Atria Institute of Technology conducts camp for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

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Atria Institute of Technology, one of the leading technology institutes from Bengaluru, conducted a three-day camp as part of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan from 12 to 14 July 2019 at Sonaganahalli, Gedare, Anudi and Mudigere, the college's adopted villages.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) is a flagship programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) to identify developmental challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth. The second edition began in April 2018 with a total of 748 institutions participating in the scheme. The scheme aims to link higher education institutions with a set of at least five villages with the aim to contribute economic and social betterment of these communities.

A 56-member team comprising 50 students from Computer Science engineering department, were taken to the adopted village and took part in several activities.

"During our visit to each village, we enquired about the basic necessities of rural people living in these villages like food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, transportation, livelihood and education. On the basis of these details, we conducted the UBA survey on the first day, using the UBA app. The government has proposed some amount of money to the village for which the living status of the people needs to be surveyed. The survey is to provide information about each family's status," explained Sanjeev, a 3rd year computer science student of Atria Institute who participated in the programme.

Mr Kaushik Raju, Director of Atria Institute of Technology, said, "It is an opportunity for the faculty members and students to implement various innovative ideas for community development. This initiative will also bring about holistic development and positive transformation in students since they will be able to put their learning to practical use and see the benefits."

The concept of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan started with a group of dedicated faculty members of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-D) working for in the area of rural development and appropriate technology. The concept was nurtured through wide consultation with the representatives of a number of technical institutions, Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG) coordinators, voluntary organizations and government agencies, actively involved in rural development work, during a national workshop held at IIT Delhi in September, 2014.

According to Dr. Aishwarya, Head of Computer Science Department of the institute, "Being an educational institution, we felt that through participating in these programmes we could help the youth of these villages and prepare themselves to take maximum advantage of the opportunities that the new infrastructure and changes in demography would provide."