

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is set to launch a new programme called Unnat Bharat Abhiyan involving the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology and Central Universities to work for rural upliftment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether each IIT will identify village in its neighbourhood and solve their problem and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which this programme is likely to be launched?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has launched a programme called Unnat Bharat Abhiyan with an aim to connect institutions of higher education, including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs) etc. with local communities to address the development challenges through appropriate technologies.

The objectives of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan are broadly two-fold:

i) Building institutional capacity in Institutes of higher education in research & training relevant to the needs of rural India.

ii) Provide rural India with professional resource support from institutes of higher education , especially those which have acquired academic excellence in the field of Science, Engineering & Technology and Management

Under this programme, 132 villages have been identified for intervention by the following 16 institutes of higher education so far.

1. IIT Bombay 6. IIT Indore 11. IIT Mandi 16. MNIT Jaipur  
2. IIT Bhubaneswar 7. IIT Jodhpur 12. IIT Patna  
3. IIT Delhi 8. IIT Kanpur 13. IIT Roorkee  
4. IIT Guwahati 9. IIT Kharagpur 14. IIT Ropar  
5. IIT Hyderabad 10. IIT Madras 15. IISER Bhopal

The details of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan programme

are available at <http://unnat.iitd.ac.in> .

(d) The programme was launched on Education Day (11th November, 2014) .