

IIM Bangalore UBA Activities

- IIM Bangalore has been assigned the Subject Group

Education and Networking of Institutions

Progress so far

- IIMB has already suggested framework for creating a network to facilitate UBA "coordination" - a note has been sent to IITD. (A copy of the note is available)
- On Education
 - IIMB along with its consortium members developed a tele-education method to improve quality of education in rural schools. After a successful pilot testing in 14 High Schools it has been rolled out in 1000 Primary and High Schools in rural Karnataka reaching 190000 students. With the very positive feedback from the Schools, Government of Karnataka has approved expansion of this method to another 1000 Schools. Government of Andhra Pradesh has also requested IIMB to replicate it in 800 Schools in the state. IIMB would be happy to create a network of institutions to take this initiative to all the States in the country. (Enclosed presentation gives details)
- IIMB is exploring ways to help develop social entrepreneurship (IIMB would incubate some and work with partners to take into rural India)

IIMB's Background in Rural Development

- Public Management has been a key focus area of IIMB since its Inception.
- Agriculture and Rural Development department existed earlier and the current Centre for Public Policy have conducted a number of studies on various policy aspects of rural development such as agriculture, education, health, etc.
- Faculty members interact closely with the policy makers in various ministries such as Agriculture, Rural Development, Health, Education, Finance, etc both at the Central and State level.
- IIMB has recently conducted action research on developing appropriate technology with the partnership of industry to deliver various public services and information in rural areas, such as tele-education, tele-medicine, agri-extension, authentic data gathering, banking correspondence, B2C services and G2C services.
- IIMB has scaled up tele-education in Karnataka. IIMB would like to share these experience and assist any institution willing take them to any State

IIMB's UBA Activities Plan

- IIMB is in the process of setting up UBA cell and identify Nodal Officer
- IIMB will provide its input to National Education Policy by the end of October 2015
- Will explore with the Rural Development Department of Karnataka State on avenues for collaboration
- IIMB also plans to conduct a workshop on Education and Networking of Institutions in the current academic year
- IIMB would like to set up a Centre for Rural Development. A proposal on this will be prepared and sent soon.