

Minutes/Record of discussion of the First meeting of the Apex Committee on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

The first meeting of the Apex Committee constituted by the MHRD to implement & monitor the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble HRM on Friday, the 19th June, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the conference Room No.112 C Wing of Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The names of the participants who attended the meeting are given in **(Annexure-I)**.

2. At the outset, the Hon'ble HRM welcomed the participants to the first meeting of the Apex Committee. She also thanked the participants for being present at a very short notice.
3. Thereafter, Prof. V.K. Vijay, IIT Delhi (the Coordinating Institute for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan) made a brief presentation highlighting the salient features of the UBA and its present status /progress. The Chairperson emphasized the need to connect the Central Educational Institutions like IITs/NITs/IISER/IIITs and CUs to the local educational institutions in consultation with AICTE and UGC.
5. Hon'ble HRM requested IIT Delhi, the coordinating Institute for UBA, that in the next meeting of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan to be held sometime in August-September, 2015, she would like to see a presentation as to what has actually happened on the ground. She said that an attempt should be made to select those villages which have been identified under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana.
6. The gist of the discussion and decisions taken in the meeting are as under:-
 - a. Engaging Institutions of Higher learning with Rural Intervention - all IITs, NITs, IIMs, Central Institutions, IIITs and others to have cells on activities of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, wherein a cluster of villages may be chosen for development with Science & Technology interventions.
 - b. A network of Higher Education Institutions with connection to the local organizations to be completed by September, 2015 and a structure needs to be put in place to connect organizations. IIM Bangalore is requested to create a network of institutions state-wise.
 - c. MHRD will coordinate with other Ministries. The concerned ministries should appoint nodal officers for coordinating in respect of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. MHRD shall designate an officer for Unnat Bharat Coordination with other ministries.

- d. Ten Subject groups and Coordinating institutes were identified as proposed and agreed to by the representative of the institutions present in the meeting. These are as follow:-
- I. Farming, Agricultural, Animal Husbandry and forestry
– Indian Council of Agricultural Research (Dr. A.K. Vyas)
 - II. Artisans – IIT Kanpur
 - III. Renewable Energy – IIT Delhi
 - IV. Water Resources – IIT Kharagpur
 - V. Sanitation - NIT Suratkhal
 - VI. Low cost housing -IIT Gandhinagar
 - VII. Academia - IIT Kanpur
 - VIII. Industry- IIT Guwahati (to collaborate with CII and FICCI also)
 - IX. Education & Networking of Institutions –IIM Bangalore
 - X. Medicine/Health - IIT Madras
- e. It was decided that while IIT Delhi will continue to be the overall Coordinating Institute for UBA, it will be the responsibility of the coordinating IIT/institutes for the subject group to constitute its own group and to start interacting through email on the concept note and an action plan with definite timelines for implementation of the UBA. Each group will meet CII/FICCI to identify areas of collaboration and projects.
- f. It was decided that FICCI will prepare a booklet on UBA and CII will prepare a short presentation in the form of a Film on UBA.
- g. IIT Delhi to prepare concept note on the concept of a Smart Village, wherein ideas related to management skills at local level, skill development, perspective economic plan, language preservation, technological interventions among others are co-opted. (***Swawlambhi Gaon - Swawlambhi Bharat***).
- h. IIT Delhi to submit a proposal to MoRD for funding of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and a proposal may be made by November, 2015 for announcement on allocation of funds for the UBA in the next Budget.

- i. The coordination group at IIT Delhi will receive proposals under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan for onward submission to the concerned ministries through MHRD.
- j. Inputs for National Education Policy based on the concept of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan to be provided. Each group of institutions, led by their representative institution in the UBA Apex Committee to have a separate meeting for providing inputs on the National Education Policy. Inputs to be sent to JS (IITs) by 31st October, 2015.
- k. A list of success stories needs to be compiled and uploaded on the website of UBA.
- l. The second meeting of the Apex Committee on UBA is proposed to be held in August, 2015 wherein IIT Delhi as Coordinating Institute will make a presentation on the work done at the grass root level.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Action points on the decisions taken in the first Meeting of Apex Committee of Unnat Bharat Bharat Abhiyan:

1. Make Presentation on what has actually happened on the ground in the next meeting of Apex Committee in August-September, 2015.
2. Select villages identified under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojna.
3. Choose a cluster of villages for development with S&T intervention.
4. IIT Delhi will continue to be the overall coordinating institute for UBA.
5. Constitute its own group on renewable Energy and to start interacting through e-mail on the concept note and an action plan on Renewable Energy with definite time lines for implementation of UBA. The group will meet CII/FICCI to identify areas of collaboration and projects.
6. Prepare Concept note on the concept of a Smart Village (Swavlambi Gaon-Swavlambi Bharat)
7. Submit a proposal to MoRD for funding of UBA and a proposal may be made by November, 2015 for announcement on allocation of funds for the UBA in the next Budget.
8. Receive proposals under UBA for onward submission to the concerned ministries through MHRD.
9. Provide inputs for the National Education Policy based on the concept of UBA to Joint Secretary (IITs) by 31st October, 2015.
10. Compile and upload a list of success stories on the website of UBA.

