

A Brief Report on “**Awareness Program on Affordable Housing**” at Bhakamau Panchatpurwa Village, Kursi road, Tehsil Bakshi ka Talab, Lucknow held on November 08, 2018 organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, Integral University Lucknow.

An awareness program at the Bhakamau, Panchatpurwa Village, Kursi road, Tehsil Bakshi ka Talab, Lucknow was organized by the Department of Civil Engineering on November 08, 2018. Students of B.Tech Civil Engineering actively participated in the event. The student coordinators were Mohd Anwar and Mohd Danish of B.Tech III year respectively. An awareness program was arranged at the central place of the village Bhakamau Panchatpurwa, Kursi road, Tehsil Bakshi ka Talab, Lucknow.

Affordable housing refers to housing units that are affordable by that section of society whose income is below the median household income. Affordable housing is the key to provide safe and affordable living conditions for the households living in unacceptable conditions. Households suffering from physical and social constraints due to over congestion of living spaces.

This student-led awareness program tackles the increasing unaffordability and inaccessibility of housing in the local community. The campaign aimed to decrease the rent of most campus accommodation to a student defined definition of affordable so that all people wishing to go to university/institution can do so despite their socio-economic background and to ensure that the designs are truly sustainable.

The students visited various houses in the village to create awareness about the affordable housing practices. Students discussed in length with the rural community about the need to shift conventional housing practices to affordable housing. A lack of affordable housing can impact the academic, health and well-being of students, as they face not only a high level of stress, but also a socio-economic burden that can further marginalize them and reproduce social hierarchies, and class, gender, racialized or ageist divides.

