

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2018 Regional workshop
Orientation of participating institutes to initiate work in adopted village clusters
Western region
Brief Report of one day Workshop

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell of SVNIT organised a one-day regional workshop for orientation of participating institutes to initiate work in adopted village clusters for western region in collaboration with IIT Delhi, AICTE and UGC at SVNIT Guest house on 4th December 2018. The orientation programme comprised of **68 participants** hailing from different colleges of Gujarat (22 Colleges) and Rajasthan (14 Colleges).

The programme started with welcoming of Delegates by Dr. Shweta Shah (Member, UBA), lamp lighting by all the dignitaries and an introductory speech by Dr. K.D. Yadav who gave a brief introduction about the workshop along with its history and various issues that will be dealt during the session. Dr. R.V. Rao, Incharge Director, SVNIT spoke about SVNIT and UBA cell. Dr. N Gopukumar, Joint Secretary Head, UGC, Western Region, Pune discussed about UBA and its importance for upliftment of village areas. All other experts spoke in brief about the objective and outcomes of the programs followed by Vote of thanks by Dr. Manish Rathod (Member, UBA) and the inauguration session ended by a group photograph.

Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Emeritus Professor of IIT- Delhi started the first session (Basic skills for Village Development) and discussed in brief about the vision and mission of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan along with its organisational structure, the role of all the participating institutes and the future targets of UBA.

Dr. Ashish Shah from IIT, Delhi gave a brief demonstration of Web Portal and ERP system of UBA and its role in further spreading the vision of UBA, in reducing the communication gap between stakeholders of UBA, quick resolution for problem solving, and importance of creating awareness among general public. He also requested all the members and participants to login in the web portal to know about the working of the system.

Dr. K. D. Yadav, Faculty at SVNIT (Coordinator, UBA) discussed on Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) as a critical tool and technique for situation analysis at the villages. He touched on various issues, including behavior of villagers, the expectations and outcomes of our efforts, and most importantly patience during the tenure one is in the village.

Dr. Krupesh A Chauhan, Faculty at SVNIT (Coordinator, UBA) ended the first session and talked on funding and convergence possibilities of various central and state schemes along with various programs and CSR support with some local examples that can leverage the UBA and further strengthen its importance

The second session kicked off with sharing of experiences. **Mr Jitesh R Soni**, Organic Farming Expert talked about self-reliance of woman by indulging in various herbal medicines production that can boost their agricultural economy, its importance and shared his experiences and failures during his tenure at various village areas.

Mr Nirmal Vijay, UBA Manager, SVNIT, talked on various programs and initiatives which UBA cell successfully implemented and shared the experiences and success stories of various programs. He conveyed the experiences of programs like Personality refinement, meditation, social gathering, importance of self-reliance, plantation, reading skills along with various other works UBA cell implemented at the village level to improve their life, morally, socially and even financially.

The third session started with the agenda of importance of various technical skills for village development. **Mr. Nitin Tailor**, CEO- Happiness Foundation started the session by talking on various initiatives his foundation has taken in the last few years and its impact on the financial and social life of villagers. He conveyed the importance of Youth empowerment by imparting education and technology.

Mr Ghanshyam Soni, I.R.S, Deputy Commission (Heera Bourse Custom.), Surat presided over the session and showed a video on ‘Development at Melavaash’. He talked on ‘Swacch Melavaash Mission’ as to how within a small span of time, with help of villagers and gram-panchayat, successfully implemented and executed various programs like Green belt and Green wall for 2 km, installation of solar power house, CCTV’s, rain- water harvesting, etc... at Melavaash village (Rajasthan) and by taking help of villagers (reducing further labour cost) converted a dry village into an agricultural and technological adequate village.

Retired Prof. Muni Raval, Senior Environmentalist has been working vigorously for the development of villages for the past many decades ended the last session by talking on various topics in relation to village problems and its solutions. He spoke on importance of low cost sanitation system without any energy, water circular economy, education in villages, role of toilets, and various pilot projects that can uplift villager’s life.

After the third session, all the experts joined the stage and discussed regarding various initiatives and programs of the present and future along with active participation of all the participants from various colleges. The last session was followed by a valedictory session by Dr. K.D.Yadav. He shared his experience of the orientation program and future possibilities of conducting more of such programs. He thanked all the participants and experts including the students (U.G, P.G. Ph.D Research Scholars) who helped in smooth conduction of the orientation program.

The orientation program finally ended with all the participants writing under ‘Problems’ or ‘Solutions’ on the Flip-Chart by sharing their valuable feedback and comments. The feedback suggested to conduct a workshop (3-5 days) within a span of 6 months, inclusion of real case studies, report writing skills and document preparation.

List of Speakers:

Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Emeritus Professor of IIT- Delhi

Dr. Ashish Shah, IIT, Delhi

Dr. N Gopukumar, Joint Secretary Head, UGC, Western Region, Pune

Dr. K.D.Yadav, Faculty at SVNIT (Co-ordinator, UBA)

Dr. Krupesh A Chauhan, Faculty at SVNIT (Co-ordinator, UBA)

Mr Nirmal Vijay, UBA Manager, SVNIT

Mr. Nitin Tailor, CEO- Happiness Foundation

Mr. Jitesh Soni, Organic Farming Expert

Mr Ghanshyam Soni, I.R.S, Surat

Retired Prof. Muni Raval, Senior Environmentalist

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EVENT



(a) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan banner



(b) Group Photograph



(c) Lamp lighting by dignitaries for inaugurating the function



(d) Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Emeritus Professor of IIT- Delhi addressing the gathering



(e) Dr. K.D. Yadav (Co-ordinator, UBA) addressing the gathering



(f) R.V. Rao, Incharge Director, SVNIT addressing the gathering



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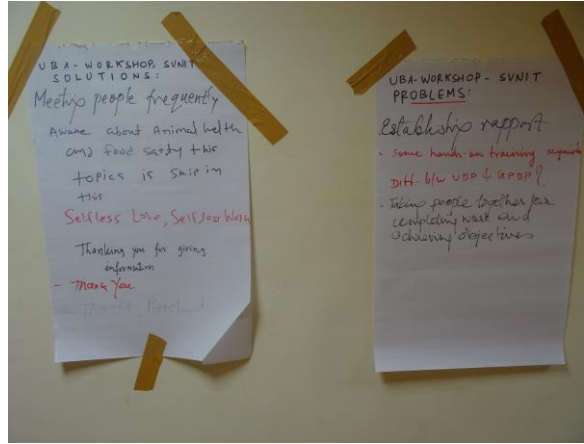
(k) Retired Prof. Muni Raval, Senior Environmentalist addressing the gathering



(l) Sharing of experience by experts from various fields



(m) Dr. K.D. Yadav addressing the gathering their queries



(n) Feedback by participants after completion of program