

Unnat Bharath Abhiyan

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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.

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.

Major Areas of Intervention

- Human development
- Material (economic) development

Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) 2.0

It is a flagship program of MHRD.

688 institutions are selected on a Challenge Mode (426 technical and 262 non- technical) which are reputed Higher Educational Institutes (both public and private) of the country, which have adopted total no. of 3555 villages for their development through UBA.

There is a scope of providing **Subject Expert Groups assistance** and **Regional Coordinating Institutes** to handhold and guide the participating institutions have been strengthened.

IIT Delhi has been designated to function as the National Coordinating Institute for this program.

Large number of participating institutes have interacted with villagers, did village and household level surveys and prepared action plans. The challenges and issues have been identified through public participation. Now these action plans have to be ratified by the Gram Sabhas to be organized on the occasion of Independence Day. IIT Delhi is also organizing 5 Gram Sabhas in its adopted village Panchayats.