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Awareness Camp on Preventing Open Defecation

Organizers: National Service Scheme (NSS), Maynaguri College

Collaborators: Domahani-I Gram Panchayat

Date: 18th February 2019

Objective:

The primary aim of the awareness camp was to sensitize the community about the hazards of open defecation and to promote the use of sanitary toilets for a cleaner and healthier environment.

Number of Participants: 123 (Click to View)

Activities:

Educational Sessions: Expert speakers from public health sectors and sanitation organizations were invited to deliver informative sessions on the importance of proper sanitation practices. They discussed the health risks associated with open defecation and emphasized the significance of using sanitary toilets.

- 1. Interactive Workshops: Interactive workshops were conducted to engage the participants actively. Through group discussions and role-plays, participants were encouraged to share their perspectives on sanitation and brainstorm solutions to tackle the issue of open defecation.
- 2. **Demonstrations:** Practical demonstrations on the construction and maintenance of low-cost sanitary toilets were provided to the attendees. This hands-on approach helped in illustrating the simplicity and feasibility of adopting proper sanitation practices.
- 3. Awareness Campaign: Volunteers conducted door-to-door awareness campaigns in nearby communities to reach a wider audience. They distributed informative pamphlets and engaged in one-on-one discussions to address any queries or concerns regarding sanitation.

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4. **Question & Answer Sessions:** Open forums were organized where participants could ask questions and seek clarifications on sanitation-related topics. This interactive session facilitated knowledge exchange and enabled participants to gain a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

Outcomes:

- 1. **Increased Awareness:** The awareness camp succeeded in raising awareness among the community members about the adverse effects of open defection on health and hygiene.
- 2. **Behavioral Change:** Participants expressed their willingness to abandon open defecation practices and adopt the use of sanitary toilets after understanding the benefits associated with proper sanitation.
- 3. **Community Engagement:** The event fostered community engagement and encouraged collective efforts towards achieving the goal of open defecation-free surroundings.
- 4. **Partnerships:** Collaboration with Domahani-I Gram Panchayat strengthened community-level partnerships, paving the way for future collaborative initiatives aimed at improving sanitation facilities.
- 5. **Sustainability:** The event laid the foundation for sustained efforts towards promoting sanitation awareness and facilitating access to sanitary facilities in the target area.

Conclusion:

The Awareness Camp on Preventing Open Defecation, organized by NSS Maynaguri College in collaboration with Domahani-I Gram Panchayat, proved to be a significant step towards promoting sanitation and hygiene in the community. By fostering awareness, encouraging behavioral change, and fostering partnerships, the event contributed to the collective effort of building a cleaner and healthier environment.

Future Endeavors:

Moving forward, we are committed to continuing our efforts towards promoting sanitation awareness and facilitating access to sanitary facilities. We look forward to further collaboration

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with stakeholders and community members to achieve our shared goal of ensuring a hygienic and healthy environment for all.

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