



**UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN  
REGIONAL COORDINATING INSTITUTE  
SANT GADGE BABA AMRAVATI UNIVERSITY, AMRAAVTI  
(In Collaboration with all Universities/Institutes of Vidarbha)**

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**OPENING CEREMONY REPORT OF REGIONAL COORDINATING INSTITUTE**

Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University has inaugurated Regional Coordinating Institute established under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan along with publication of Innovative Brochure and interaction meeting with all participating institutes on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at University campus in the gracious presence of His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra & Hon'ble Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari. The programme was chaired by Padmbhushan Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Hon'ble Chairman, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Government of India & Chancellor of Nalanda University, Bihar. On the occasion of opening ceremony Dr. Murlidhar Chandekar, Hon'ble Chairman RCI & Vice Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati, Dr. Ashish Paturkar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra Fishery & Animal Science University, Nagpur, Dr. V. M. Bhale, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapith, Akola, Shri. Chainsukh Sancheti, Hon'ble Chairman, Vidarbha Statutory Development Board, Nagpur and Mr. Chetan Gawande, Hon'ble Mayor of Amravati were present on the dais.



**Hon'ble Dignitaries present on the dais on the occasion of opening ceremony**

The inaugural ceremony commenced with National Anthem followed by University song. Dr. Kishor Bidwe, UBA Coordinator, Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapith, Akola extended a warm welcome to the chief guests of programme, all the dignitaries present on the dais and the audience present from the various parts of Vidarbha region. Hon'ble chief guest and Hon'ble Chairman of opening ceremony were felicitated by offering Shall, Shrifal & bouquet.



**Felicitations of his Excellency Governor of Maharashtra & hon'ble Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari by hon'ble Dr. Murlidhar Chandekar**



**Felicitations of Padmbhushan Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, hon'ble Chairman, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Government of India & Chancellor of Nalanda University, Bihar by hon'ble Dr. Ashish Paturkar**

Dr. Murlidhar Chandekar in his opening remark extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble chief guests of programme, all the dignitaries present on the dais and the audience present from the various parts of Vidarbha region. In his opening remark, he described the significance and importance of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan which has aimed the preparation of a roadmap for initiating holistic development of rural India. The students from colleges and universities will go to nearby villages to get acquainted with the life of the village peoples and the problems faced by them in day to day life. Further he said, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar Sir, proposed the vision of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan as One College to One Village. Moreover, he also described the role of RCI, for the better coordination and quick action under this mission, the MHRD identified or upgrades some of the participating institute as a Regional Coordinating Institute which has primary mandate for coordination regionally and networking with local institutes and local Government bodies. Being a Regional Coordinating Institute, the Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University is working to connect the community through education system and 540 villages were adopted by various participating institutes under the jurisdiction of RCI of Vidarbha region.



**Opening remark of Dr. Murlidhar Chandekar, hon'ble Chairman RCI  
& Vice – Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University**

During the opening ceremony the Hon'ble Chairman of opening ceremony programme Padmbhushan Dr. Vijay Bhatkar expressed his view that, “With the aim for providing the development and upliftment of rural India, the Ministry of Human Resource Development launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan mission to promote development of rural areas in the tune with Gandhian vision of self - sufficient ‘village republics’ based on local resources and using decentralized, eco-friendly technology so that the basic needs of rural India are locally met. This mission is to enable higher educational institutes to work with peoples of rural India in identifying developmental challenges and evolving appropriate solution for accelerating sustainable growth. In the first stage, this programme was launched only for technical institutes including IITs and after successfully completion of its first phase the Ministry of Human Resource Development added both technical and non-technical institutes to built up system in villages as per their strength in second phase.” He further said that, “I come from Vidarbha region which once upon a time was an advanced region of India in terms of its both culture and prosperity. However, today it is unfortunately identified as a backward region known for its farmers’ suicides. Therefore, Vidarbha requires a special attention to resolve its economic backwardness and incidence of farmer suicides. The Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University has identified as the Regional Coordinating Institutes for the Vidarbha region by MHRD. This region of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan has been appropriately named as Unnat Vidarbha Abhiyan (UVA) to inspire youths from various educational institutes. Through Unnat Vidarbha Abhiyan (UVA), several projects have been initiated under the leadership of RCI, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati



University. I am sure that these lead projects will soon be scaled into real village development projects of Vidarbha paving way for model village development programme of this region by linking ‘knowledge, college and village.’ He also blessed the Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University for its futuristic movement under this mission.



