

Upparapete Village Visit Report

Village Name: Upparapete,
Chintamani Taluk,
Chikkabellapur District,
Karnataka State.

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As part of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) initiative, staffs from various engineering fields of CMRIT conducted a survey of FIVE neighboring villages in Karnataka, adopted by CMRIT under UBA schemes. The visit was proposed to interact with the villagers and to get to know their main obstacles faced in their day-to-day lives and to suggest some measure to alleviate their difficulty for the same.

The staff member interacted with the Panchayath Development Officer over phone. Due to COVID-19 lockdown we could not be able to communicate over phone to assess the situation from various perspectives. Some of the existing facilities and problems identified are:

- ☐ Female population is more in the village, so most of the girl students will not continue their education after 10th class. A support is needed to develop their skills and make them self-employed.
- ☐ About 80% percent of the people survive in doing small scale business having junk shops.
- ☐ Formers produce are: Cashew nut, tomato, and maize.
- ☐ They have shown interest in starting tomato processing unit
- ☐ There is a small industry to process cashew nuts
- ☐ There is Urdu medium school from 1st to 7th standard.
- ☐ High School does not exist.
- ☐ The village has a central library, which needs better infrastructure to enhance its benefits to the students and villagers.
- ☐ Solar street lights need to be installed. If solar street lamps are installed then panchayat can save lot of money and can utilize the same for other development activities. There is no electricity problem in the village but they consume KEB power.
- ☐ Computers are required in the Schools.
- ☐ Sports activity in the schools need to be encouraged with proper facilities.
- ☐ Setting up of digital information centre is required to provide services to the villagers.
- ☐ Many households don't have access to clean drinking water.
- ☐ Many borewells have failed. Rain water harvesting is a requirement.
- ☐ Currently they are selling most of their produce in Chintamani market

COVID-19 Responses and Issues:

During COVID-19 lock-down period we had discussed with the gram panchayath official. We would like to post the following:

- ☐ They have faced problems in the beginning of the lockdown period, especially for tomatoes and mangoes as there was no transportation available. Now they are taking it to Chintamani market. They have good market for cashew nut.
- ☐ COVID-19 awareness has been created by the gram panchayat officials and Asha workers.
- ☐ We have discussed about the precautionary measure being taken for COVID-19, usage of face masks and sanitizer, also maintaining social distance.
- ☐ The residents are maintaining social distancing and taking necessary measures by wearing the mask and washing hands to keep themselves safe from the virus.
- ☐ There are no COVID positive cases in the village as on 14-05-2020.
- ☐ High school students are following the classes broadcasted on DD- National. Some students are taking the support of teachers over phone and learning the subjects.
- ☐ Currently Primary school students are having no classes.
- ☐ Villagers have not faced problem in getting milk, vegetables and ration.

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