



**National level Workshop on
Engagement of Higher Educational Institutions
in Rural Development
(2 – 3 December, 2021)**

A Joint Programme

**NIRDPR, Hyderabad
&**

**National Coordinating Institute
Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, IIT-Delhi**

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Background

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) aims at enabling Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) to work with the people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth. Thus, UBA demands a connection between HEI and local communities in order to address the development challenges through appropriate technologies / management models and soon. There are several universities and science & technological institutions that already have community service as an integral component of their academic programmes. This engagement is episodic, and often one-sided in purpose.

There are over 45 UBA Regional Coordinating Institutions (RCIs) involved in guiding and monitoring the field works carried out by more than 2600 Participating Institutions (PIs). The RCIs have to remain very vibrant as a repository of project ideas; store house of information on various Government schemes and convergence possibilities; be able to handhold PIs to write effective proposals; offer operational mechanisms to ensure approved projects take off on time, and provide the required support for the PIs to really deliver the expected results. Precisely, the performance of UBA ultimately hinges on the mentoring and guidance provided by the RCIs and the field achievements of the PIs. These will unfold in a meaningful way only when RCIs recognize and understand working with rural [socio-political and economic] institutions and adopt certain approaches, strategies, and modes of engaging with rural communities, which this two-day programme proposes to impart.

Objectives: This workshop aims at:

1. Presenting the scope available for UBA Institutions to engage with community in the vicinity, and showing the scheme convergence possibilities for enabling technical competence to deliver to the needs and aspirations of rural people.
2. Demonstrating how to prepare effective proposals for UBA; how to mentor and monitor the PIs; and how to document the progress being made by PIs, and the students involved in UBA related field work.

Contents

- The idea of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)
- The Concept of Village Adoption, and modes of working
- Working with Gram Panchayats, why and how?
- Engaging with Rural Communities – Participatory Learning Approaches
- Gram Panchayat Development Plan – what it is & what UBA PIs can do about it
- Sources of Funds for Gram Panchayats & the scheme convergence potentials
- Some Flagship Programmes of the Government of India
- Aligning Priorities of the Government with UBA Proposals

Workshop Methods

It is planned to hold a series of active lectures assisted by PowerPoint slides, and short videos in order to identify possible areas of interventions, and the potentials available with the local resources and existing schemes to match with the needs of the people. There will be lots of scope for discussing specific cases, and experiences. Good practices may be shared by RCIs.

Participants: It is proposed to invite all the Regional Coordinators of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA).

Duration: This is a two-day residential programme to be held from 2.12.2021 to 3.12.2021 (Thursday & Friday)

Venue: NIRDPR Campus, Hyderabad. See nirdpr.org.in for location details. From Hyderabad Airport, it takes less than 30 minutes to reach NIRDPR campus.

Logistics: The training will be conducted at NIRDPR campus. It will be In-person training. The NIRDPR shall make arrangements for food, accommodation and arrangements for Airport pick up and drop of all the Participants. NIRD will not reimburse the travel expenses of the participants from their place of work to Hyderabad and back. The nominating institution has to bear the cost of travel expenses.

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