## **Plantation Drive at Arugul High School**

"The true meaning of life is to **plant trees**, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

- Nelson Henderson



Unnat Bharat Abhiyan team and Horticulture department of our institute conducted a plantation drive in association with Youthbooth, a group of youth volunteers at Arugul High School on August 3, 2019. The saplings had been collected from Forest Department, Government of Odisha by Youthbooth. The sapling varieties included Neem, Babul, Baula, Mango, Sishu, Debdaru, KrushnaChuda etc. The purpose of the drive was to make our surroundings greener after the aftermath of the super cyclone, Fani, that had hit our state hard and uprooted several trees.

Arugul High School students and teachers joined hands in planting the saplings with the UBA and Youthbooth teams. Although there was a light drizzle during the plantation drive, it did not dampen the spirit of the participants. Arugul High School has a EcoClub with about 100 students. These students took a leading role in the event alongwth UBA volunteers, YouthBooth volunteers and our Horticulture team members.

The event was conducted successfully and saplings were planted both inside the school campus and the school area adjacent to the school boundary.





To sum up, UBA team, Horticulture department of our institute and Youthbooth team conveyed the message "Trees for Life" in the truest sense, expressing their intention both in letter and spirit.