

2 – Day Workshop on
Approaches for Community Out-reach Programmes by
Higher Education Institutions in North Eastern States of India
(29 – 30 December, 2022)

Venue: NIRDPR-NERC, Khanapara, Guwahati

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Background

There is no doubt that India's economy is on a new growth trajectory, but for a short-period when an unknown pandemic tore apart lives and livelihoods. Indian villages, compared to what it was about 20 years, are much better in terms of access to basic infrastructure facilities, technology use and so on. However, the type of problems rural / tribal areas face is still multiple. Such problems in most parts, including the North Eastern states, can be addressed through appropriate application of scientific knowledge, technical know-how and management techniques, which are available in abundance measure in India's HEIs.

The Regional Coordinating Institutions (RCIs) and Participating Institutions (PIs) of UBA are at the forefront for meaningful engagement with villages in the vicinity. Their approaches to identify rural problems considerably differ. The strategies they put to use for work execution greatly vary. Their terms and modes of engagement are markedly assorted. However, their mission with reference to UBA hardly every changes – which is achieving ease of living and ease of working for rural people.

The outcome achieved significantly fluctuates depending on the approaches adopted for identifying problems; solutions proposed; and the strategies put to use for executing the solutions. This workshop aims at discussing such approaches, strategies, and means of communication that help multiply the results of community engagement. This will also help design quality UBA Proposals.

Objectives of the Workshop

1. To discuss the scope available for UBA Institutions to engage with community in the vicinity, and showing the programme convergence possibilities for enabling technical competence that may help deliver the needs and aspirations of rural people.
2. To introduce a range of rural development approaches, strategies and modes of engagement with rural communities that HEIs can consider applying in their field work.
3. To demonstrate how to prepare quality UBA proposals those are relevant and workable.

Contents

- Engaging with Rural Communities – Participatory Learning Approaches
- Can we learn better? Revolutions in Development Inquiry
- Priorities of the Government of India: Vision 2030 – Vision – 2047
- Approaches, Strategies and Modes of Community Engagement
- 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
- Drafting quality UBA proposals that are in alignment with Priorities of the Government
- Documenting Achievements & Experiences of UBA

Workshop Methods

It is planned to be participatory with lots of group works, group presentations, and games - plays. There will be short active lectures assisted by PowerPoint slides, and short videos. There will be lots of scope for discussing specific cases, and experiences. Good practices may be shared by RCIs. The RCIs and PIs may come prepared for sharing any good practice they have implemented or propose to implement.

Participants

It is proposed to invite all the Regional Coordinating Institutions (RCIs) of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), and active PIs nominated by RCIs may attend this programme at NIRDPR Campus at Kanapara, Guwahati. This is proposed exclusively for RCIs and active PIs of UBA in NE Region. *Forty participants (40) will be admitted on Early Bird Registration mode.* RCIs are encouraged to apply, and nominate active PIs. This does not prevent PIs from applying directly.

Duration

This is a two-day residential programme on 29 – 30 December 2022 (Thursday & Friday). The participants may arrive at NIRDPR campus at Guwahati on the previous evening. However, they may have to leave either on the 30th evening or 31st early morning. For location details: Googlemap – NIRDPR, Kanapara, Guwahati.

Logistics

The training will be conducted in one of the training halls at NIRDPR, Kanapara, Guwahati campus. It will be a residential programme. The NIRDPR shall make arrangements for stay and dining of all the participants for which the participants need not pay. Since NIRDPR has more than one training

programmes running simultaneously, twin sharing may have to be offered, along with another participating institution. But we DO NOT reimburse the travel expenses of the participants from their place of work to Guwahati and back. The nominating institution has to bear the cost of travel expenses.

Online Registration : <https://forms.gle/mCRuhqLW5iXUHjvH9>

Organisers

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Venue

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