## Farmer's awareness and Jimikand seeds distribution program

Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan program of MHRD, Government of India, this University has adopted 4 Gram Panchayats (Pudu, Umariyadadar, Rigwar, Tendubhatha) consisting total 09 villages of Kota block, Bilaspur district.

To aware the rural India on different government Schemes and to link villagers with district institutions and authorities, regular program are being organized by this University. Some successful program which have been conducted in these adopted GPs are health camps, financial literacy camp, plantation drive, Gramin swachhta program, carrier counselling of high school students etc.

Recently on 30 December, 2020, a farmer's awareness and Jimikand (Suran) seed distribution program was organized at Tendubhatha adopted village. This program was organized jointly by Sanskruti (NGO) and Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisagarh. For this program a total 40 farmers and farm women across adopted villages were invited. The participants were explained about the benefits of farmers bills and their doubts were also cleared by Mr Samir Bhattacharya of Sanskruti NGO. A demonstrative training on Jimikand production technology, was conducted to improve the income of farmers of the area and to facilitate them towards new crops and technologies. Dr. K. K. Chandra, Nodal Officer, UBA, GGV explained the crop in details regarding Jimikand variety, sowing of seed, spacing, fertilizer and expected yield. He tried to convince participant for higher income from this crop as compared to traditional farming. Dr. S. K. Sahi and Dr. D. K. Patel member UBA also motivated farmers on Jimikand value addition and medicinal uses. Seeds of improved Jimikand variety – Gajendra were distributed to all the participants for its multiplication and commercial production.

In this program, Sarpanch Tendubhatha, Pudu, Rigwar, Umariyadadar and selected farmers from all adopted villages were actively participated.







