



Report On UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

Footprints from February 2025 till March 2026
(A Movement for Progressive India)

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**Sustainable
Agriculture
Systems**



**Water
Resource
Management**



**Rural Energy
Systems**



**Artisans,
Industries and
Livelihoods**



**Basic
amenities**

Regional Coordinating Institute (RCI)

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

**National Institute of Technology Manipur
Langol-795004 (Manipur)**



NIT Manipur as a PI - From 2015

NIT Manipur as a RCI - From 2019

NIT Manipur became a Participating Institute under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) in 2015. Subsequently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Coordinating Institution (NCI), UBA IIT Delhi, and NIT Manipur, represented by NITM Director, Prof. Gautam Sutradhar, on 6 March 2019 at IIT Delhi. Since then, NIT Manipur has been functioning as a Regional Coordinating Institution (RCI), under which 32 Participating Institutes (PIs) have been registered so far, with several new institutions currently in the process of registration. In its five adopted villages, NIT Manipur has undertaken various developmental initiatives, among which the construction of water treatment plants in the adopted villages stands out as a significant project. After serving as Regional Coordinator for 11 years, Prof P Albino has handed over the responsibilities of the position to Dr Nabajit Sarkar, Assistant Professor Department of Civil Engineering.



1. Unlocking Collaborative Opportunities at NIT Manipur 27th February 2025

The "Unlocking Collaborative Opportunities" program was organized under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) at NIT Manipur on 27th February 2025. The program aimed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among stakeholders from academia, government, and local communities to promote sustainable rural development.



Inaugural session; Prof. P. Albino Kumar, Regional Coordinator UBA delivering the keynote address on 27th February 2025



Resource Person; Khundrakpam Bobby Singh giving speech in the program

The program was presided over by Prof. Potsangbam Albino Kumar, Regional Coordinator, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. Prof. Kumar welcomed dignitaries, guests, and participants, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and innovation. Khundrakpam Bobby Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Manipur State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM), highlighted the importance of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) in promoting self-help groups and self-employment amongst rural communities. He also elaborated on the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), a skilling program aimed at rural youth. Gurumayum Kavita Devi, State Mission Manager-Monitoring & Evaluation, Management Information System, Institution Building & Capacity Building (SMM-M&E, MIS and IBCB), emphasized the importance of financial inclusion and infrastructure development in enhancing livelihoods and promoting rural products.

Dr. Rajiv Kangabam, Lead, Manipur Technology Innovation Hub & Manager, BIRAC Regional Techno, Manipur Information Technology Park, discussed innovative ideas for entrepreneurship, including identifying local resources, developing innovative products, utilizing digital platforms, building partnerships, and accessing funding opportunities.

The program marked a significant step toward promoting sustainable livelihoods for rural villagers. The collaborative efforts, innovative solutions, and recommendations emerging from the program provide a



roadmap for future initiatives under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.



2. Orientation and Proposal Writing for Subject Expert at NIT Manipur 10th March 2025



Registered Participating Institutes' Coordinators & Invited Faculties from colleges attending the program



"Orientation and Proposal Writing for Subject Expert Group (SEG) under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan"

