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Government of India

Ministry of Human Resource Development

Department of Higher Education

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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TRIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Whereas **Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Department of Higher Education** has been implementing the **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)** wherein all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) would adopt (5) panchayats each and use their knowledge base to find solutions for the issues of basic amenities & livelihood opportunities faced by the rural communities and thereby help in bringing about a qualitative change in the economic and living standards of the people,

Whereas the **Ministry of Rural Development** is implementing a plethora of schemes for improving rural quality of life covering economic development, habitat improvement, provision of infrastructure and amenities, it has also prepared the Socio Economic Caste Census, whose identified parameters of household poverty could serve as a foundation for the knowledge institutions to appropriately conceptualise livelihood plans,

Whereas **Ministry of Panchayat Raj** has issued guidelines regarding preparing a Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for bringing in holistic development of the Panchayats by using the funds provided under the 14th Finance Commission and such other schemes,

Whereas convergence of efforts of these 3 Ministries would bring substantial positive improvements in the formulation and delivery of developmental schemes in the rural areas,

It is hereby decided that Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Ministry of Human Resource Development would work together in the manner specified hereunder:-

- i) Steps will be taken by the **MHRD** to ensure that all the HEIs in the selected (92) Phase I districts would be encouraged to adopt a cluster of 5 panchayats in consultation with the District Collectors.
All HEIs in these districts would carry out detailed field study participate in conceptualising & preparation of household-level and community-level development plans along with the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj personnel by providing technical, managerial inputs and by suggesting innovative solutions to the issues faced in the day-to-day lives of the households therein, in the areas of livelihoods, energy security, environment

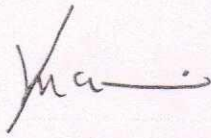
security and basic living amenities. They would remain engaged with their chosen panchayats for the next 10 years, monitoring progress and offering extension services to the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj personnel. They will also coordinate and keep track of progress of the implementation of these plans over a 10 year period.

- ii) **National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (NIRD & PR)** would conduct the capacity building and training for the institutions which have identified village clusters in the districts and also prepare the training manual for the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan programme. The State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Departments will arrange for a joint training of Rural Development personnel, Panchayat Raj personnel and the representatives of HEIs in order to evolve a strategy to ensure that the chosen panchayats become poverty free over the next 5 years. The HEIs and the Panchayat Raj personnel would further schedule the conduct of surveys and monitor the progress. For this the HEIs will evolve formats and standards for preparing the GPDPs and base line surveys using the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) database and take responsibility for providing knowledge inputs into poverty reduction plans for the panchayats & households. This will include ensuring that all eligible persons are included into the planning process in respect of all government schemes, pertaining to sustainable livelihoods and measures for social protection of all vulnerable households. The HEIs will ensure participation of their faculty/staff/ students in providing technical assistance in scheme formulation, implementation and monitoring.
- iii) **The Ministry of Panchayat Raj** would issue instructions to all State Governments and local bodies about this arrangement with clear directions regarding the involvement of knowledge institutions in the GPDP process and ensure the operational tie up between the organisations. It would also allocate financial resources where deemed necessary in the interest of quality GPDP preparation in the selected cluster.
- iv) The cost for implementing the schemes identified under the GPDP would continue to be met by the respective Departments as per the existing guidelines in force. The District Collectors would oversee the functioning of this arrangement at the field level and send quarterly reports to Government of India.
- v) **IIT-Delhi** being the National Coordinator of UBA, will design, build and make available a suitable work flow driven, internet enabled IT platform (ERP) with APIs that can be used by all HEIs and district administrations to design and conduct surveys, prepare plans and track progress for 10 years under this initiative. They will also design dashboards that can be used by all stakeholders to monitor the progress being made in each of the Panchayats chosen by each of the HEIs. IIT Delhi would be the point of reference for all data, reports and activities under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. It would ensure that all Participating Institutions nominate nodal faculty for the programme and establish continuity in their functioning, monitoring their functioning in terms of the efficacy of liaison with the district and field level administration.

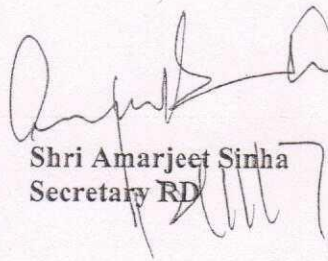
- vi) **The Ministry of Rural Development**, Government of India, will make available to the ERP built by IIT Delhi, the SECC data at the House Hold level through API's so that it can be used to make Household level plans and track progress over the next 10 years. The Department would also facilitate through its network, the effective participation of District Collectors, DRDAs and other authorities to assist the programme processes. On completion of the GPDPs for the cluster, the Department would also take steps to provide resources for implementation of the plans through a process of convergence across schemes or otherwise.

It is agreed that the above joint action would begin at the earliest so that the plans for the year 2017-18 and beyond would benefit from the convergence.

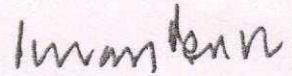
Signed on the twelfth day of January, 2017.



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