

Community Outreach Training Programme under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

The Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) organised a Community Outreach Training Programme under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan on 18 March 2026 at the Shri K. C. Choudhary Memorial Hall, IAEA, New Delhi from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM attended by more than 60 students. The programme brought together educators, students, and development practitioners to



discuss innovative approaches to community outreach and grassroots engagement. The session began with a welcome address by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA, who emphasised the importance of lifelong learning and community participation in advancing inclusive education in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This was followed by an address by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Vice President, IAEA, who highlighted the significance of institutional outreach in connecting academic knowledge with societal needs. Prof. Rajesh, Honourary Director, IAEA, introduced the objectives of the programme and underscored the role of universities and voluntary organisations in promoting community-based educational initiatives.



The programme featured presentations on various models of community outreach. Participants were introduced to the Shiksha For Adults Model initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, which focuses on ICT-based adult literacy programmes for underserved communities presented by Mr Bhuvan Chadra and Mr. Anuj Goswami . Miss Shiva Singh presented the Plan India intervention model, highlighting its gender-transformative approach aimed at addressing inequalities and

empowering girls and young women. The session also included an interactive discussion led by focusing on practical strategies for community engagement and outreach interventions. Concluding remarks were given by the Dr. Nishat Farooq and Prof. V. Mohankumar. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA, followed by certificate distribution and high tea. The program was moderated by Mr. Vivek Kumar Chahar, Research Scholar, University of Delhi. The event provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and encouraged participants to actively engage in community-based initiatives for social development.