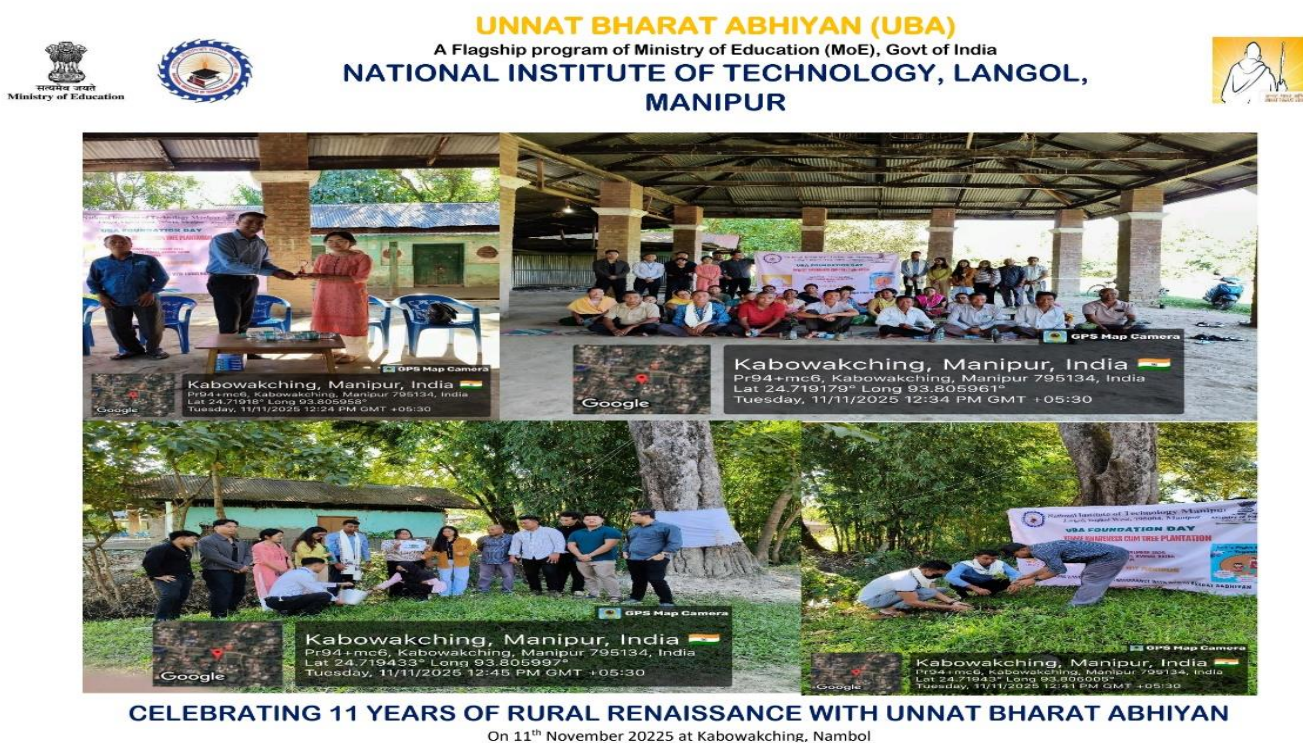
Ms. Manavee Ajit Singh, IIT Delhi in her session through virtual mode and Prof. P. Albino Kumar explaining her session in the program.

Proposal Writing for Subject Expert Group (SEG) under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan" program was held on March 10, 2025, at NIT Manipur bringing participants, including representatives from eligible invited colleges, shortlisted PI Coordinators under UBA, College's Portal Responsible personnel, and members of the RCI NIT UBA team. Prof. P. Albino Kumar emphasized the importance of collaboration between Regional Coordinating Institutes (RCIs) and Participating Institutes (PIs) in fostering rural development and inclusive growth. Ms. Manavee Ajit Singh conducted a technical session on portal handling, covering essential aspects such as navigation, data entry, and troubleshooting. She also discussed the SEG Proposal under UBA, focusing on allocated funds for technology intervention and customization. Miss Babita Khwairakpam led a session on the registration procedure for UBA, outlining the responsibilities of Participating Institute (PI) coordinators and registered colleges. The program facilitated knowledge sharing, capacity building, and networking among participants, equipping them to contribute to UBA's mission.



3. Observation of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan's Foundation day on 11th November 2025 at Nambol Kabowakching

The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Foundation Day was celebrated on 11th November 2025 at Kabowakching Nambol Bazar under the initiative of UBA cell, NIT Manipur. Since the state is in an alarming condition due to the widespread of dengue, an awareness program along with odomos ointment and plant sapling distribution was improvised. The session was attended by around 40 participants, including local villagers and committee members. The participants mostly consist of women, senior citizens and children. The reason why this particular topic on dengue is selected was also made to understand to the participants. Following the welcome address, a talk on “Dengue Awareness and Prevention” was delivered by Dr. Bidyabasuni, Medical Officer, NIT Manipur. The highlight of the speech was the sensitization the villagers on how dengue is transmitted, how to differentiate the dengue mosquito *Aedes aegypti* from the normal mosquito, preventive measures, and the importance of maintaining hygiene and cleanliness to control mosquito breeding. As a gesture of appreciation, Dr. Nabjit Sarkar, RCI Coordinator, felicitated Dr. Bidyabasuni, the Club Secretary, and the Secretary of Langolakpa Lai Committee for their valuable participation and support in the program. The event continued with the distribution of Odomos ointments and tree saplings to the villagers, followed by light refreshments. The programme was successful, the villagers request us to conduct more of this kind of awareness programme in the nearby schools if possible.





4. Internal Hackathon on UBA EduThorn 2025 (3rd – 7th November 2025)



An eternal hackathon on UBA EduThorn was organized from 3rd November till 7th November as part of the 5-day online UBA EduThorn 2025 on School Education, organized by Subject Expert Group at MNIT Jaipur. It was designed to harness student creativity and generate scalable, cost-effective innovations inspired by School Model and progressive education policies. There were 5 teams participating from NIT Manipur under three faculties and

1 team from Manipur Technical University, Imphal and among these teams, two of them from NIT Manipur were winners.

