

UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN REPORT

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1. Meeting between all Participating Institutions in West Bengal and UBA NCI and RCI

On 3rd September 2020, a meeting was scheduled between all Participating Institutions (PI) in West Bengal and UBA National Coordinating Institute – IIT Delhi and IIT Kharagpur. From our college, the meeting was attended by Ms. Cheryl Francis, Ms. Shrawani Jha and Ms. Sucheta Mukherjee. Dr. R. Banerjee (Head AGFE and RDC, IIT Kharagpur) delivered the welcome address in which she identified and emphasised on the scope of technology based interventions in rural development.

All the PIs were given an opportunity to update and share about the work they have done during pandemic and related future activities. During the deliberation, Dr. R. Banerjee requested all PIs to prepare a database of migrant workers who returned to their respective homes and the kind of work they were engaged in.

Ms. Cheryl Francis briefed everyone present about the work the College has been engaged in during the pandemic. She shared our plan of initiating organic farming in the adopted villages, which was well appreciated by IIT Kharagpur faculty. IIT Kharagpur faculty further assured all kinds of technical support for the successful implementation of organic farming.

Ms. Sucheta Mukherjee shared with IIT Delhi personnels about the technical problems the college faced with UBA reporting portal. We were assured that the technical glitches will soon be resolved by the team in delhi.

Overall, the meeting was good and IIT Kharagpur UBA members suggested that more in depth one-to-one meeting will be organised in the future with all PIs so that UBA project is implemented well which will benefit the marginalised sections of the society.

2. Webinar on NEP hosted by UBA

On 16th September 2020, a National Webinar was organized by UBA on Creating Awareness about National Education Policy 2020.

Highlights of the opening session –

- Address by Minister of State - Youth Affairs & Sports
- NSS/NYKS/NCC/UBA to take the ‘basic philosophy’ of the National Education Policy 2020 to every corner of the country and to reach out to people living in remote areas of the country.
- Address by Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Minister of Education, described NEP’s need, significance and expected impact on the education system of our country.
- The E- booklet on NEP 2020 Resource Material was launched and its content was described.

Highlights of the technical session -

- Presentation by Secretary on the ‘Salient Features of NEP 2020 regarding School Education’.
- Basic features of NEP 2020.
- How the new policy will bring about a paradigm shift.
- How the policy will positively influence the entire education system.
- Emphasised the role of NSS/NYKS/NCC/UBA Volunteers in creating awareness about the Education Policy 2020 in both rural and urban areas

- Encouraged volunteers to spread the light of education amongst all

This was followed by a presentation by Secretary UGC on the Salient Features of NEP 2020 and possible impact of the NEP 2020 on higher education

- Role of technology
- Role of Indian Education System
- Role of volunteers

The webinar concluded with sharing of expected role of the Participating Institutes - academicians, coordinators and NSS/NYKS/NCC/UBA volunteers

- Disseminate NEP 2020 to Gram Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies, parents, community.
- Explain the role of the teachers, parents and community
- During the pandemic –volunteer for teaching in local schools by contacting the school teachers and administration
- Assist at least one school teacher of your area to reach learning materials to the children who do not have any digital devices for online learning.
- Help achieve Foundational Literacy Goals by monitoring the learning competency of the child.
- Contribute in Adult Literacy
- Take Responsibility to educate adults of your family
- Volunteer in schools for career guidance and mentoring to students
- Become NEP Ambassadors
- Obtain feedback and ideas from the youth regarding the NEP 2020 and its implementation.

Follow up activities instructed by UBA:

- Post the Webinar the UBA officials have asked all institutions to conduct a Webinar to Create Awareness about the National Education Policy using the E- resources provided by them in our adopted villages, and other beneficiaries. They have also emphasized on the involvement of volunteers of both NSS and NCC, in disseminating the awareness, along with role of the faculty members and other academicians in conducting such Webinar.
- They have also suggested ways to generate awareness about the NEP 2020 other than conducting webinars. They are as follows:
 - ✓ Circulation of E-book via mass email.
 - ✓ To conduct quiz to sensitize
 - ✓ Poster making competition or via displaying relevant posters
 - ✓ Conference calling to village school heads and talking about the policy
 - ✓ Circulation through other activities as well.

3. Upload of survey sheets

Around 24 survey sheets have been uploaded in September 2020.

4. Meetings scheduled to take forward UBA project

- Meeting with village contact person of Debipur village was scheduled on 30th September 2020. It was decided that a focussed group discussion with SHG women will be held soon to understand the needs of the SHG women.
- A meeting with the children's group will be scheduled as well to understand the needs of the children so that relevant interventions can be planned.
- Meeting with Fr. Johnson Padiyara, S.J. (Vice-Principal, Raghobpur campus) was held on 30th September and the following were discussed – (i) Webinar to

be held on NEP for adjoining rural schools; (ii) Meeting to be held with village contact persons of Raghampur, Bakeswar and Magurkhali villages; and (iii) Orientation to be held for first year students.

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