Minutes of the 2nd meeting of Executive Committee of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, IITD 2017-2018

The 2nd meeting in 2017-2018 of the Executive Committee of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), IIT Delhi was held on 26th May, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the office of Head CRDT, IIT Delhi.

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Following were present:

- 1. Prof. V.K. Vijay Coordinator
- 2. Prof. Rajendra Prasad
- 3. Prof. Sangeeta Kohli
- 4. Prof. S.N. Naik
- 5. Prof. Rajesh Prasad
- 6. Prof. Satyawati Sharma
- 7. Dr. Vivek Kumar
- 1. Prof. V.K. Vijay, Coordinator, UBA extended a hearty welcome to the members. He also requested Prof. Rajendra Prasad, senior most member to chair the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the 1st meeting of Executive Committee were confirmed.
- 3. Follow-up of 1st meeting:
 - a. NSS Involvement: Dr. Vivek Kumar and Prof. Rajesh Prasad proposed that in the various student fests, one session should be dedicated to Rural themes like social events. NSS is already doing this, however the matter could be taken up with concerned authorities to formalise the same.
 - b. It was also proposed that the UG and PG students should be involved through Rural internship/ projects to identify problems in rural areas. Student could be asked to stay in villages for certain minimum period.
 - c. Prof. Sangeeta Kohli suggested that students alone will not be able to execute such projects. Faculty Members must be involved in such activities. She also proposed to formulate an academic course for the students on the subject.
 - 4. It was proposed that the three members, Prof. Sangeeta Kohli, Prof. Rajesh Prasad and Dr. Vivek Kumar could make a plan for this.
 - 5. Committee approved the Institutions which are already involved with UBA through MHRD and otherwise.

6. Future Action Plan:

Dr. Vivek Kumar explained the strategy for expansion of the Participating Institutions during 2017-2018 to 500 covering-

- a. Remaining Institutes from list of 47 Institutes identified in 2016-2017.
- b. Remaining Districts from 92 Districts identified in 2016-2017 to be taken up through additional Institutions to be identified.
- c. Remaining CFTI's (not covered under UBA so far),
- d. AICTE Institutions.
- e. Agriculture Universities.
- f. Medical Institutions/ Universities.
- 7. Committee agreed to the expansion plan. It was emphasized that at least 5 clusters under UBA namely Gurugram district in Haryana, Agra district in Uttar Pradesh, Haridwar district in Uttarakhand, Jhabua district in Madhya Pradesh and Lohardaga district in Jaharkhand state should be adopted by IIT Delhi and demonstration projects be implemented which can act as a model for others. Further it was deliberated that at least 5 technologies should be demonstrated in these clusters.

Prof. Sangeeta Kohli suggested that initially CRDT can provide these 5 technologies incubation facilities at IIT Delhi as startups.

8. Committee also discussed the preparation of agenda for proposed NSC, Dr. Vivek Kumar was asked to coordinate this.

Following two suggestions regarding agenda points came from the committee members.

- 1) Rs. 3.5 lac. budget is very less to work on problem identification and preparation of VDPs for any Institution.
- 2) Working with district administration is very challenging and unnecessarily delaying the work

Prof. Rajendra Prasad suggested that this can be sorted out to some extant if every PI is made the member of the committee for DISHA scheme of MoRD and budget support to PI's be enhanced appropriately.

Meeting ended with a vote of Thanks.

Prof. V.K. Vijay

Coordinator UBA