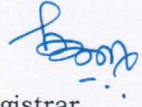A copy of the Minutes/Record of discussion of the first meeting of the Apex Committee on **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan** which was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble HRM on 19th. June, 2015 in the Conference Room of Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi as communicated by the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi vide his letter F.No.20-53/2015-Desk-U dated 07.08.2015, is enclosed herewith for information of all concerned of the University.

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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.

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