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Subject: An interactive session with members of Center for Rural development, IIT Delhi.

Respected Sir

I am Shakul Mittal a student of IIT Roorkee, I am writing on behalf of some undergraduate students of IIT Roorkee who are involved in a project titled 'Students' Initiative for Integrated Rural Development (SIIRD)' which evolved under the **Knowledge Economy project awarded to IIT Roorkee by Govt. of India (Dept. of Electronics and Information Technology) with Prof. Vinay K. Nangia (Former Head of Department of Department of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee) as its principal investigator.**

SIIRD is voluntary students' initiative that aims at taking demand driven initiatives in a village Chharba of Sahaspur block of Dehradun district by synergising the efforts of government, industry and academia by forming a collaborative framework and implementing it in the village.

We have developed new collaborative models and impacted more lives in Chharba in past eight years.

Newspaper bag initiative taken by SIIRD in January 2014 is a self sustainable model in which 12 poor women of Chharba are earning a monthly income of Rs 2000 by making and selling of newspaper bags. Dainik Jagran donated 250 kg of waste newspaper from their printing office in Selaqui for pilot of this initiative.

Under education initiative, we have had two new collaborations : Art of Living Foundation and Brahmakumari's. A total of three workshops have been held by these in the village so far in which children were taught Yoga, Pranayama and some extra curricular activities were organised to bring about an overall holistic development of these children. We are also coaching some meritorious students of class 4th and 5th for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. **17 computers have been installed in schools of chharba in collaborations with INFOSYS.**

The concept of SIIRD was awarded **fourth position** and a cash prize of 10,000 AED in a **global Social Innovation Tournament** organised jointly by Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE and Wharton, University of Pennsylvania on May 9, 2013.

Following five projects of SIIRD were selected for **Order of Merit awards at Skoch Smart Governance Awards 2014:**

1. Public Private Participation Model of SIIRD
2. Education Initiative of SIIRD
3. Newspaper Bag Initiative of SIIRD
4. Cycle Donation Initiative of SIIRD

5. Collaboration Model of Cooperation of SIIRD

Recently this initiative has been collaborated with **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan** of ModiJi's Govt. and we have taken up **4 more villages** under this project.

We have started a **sensitisation drive** under which we visit various colleges to sensitize students and to encourage them to take similar initiatives.

We have presented in 12 different colleges in North India.

We wish to have an interactive session at IIT Delhi with your team so that we come to know the activities done by your students and at the same time showcase the work done by SIIRD.

Please write us back if such a session is possible.

Hoping a positive reply.

Regards

Shakul Mittal

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Subject: Training Programme on Role of Technical Institutions in Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 24 - 28 August 2015

All Head of Institution and
Faculty Members of Technical Institutions

Subject- STC on “Role of Technical Institutions in Unnat Bharat Abhiyan” 24 – 28 August 2015 at RVIT, Bijnor

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Department of Rural Development is going to organize a short term course in collaboration with DTE, Uttarakhand on the topic “**Role of Technical Institutions in Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**” 24 – 28 August 2015 at RVIT, Bijnor. The local co-ordinator of the STC would be **Shri Jatin Ahlwat** (Mobile no. : 09756561673), Managing Director, RVIT, 9 KM. Milestone, Sudhesna Education City, Bijnor-Moradabad road ,Bijnor (UP) 249728.

The MHRD, GoI has taken initiatives to begin **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan** through a network of higher and Technical Insititutions like IITs, IIMs, and NITs. But such initiatives would be more fruitful and beneficial for larger masses if the other regional engineering colleges, NITTTRs and polytechnics can also join hands together to extend the mission to all corners of the country. There are 518 community polytechnics working in the country under MHRD, GoI sponsored scheme called **Community Development through Polytechnics (CDTP)**. They can also play a vital role in taking the mission of Unnat Bharat at the grass root level. With this background, we are going to organize the short term course in collaboration with RVIT Bijnor where some joint efforts have already been made in last two years for the development of a village named Chaukipur as a model village near RVIT College, Bijnor and we want to continue the mission ahead.

You are requested to sponsor one-two faculty members from your institution working on the above issues or interested in such projects. The participant from the government institutions will be paid TA/DA with a train fare limited up to AC 3 tier by Indian railways as per institute rules. All the participants from the private institutions have to manage their expenditure themselves. For other details you can contact me on given number or through email.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Dr Upendra Nath Roy

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