

Minutes of Monthly Review Meeting of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)
held under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Policy / ICC) on 29th
April, 2019

In the review meeting, Prof VK Vijay; Prof Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, UGC; Lt Col Kailash Bansal, Director AICTE; Prof Vivek, UBA team from IIT and other team members from MHRD were present. List of participants is at Annexure.

The key decisions taken after deliberations are as follows:-

1. Joint Secretary (P) emphasized on improving the participation of new Institutions under the scheme "Unnat Bharat Abhiyan". Since the number of registered institutions in the past two months was found to be only 100, therefore it was discussed in detail to improve the number and involve more institutions. Following decisions were taken to improve the situation:-
 - i) MGNCRE may be entrusted with the task of preparing and running MOOCs course in SWAYAM Platform, both for students and faculty. The course may be a credit course and inputs on same may be taken from best PI's under UBA and UGC. UGC to link the courses with UBA.
 - ii) Best Implementation Awards to be given to the well performing Institutions annually. For this, some modifications were proposed to the draft reporting format submitted by IIT Delhi.
 - iii) In response to the request from Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, as a Subject Expert Group (SEG), UGC has already approved a Compulsory Credit Course namely "Fostering Social Responsibility and Community Engagement". It is expected to be put in public domain shortly for suggestions / comments. The UBA team and UGC may work in collaboration to improve the course contents. The UBA team may take inputs on the same from some well performing PIs under UBA and accordingly coordinated with UGC, to make this credit course successful in promoting UBA and Community engagement of both students and faculty.
 - iv) The activities done under UBA and other community engagement activities may be accorded due weightage in the Institutional ranking like NAAC / NIRF. This would be a great incentive to the Institutions to take up UBA seriously. This matter would be taken up with Secretary Higher Education for approval.
2. It was decided to select 93 qualifying institutions (out of 100 applications received in last two months) on the basis of challenge mode. The overall PIs after including the above will be 2141.

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• UBA minutes for
the meeting held
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3. Effective coordination between the RCIs (Regional Coordinating Institutions of UBA) and Regional Offices of UGC and AICTE is essential for promotion of UBA in Higher Educational Institutions. UBA would do the linking / mapping of RCIs with Regional Offices of UGC and AICTE and inform the same to UGC and AICTE, for them to take out a communication to their regional offices for cooperation and assistance to RCIs of UBA.
4. UGC is planning to organize Quality Mandate Workshop on a regional basis. UBA can be made as part of agenda of the the same. UBA team would coordinate with Ms Renu Batra, Additional Secretary, UGC to ensure the same.

Meeting ended with vote of Thanks.

ANNEXURE

List of participants present in the meeting on review of progress of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) held under the chairmanship of Shri R Subramanyam, Secretary, Department of Higher Education held on 1-2-2019.

1. Dr N Saravana Kumar, JS (P/ICC).
2. Dr Virender K Vijay, IIT Delhi
3. Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Addn Secretry UGC
4. Ms Padmaja Saxena, Deputy Secretary, MHRD.
5. Shri Ashish Chauhan, Consultant, MHRD.