the vicinity of CUJ Main Campus. It is located around 2 K.M. away from the University campus.

**Institutions visited:**

**a. AWARE High School:** AWARE school is being run by Non Governmental Organisation. The chief patron of the school is General Jagdish Singh Jamwal. This school is very near to the Main Campus, CUJ. The team met with Principal and other staff members of the school.

**Major Observations:**

* School has very low enrolment ratio (presently approx. 75 students are enrolled from class 1st to 8th).
* The school has been sanctioned upto class 10th but due to lack of funds and teaching support, it is functional upto class 8th.
* Lack of library facilities (books, caretaker).
* Lack of IT facilities for students (computers are not functional).
* Lack of transport facilities for students (due to this enrolment ratio is declining day by day).
* Requirement of teachers training/ capacity building of the staff.
* Counseling services for students.

**ii. Village Rahya:**

**Location:** The village is near the vicinity of CUJ Main Campus. It is located around 2-3 K.M. away from the University campus.

**a. Government Senior Secondary School, Rahya:** Government Senior Secondary School is functional from class 9th to 12th. It has Science and Arts stream in higher secondary education. Team had discussion with School Principal (Incharge) and other staff members regarding the possibilities of CUJ’s intervention with the school.

**Major Observations:**

* Lack of IT facilities for students (computers are not functional).
* Capacity building of the staff.
* Counseling services for students.

**b. Government Middle School, Rahya:** Team had a discussion with School Head Mistress (Incharge) and other staff members regarding the possibilities of CUJ’s intervention with the school.

**Major Observations:**

* Lack of drinking water facilities (there is a need for providing drinking water facility).
* Toilets facilities are not properly functional (for students).
* Lack of library facilities for students (requirement of books and caretaker).
* Lack of IT facilities for students (Computers are not available).
* Capacity building of the staff.

**c. Primary Health Center (Rahya):** Team interacted with Medical Officer (AYUSH) and ASHA workers available in the center. Discussion regarding the existing status of healthcare needs and facilities of the area took place. Medical Officer oriented the team about the healthcare status and services provided by the PHC.

**Major Observations:**

* University may participate in the area of community health by organising awareness camps in the area by sensitising the community regarding maternal and child health.
* Organising Medical Camps in collaboration with other State Medical Institutions.

**iii. Village Baguna (Rajinder Nagar):**

**Location:** The village is near the vicinity of CUJ Main Campus. It is located around 3-4 K.M. from the University campus.

**a. Rajinder Singh Library and Computer Center:** This library and computer center at village Baguna was constructed and ran by Indian Army. Afterwards the Indian Army has handed over this library and computer center to village panchayat for its functioning and caretaking. The library and computer center is not functional as of now. It has good infrastructure, reading room and books are available. There are 6-7 computers available which need maintenance and repair.

**Major Observations:**

* University may take up this library and computer center for running certification courses.
* University may depute/ hire staff (if possible) for its maintenance under Community Development Cell.
* University may also provide books and computers for its upgradation.
* University may also start career guidance and counseling services for youths of the area. It will cater the needs of surrounding villages as well.

**iii. Village Patti:**

**Location:** The village is located around 6-7 K.M. from the University campus. It is near railway crossing on the left side coming from National Highway.

**Location of Meeting:** Village Square

**Interaction:** A non-formal meeting/interaction was held with community people. Team had an interaction with the villagers regarding the socio-economic conditions of the village. Team also discussed the status and availability of basic social services (health, education, housing, sanitation, employment level etc.) with the community people.

**Major Observations:**

* Community toilets are not available.
* Vocational training center can be established in this village.
* There is no village library and computer center available in the village.

**iv. Village Ranjhri:**

**Location:** The village is located around 6-7 K.M. from the University campus. It is near railway crossing on right side coming from National Highway.

**Location of Meeting:** Panch’s House

**Interaction:** A non-formal meeting/interaction was held with Panch’s son Mr. Angrez Singh. Team had an interaction regarding the status and availability of basic social services (health, education, housing, sanitation, employment level etc.) in the village. This village Ranjhri shares Gram Panchayat with Rahya.

**Major Observations:**

* It has tailoring and stitching center that is not functional from last one year. University may take the initiative of restarting this tailoring and stitching center.
* There is no library and computer center available in the village.

**B. Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**

**i. Interaction with Deputy Commissioner, Samba:** As per scheduled appointment with DC Samba, Ms. Sheetal Nanda, the team interacted with her regarding Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. University has to take-up a Gram Panchayat or a cluster of Gram panchayat having 5000-7000 population in consultation with Deputy Commissioner as per the guidelines of MHRD. She assured the team that the name of gram panchayat or a cluster of gram panchayat (as per guidelines) would be provided to us sooner.

**Plan for Future**

**A. Village adoption Scheme:**

1. The team will be visiting more villages nearby CUJ campus vicinity.
2. More focused observational visits will be made in the above visited villages.
3. More institutions (educational, Health, ICDS center, Vocational Training center) will be visited in villages.
4. Team will take part in the Panchayat Meetings for detailed discussions with Community People.
5. Focus group discussions will be held for understanding the issues in the community.
6. Participatory Research Exercise will be conducted for exploring the possibilities of community participation.
7. Team will be meeting Non Governmental organisations working in these villages.
8. Team will also try to get the village census data/ house hold survey data if available with the district administration/ local panchayats.
9. Team will also try to liaison with local administration to work in collaboration with University.

**B. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan:**

1. Identification of Gram Panchayat/ Cluster of Gram Panchayats in consultation with Deputy Commissioner, Samba.
2. Team will make the observation visit in the identified Gram Panchayat.