# Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Partnering Institution

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## **Activities as Partnering Institution (PI)**

i. Adoption of 5 Cluster Villages

Bikali College was selected as Participating Institution under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a flagship program of the Ministry of Education (MoE) Government in November 2022 under the coordinatorship of Dr. Dhanmoni Kalita, Assistant Professor, History. Thereafter, the college selected a cluster of villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) in consultation with the District Collectors.

The villages selected are as follows:

- i. Kathakuthi-I
- ii. Dighali-I
- iii. Maslam-I
- iv. Dighali-II
- v. Dhupdhara-II



Figure 1 Document showing five selected villages under UBA

The next step was to complete the survey of all the villages adopted by Bikali College under the program. The participatory rural appraisal (PRA) exercise of adopted villages for identification of major problems and preparation of a plan of action/ technical interventions was started from December 2022 and completed by February 2023. The village development officer and representatives of villages were consulted and Gram Sabha meetings were organised to identify three major issues to be taken up for village development.







Figure 2 Photos showing students conducting survey in the five cluster villages under the guidance of coordinator Dr.

Dhanmoni Kalita

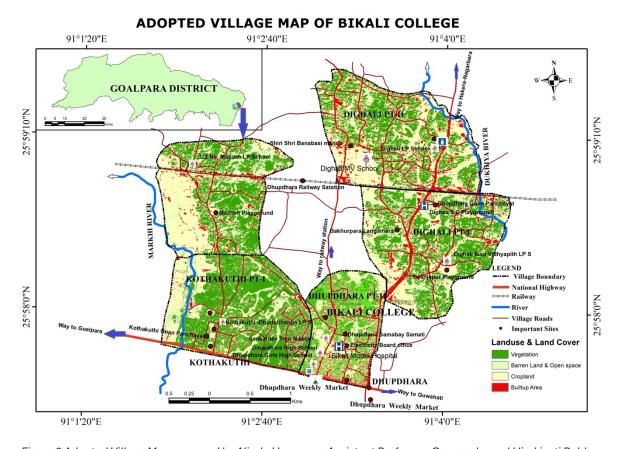


Figure 3 Adopted Village Map prepared by Alinda Hazowary, Assistant Professor, Geography and Hirakjyoti Rabha, Assistant Professor, Geography

## ii. Free Computer Course for School Students

IQAC, Bikali College started a Free Computer Course for School Students as part of its Digital Literacy Mission under the aegis of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. The IQAC Coordinator Rakhee Naiding and Dr. Dhanmoni Kalita, Assistant Coordinator, IQAC as well Coordinator, UBA took the lead in the initiative.

The inaugural ceremony was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. More than 100 students who had appeared in Class X examinations availed the free computer course (Basic). The course instructors were:

- i. Deepjoy Sardar
- ii. Gobinan Rabha
- iii. Ashim Kachary and
- iv. Shyamsundar

The instructors are all alumni of Bikali College. The course was a grand success and the college is looking forward to continuing the same in the following years as well.



Figure 4 Inaugural Ceremony of the Free Computer Course

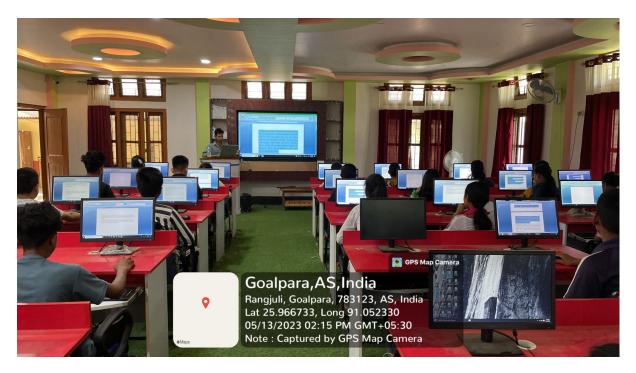
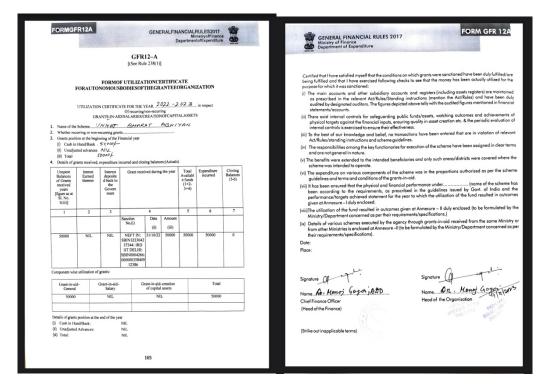


Figure 5 Classes underway for more than 100 school students in 2 batches.





