

Minutes of Third meeting of the Executive Committee of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Cell, IIT Delhi held on September 21, 2015 in the Office of Head, CRDT, IIT Delhi.

The third meeting of the Executive Committee of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell, IIT Delhi was held on September 21, 2015 in the Office of Head, CRDT, IIT Delhi.

Following were present:

1. Prof. Sangeeta Kohli
2. Prof. Satyawati Sharma
3. Prof. S.K. Saha
4. Prof. S. Hegde
5. Prof. Rajendra Prasad
6. Prof. V.K. Vijay
7. Dr. Hariprasad P.
8. Prof. P.L. Dhar- Special Invitee
9. Prof. R.R. Gaur- Special Invitee
10. Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar, Chairman, BOG, IIT Delhi and Chairman, Advisory Committee, UBA Cell, IIT Delhi

Prof. V.K. Vijay, Coordinator, UBA Cell, extended a hearty welcome to the members present. He specifically expressed gratitude to Prof. P.L. Dhar and Prof. R.R. Gaur for accepting the request of the Committee to participate as Special invitees in the meeting.

Prof. Vijay explained the main agenda of the meeting to discuss the follow up action to be taken on the issues discussed in the Coordination Meeting of UBA held on September 17, 2015 in the Senate Room. He will be visiting Anwalkhera, Agra (U.P.), one of the Cluster identified on October 03, 2015 along with Dr. D.P.Singh of Shanti Kunj Haridwar, Dr. Paran Gowda of Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar, Dr. Ramchandra and Dr. Ranjita Biswas, CRDT to discuss with villagers and District Collector, Agra for exploring the possibilities for identifying the cluster of villages near Anwalkhera, Agra.

Prof. Sangeeta Kohli explained that keeping the vicinity and cost factors in view, she thought Karnal could be considered later. First she would like to explore the possibilities of taking up a Cluster in Gurgaon District in the first stage.

Regarding Jhansi Cluster of Uttar Pradesh, It was preferred that instead of Jhansi it may be called Bundelkhand Cluster. Dr. Hariprasad could spend more time for Bundelkhand Cluster. Prof. Satyawati Sharma will be available for any guidance as and when required for the cluster.

Shri Shyam Bihari Gupta may provide more information about the area and move forward.

Prof. S.K. Saha informed that instead of taking up a cluster in Wardha, Shri Basant was more keen to take up a cluster in Assam/Bengal.

Prof. R.R. Gaur desired that a note may be prepared about each cluster.

Prof P.L. Dhar suggested that conveners of each cluster along with 2-3 faculty members visit the concerned District Collector and discuss to explore the possibilities of field groups to be identified for taking up UBA activities. Total planning of the activities be taken up in the cluster under UBA and could be decided after interaction with the villagers and the concerned District Collector considering the needs of the area and local resources available. We should participate in planning process. A system will have to be evolved.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad told that during interaction with villagers at Kaneri Math, they emphasized generating livelihood opportunities for the villagers. Prof. S. K. Saha suggested that Prof. Jyoti Kumar of IDDC could help in design development, transfer and adoption of technology.

About Jhabua Shri Rajaram from Shivganga, Jhabua participated in the Coordination Meeting on 17th September, 2015 at IIT Delhi. He met Prof. M.P. Gupta regarding the visit to the area. The dates will be fixed soon.

Similarly Prof. S.N. Naik could plan visit to District Collector for Lohardagga and Prof. P.M.V. Subbarao for Jaspur Clusters.

During meeting with District Collector/field agency one should take an overall view of the cluster. There should be comprehensive planning for each cluster. The Conveners could plan their visit during Semester break period, October 15 - 25, 2015.

Prof. Vijay P. Bhatkar, BOG, IIT Delhi and Chairman Advisory Committee of UBA Cell, IIT Delhi joined the meeting. He was briefed about the UBA activities and the discussions held in the Coordination meeting held on 17th September, 2015 in Senate Room, IIT Delhi. He made some suggestions:

- MGIRI, Wardha should be involved in the program.
- A meeting should be arranged with Hon'ble Minister MSME - Shri Kalraj Mishra to involve MGIRI and KVIC in UBA in a big way.
- There should be overall Plan of UBA.
- Every Cluster should evolve a Plan for UBA.

- There could be say 15 Mentoring Institutions to sit together and make the Plan.
- The methodology and the outcomes of UBA need to be worked out.
- Good Institutions and good Model Village need to be identified.
- People of 118 Countries have visited Hivare Bazar, UBA Team may go to visit Model Villages like Hivare Bazar.
- Involve Good Institutions and Good Model Village in Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna.
- Technology intervention should be ensured.
- National level Plan should be chalked out for training of UBA members.
- Clusters should be made self-sufficient.
- A Brief DPR should be prepared.
- A Background/Concept paper may be prepared. Prof. P.L. Dhar was requested to prepare the Concept paper for UBA.
- Subject wise meetings may be organized.
- There should be full day discussion with Chairman for making presentation in Core Group. The Chairman suggested to hold this meeting on 19th October, 2015 from 10 AM to 5 PM at Senate Room, IIT Delhi.

Next meeting of Executive Committee was fixed at 03:30 PM on Monday, September 28, 2015 at Committee Room CRDT, IIT Delhi.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.
