

REPORT ON UNNATH BARATH ABHIYAN (UBA)

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Launch of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) 2.0 and orientation workshop for the Participating Institutions (PIs) was organized by UBA, on April 25th, 2018 at AICTE Auditorium, Nelson Mandela Marg, VasantKunj, New Delhi.

Background and Need

As foreseen by Gandhi Ji in his seminal work, 'Hind Swaraj', the western developmental paradigm, based on centralized technologies and urbanization, has given rise to serious problems like increasing inequity (leading to crime and violence), and climate change due to rapid ecological degradation. To ameliorate these problems, it is necessary to promote development of rural areas in tune with Gandhian vision of self-sufficient 'village republics', based on local resources and using decentralized, eco-friendly technologies so that the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, sanitation, health care, energy, livelihood, transportation, and education are locally met. This should be the vision of holistic development of villages. Presently, 70% of the population in India lives in rural areas engaged in agrarian economy with agriculture and allied sector employing 51% of the total work-force but accounting for only 17% of the country's GDP. There are huge developmental disconnects between the rural and urban sectors such as inequity in health, education, incomes and basic amenities as well as employment opportunities - all causing great discontent and large-scale migration to urban areas. The imperatives of sustainable development which are being felt more and more acutely all over the world also demand eco-friendly development of the villages and creation of appropriate employment opportunities locally. Increasing urbanization is neither sustainable nor desirable. So far, our professional higher education institutions have largely been oriented to cater to the mainstream industrial sector and, barring a few exceptions, have hardly contributed directly to the development of the rural sector. UnnatBhāratAbhiyān (UBA) is a much needed and highly challenging initiative in this direction.

Vision

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is inspired by the vision of transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India.

Mission

The Mission of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is to enable higher educational institutions to work with the people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth. It also aims to create a virtuous cycle between society and an inclusive academic system by providing knowledge and practices for emerging professions and to upgrade the capabilities of both the public and the private sectors in responding to the development needs of rural India.

Goals

- To build an understanding of the development agenda within institutes of Higher Education and an institutional capacity and training relevant to national needs, especially those of rural India.
- To re-emphasize the need for field work, stake-holder interactions and design for societal objectives as the basis of higher education.
- To stress on rigorous reporting and useful outputs as central to developing new professions.
- To provide rural India and regional agencies with access to the professional resources of the institutes of higher education, especially those that have acquired academic excellence in the field of science, engineering and technology, and management.

- To improve development outcomes as a consequence of this research. To develop new professions and new processes to sustain and absorb the outcomes of research.
- To foster a new dialogue within the larger community on science, society and the environment and to develop a sense of dignity and collective destiny.

Role and Responsibilities of Co-coordinator (UnnathBharathAbhiyan)

- Build an understanding of the development agenda within our institution of Higher Education and an institutional capacity and training relevant to regional needs, especially those of rural places.
- Re-emphasize the need for field work, stake-holder interactions and design for societal objectives as the basis of higher education.
- Stress on rigorous reporting and useful outputs as a region to develop new professions.
- Provide rural area and regional agencies with access to the professional resources of the institution especially those that have acquired academic excellence in the field of science, engineering and technology, and management.
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Unnath Barath Abhiyan in St.Antony's College:

St. Antony's College became a participating Institution in the year 2019. College adopted five villages from Thamaraipadi Panchayat where the college students conducted a baseline survey with UBA volunteers. After the survey it was decided to offer skill training to the rural women as a measure to create and maintain a Healthy and Green village with the notion of "No cost and Low cost"

Unnath Barath Abhiyan events and programmes were segregated into three categories such as, Students Participation(Awareness Programme)
Faculty Participation(Orientation, FDP etc.,)
Public (Adopted Village People Participation)