Figure 6 Valedictory Session of the Free Computer Course



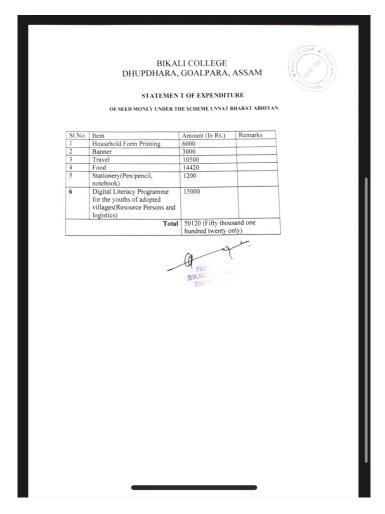


Figure 7 Utilisation Certificate of the Free Computer Course submitted to UBA authority

### iii. Northeast Startup and Entrepreneurs Conclave, 2024

Bikali College participated in the collaborative exercise between Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) and the North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) aimed at fostering inclusive development across the Northeast region with its own startup idea. This exercise endeavoured to leverage science and technology (S&T) innovations developed by research organizations to expedite the creation of livelihood opportunities. NECTAR, in association with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, hosted the Northeast Startup & Entrepreneurs Conclave 2024 on March 27th – 28th, 2024, at the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati. The primary objective of this event was to facilitate connections between technology providers and seekers in the Northeast region, fostering knowledge exchange and cross-learning among various stakeholders.

Bikali College participated in the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan's "Startup Ideation for the Northeast-Livelihood" on 27th March 2024. The session's aim was to identify innovative startup ideas with the potential to bring about societal benefits in the Northeast Region (NER) of India on the theme of livelihood generation.

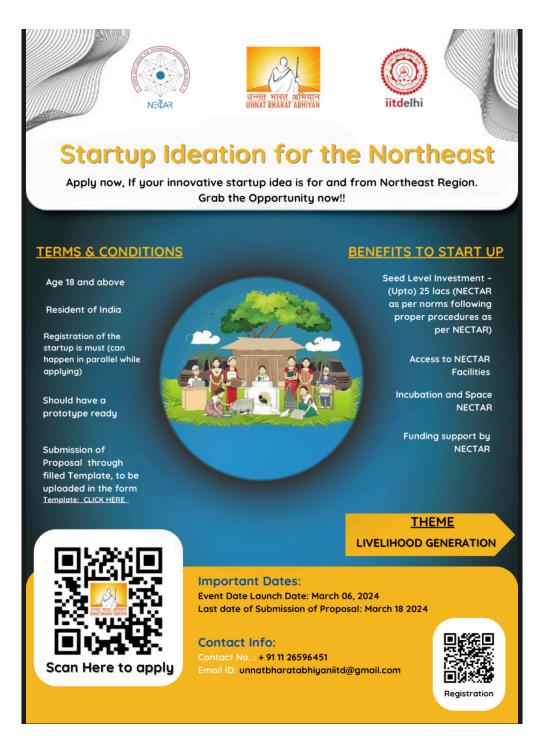


Figure 8 Flyer of the Ideathon

Bikali College submitted their proposal for the Ideathon which was scrutinized by experts where only the top 7 were to get a chance to present the proposal at the Guwahati event. Furthermore, only top 3 were to be selected on the basis of the presentation and recommendations of the final jury of experts.



Figure 9 Jugal Kishore Talukdar pitching his proposal at the Ideathon

Bikali College's Jugal Kishore Talukdar, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology pitched his idea on "Aquarium Making and Ornamental Fish Culture for the Livelihood of the Society including Institutions" at the Ideathon. He was accompanied by Deepshikha Bharadwaz, Coordinator, UBA to the session.

The moderators of his technical session were Ms. Babita Khwairakpam, Project Assistant (UBA), NIT, Manipur & Dr. Meenakshi Chaudhuri, Sr. Project Scientist (UBA) and the IIT Delhi Panelists of Experts for the session were: Prof. Vivek Kumar, Head CRDT, IIT Delhi and National Coordinator, UBA; Prof. SK Kakoti, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Guwahati and Dr. Krishna Kumar, Advisor-Tech, NECTAR.

Jugal Kishore Talukdar's proposal was awarded the second-best out of three best proposals in all of Northeast Region. Bikali College is now awaiting sanction of the funds for the project. In the meantime the college authority is carrying out the project on small scale and conducting training for local denizens on aquarium making and aquariculture coordinated by Science Club and Extension Cell of the college.