**Speech of Padmbhushan Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, hon’ble Chairman, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Government of India & Chancellor of Nalanda University, Bihar**

After that, the Regional Coordinating Institute established under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan inaugurated and unveiled the Innovative Brochure of RCI by the hands of His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra & Hon’ble Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari and other all Hon’ble dignitaries present on the dais.



**Inauguration of Regional Coordinating Institute**



**Unveil of RCI Innovative Brochure**

His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra & Hon'ble Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari in his speech of inaugural ceremony said that, "India was called a golden bird in its earlier days; people have made huge sacrifices, struggles, for India's independence. All we have to do is to upgrade the village by sweating. We want to bring that days again where India shall be known a golden bird, hence everyone should emphasize rural development. As mothers raise and nurture their children, everyone should accept the appeal that every person needs to come forward to develop the village. The youth should only decide and try to solve the problems of the rural areas and take that responsibility on their shoulders. If the villages are happy and prosperous then only our nation will be advanced. He also urged to all stakeholders to contribute for village prosperity through the mission of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan." He also blessed the Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University for its futuristic movement under this mission.



**Opening Ceremony Speech of His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra & hon'ble Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari**

Dr. Kishor Bidwe has conducted the programme. At the end of the inaugural ceremony Dr. Archana Barabde, Coordinator, Regional Coordinating Institute of Vidarbha, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University proposed vote of thanks. The opening ceremony programme ends with National Anthem.

On the occasion of opening ceremony programme Hon'ble members of Management Council, Academic Council, Senate, Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Rajesh Jaipurkar, Registrar Dr. Tushar Deshmukh, Director Board of Examination & Evaluation Dr. Hemant Deshmukh, Dean Faculty of Humanities Dr. Avinash Mohril, Dean Faculty of Commerce & Management Dr. D. W. Nichit, Director UGC – HRDC Dr. Prasad Wadegaonkar, Director NSS Dr. Rajesh Burange, Director DLL Dr. Shrikant Patil, Director Student Development Dr. Dineshkumar Satange, Director IIL Dr. D. T. Ingole, Dr. Shingvekar, former Pro - Vice Chancellor & Head Dept. of Botany Dr. J. A. Tidke, Professor & Heads of teaching departments, teachers and other administrative officers of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Ragit, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, former agriculture minister Shri. Anil Bhone, Dr. S. P. Landge, UBA Coordinator, Maharashtra Fishery & Animal Science University, Nagpur, Principals of affiliated colleges, Chairman of Banks, NGOs, UBA Coordinators & Principals of participating Institutes, Sarpanchs & other Stakeholders of adopted villages as well as President & Members of various educational institutes, government officers and thousands of students were present.

After ending of the opening ceremony programme, an interaction meeting was conducted with the participating institutes. Dr. Archana Barabde, Coordinator & Mr. K. C. More, Co-coordinator, Regional Coordinating Institute of Vidarbha, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University elaborated the role and responsibility of Regional Coordinating Institute established under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. He circulated the details of RCI networking and its mechanism under which the participating institutes undergoes in various process for the betterment of this mission. In interaction meeting, following issues were discussed...

1. Role and responsibility of Regional Coordinating Institute
2. RCI networking and its mechanism
3. Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between RCI & Participating Institutes
4. Implementation of projects through local government bodies
5. Quarterly Progress report & publication of UVA bulletin

Most of the problems/issues were raised by the various coordinators present in the interaction meeting. After discussion at length, for the better and quick action under this mission, it was resolved that all the participating institutes shall make Memorandum of Understanding with the RCI in prescribed proforma at the earliest and submit their progress report to the RCI.

#### **Tentative Outcomes of Opening Ceremony & Interaction Meeting**

1. The educational institutes, students and the other stakeholder were inspired by the motivational speech of His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra & Hon'ble Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari and understood the board concept of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.
2. Many people from different field are taking initiative for joining Unnat Bharat Abhiyan mission.
3. The participating institutes were convinced to implements networking of RCI for the better implementation of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan mission.
4. Many issues related with smooth implementation of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan mission at participating institutes level were discussed.

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**(Mr. K. C. More)**  
Coordinator