5. Seminar for the Training Programme “People-Based Development: Concept and Practice” To Be Held At Lucknow

A seminar was conducted on 4th December, 2025 regarding the training programme entitled “People-Based Development: Concept and Practice” at Manavodaya Institute of Participatory Development, Lucknow from December, 2025 till February, 2025 batch wise starting from every Tuesday till Friday every week during this period.

The program has several important aspects:

- Trainer’s training in successful implementation of UBA program based on thirty years of ground experience, for building capability of the college faculty.
- Complementary knowledge and skills to raise awareness among youth in tune with the Values Education mandate of NEP.
- Important tips on raising additional funds from other government departments including DST.



Seminar for the Training Programme “People-Based Development: Concept and Practice”



d. Networking for continued sharing of experiences through social media at national and international level, helping the colleges to participate in debates and dialogues on value-based development practices.

Some college representatives sought clarification on whether non-technical institutions could participate effectively. It was clarified that although IIT Delhi coordinates UBA, the initiative encourages participation from students of all disciplines in nation-building activities. Institutions may identify their own priorities in consultation with regional or national coordinators. Flexibility in joining any batch was also confirmed. Overall, the interaction was productive, and it was suggested that RCIs finalize dates convenient for colleges to facilitate timely finalization of participants for different program weeks.

4. District Level Orientation Programme at NG Mani College, Khurai, Imphal East

The District Level Orientation Programme on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) was successfully conducted on 11th February 2026 at NG Mani College, Khurai, Imphal East. The programme was organized with the objective of creating awareness among higher educational institutions regarding the vision, mission, and implementation framework of



Unnat Bharat Abhiyan aimed at fostering sustainable rural development through active institutional engagement. The programme was attended by 30

participants, including faculty members and representatives from participating institutions,

District Level Orientation at NG Mani College, Khurai, Imphal East

reflecting keen interest and commitment toward rural transformation initiatives. The event was presided over by W. Jibankumar, whose presidential address emphasized the responsibility of academic institutions to extend their knowledge and expertise beyond classroom teaching and actively contribute to societal and community development. The programme was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr Nabajit Sarkar, Regional Coordinator, UBA, who delivered a comprehensive keynote address highlighting the objectives, structure, and operational guidelines of UBA. He elaborated on the process of village adoption, preparation of Village Development Plans, participatory rural appraisal techniques, and the importance of systematic documentation and reporting. He further stressed the need for interdisciplinary collaboration, sustainable development practices, and consistent monitoring mechanisms to ensure meaningful impact at the grassroots level. The Guest of Honour, Wangkhem Shyamkumar Meitei, Participating Institute Coordinator, shared valuable insights from his experience



in coordinating UBA activities and underscored the importance of teamwork, community interaction, need-based assessments, and continuous follow-up in ensuring the success of village-level interventions. A technical session was included by Ms Nancy Phurailatpam, Project Staff UBA. The programme also included an interactive session during which participants actively engaged in discussions, raised queries regarding implementation challenges, and exchanged ideas for effective execution of UBA initiatives. The orientation programme concluded with a vote of thanks, marking a significant step toward strengthening institutional coordination and reaffirming the collective commitment of participating institutions in Imphal East district toward inclusive and sustainable rural development under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

6. One Day Training Programme on Button Mushroom Cultivation at Nambol Kongkham on 2nd March 2026

The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Regional Coordinating Institute (RCI) organized a training programme on button mushroom cultivation on 2nd March 2026 at Nambol Kongkham, one of its adopted villages. The programme was conducted in collaboration with Manipur International University with the objective of promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities and enhancing income generation among rural communities.

The resource person for the training was Mr. Khogen Sharma, owner of Thambal Leina Mycelia.

He delivered a detailed session on the scientific cultivation of button mushrooms, covering topics such as compost preparation, spawning process, temperature and humidity management, pest and disease control, harvesting techniques, and post-harvest handling. He also shared practical insights from his entrepreneurial experience, motivating participants to consider button mushroom cultivation as a profitable and sustainable agribusiness venture.

The programme was graced by Dr. Nabajit Sarkar, RCI Coordinator, who attended as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of skill-oriented training programmes in fostering rural self-reliance and economic development. Dr. Jinus Senjam presided over the function as the President and highlighted the role of academic institutions in empowering rural communities through knowledge dissemination and hands-on training initiatives. Mr. Khogen Sharma attended the formal function as the Guest of Honour.



One Day Training Programme on Button Mushroom Cultivation



The training programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from villagers, students, and faculty members. The interactive session enabled participants to engage actively, seek clarifications, and gain practical knowledge about button mushroom cultivation. At the end of the programme, certificates of participation were distributed to all attendees as a token of recognition for their involvement in the training. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing sincere appreciation to the resource person, collaborating institution, and all participants for their valuable support and cooperation.

