

Donation of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine at Argul High School



Figure 1: UBA team members and Argul High school teachers with the sanitary napkin vending machine

It is aptly said, “if menstrual health and hygiene (MHH) is well managed from the start, it has a surprisingly high potential to contribute to increasing female empowerment at a critical stage of a girls’ life”. Keeping this in mind, the Health and Sanitation Team of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), IIT Bhubaneswar had decided to donate a sanitary napkin vending machine with a vision to contribute to the women healthcare at Argul High School, Odisha. Accordingly, a manual sanitary napkin vending machine was installed in the school on **June 4, 2022**, an event led by Dr. Anasuya Roychowdhury (Theme leader, Health and Sanitation). Dr. Seema Bahinipati (Coordinator, UBA) and Dr. Niharika Mohapatra (Theme Leader, Education) were also actively involved in the occasion. The team together with the technical person from the vendor clearly explained the procedure of using the vending machine to the school teachers. The teachers greatly appreciated the user-friendly model of the machine, and thanked the UBA team for their efforts.



Figure 2: The clear display of instructions on the top of vending machine