

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan scheme (UBA)

The institution has since its inception spearheaded in mentoring its students to be socially responsible and well-developed individuals who can impact the community at large. Pozhikkarai, Kattuvilai, Annai Nagar, Kovil Vilai and Manakkudy are the villages adopted by the institute under UBA, a flagship programme of Ministry of Education, Government of India. Through Unnat Bharat Abhiyan scheme the Crossian family reached out at bettering the local community in spite of the pandemic challenges. Since the lockdown was on for most part of the year a number of competitions were held for the village students to motivate them following SOP. During the field visit in the previous year the students reported the need for installing solar street lights as these villages have more renewable energy. Therefore project proposals were sent to IIT Delhi, National Coordinating Institute (NCI), UBA. After carefully evaluating the proposals, the NCI released fund. By using the fund, six solar lamps were installed in Pozhikarai and Kattuvilai to promote sustainable rural development. The school students of the villages were introduced to ideas on sustainability and an awareness talk on the topic “Saving Natural Resources” was organized for the village community. This addressed the area-specific natural resource management by the local community. Besides the students, teaching fraternity, and the administrators, the occasion was also graced by Mrs. I.S. Mercy Ramya, I.A.S, Additional Collector (Dev.) & Project Director, Rural Development Agency, Kanyakumari (Dist) and Dr. K. Ravichandran, Professor/ Regional Coordinator, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Regional Coordinating Institute, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram on behalf of Holy Cross College, Nagercoil. The activities under UBA spread awareness to promote a healthy environment in the neighbourhood villages.