# Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) Component: New Colleges (Professional), RUSA 1.0.

The State of Assam had proposed for setting up following three new professional colleges in the three districts of Assam under State Higher Education Plan 2014-17.

- Nalbari Engineering College;
- Udalguri Engineering College; and
- Nagaon Engineering College.

The State got approval for the proposed 3 new professional colleges under RUSA 1.0 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Project Approval Board of RUSA held on dated 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2014. The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PAB gave an in principle approval for all the 3 proposed colleges subject to state submitting DPRs for these 3 districts. PAB gave approval for a total amount of Rs.78 crore for the approved institutions @Rs. 26 crore each for the 2014-17 period.

# **Rational for taking up the projects:**

Three(3) nos. of engineering colleges in the district with 0 (zero) professional colleges viz., Nagaon, Udalguri and Nalbari were approved during 5<sup>th</sup> PAB held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 under the component of New Colleges(Professional), RUSA 1.0. The projects for establishment of engineering colleges in Nalbari, Udalguri and Nagaon district of Assam have been taken up under this component.

# Vision:

Vision of the proposed Colleges is to improve the access to quality technical education for inclusive growth of the state.

# Mission and broad objectives of the proposed colleges:

- To promote technical manpower relevant to the needs of the areas and also for the state and the country.
- To promote linkages of the technical institutions and the other development sectors of the state.
- To facilitate greater industry institution interaction so as to empower the students with practical knowledge.

#### Location of the Colleges :

**Nalbari Engineering College** : The site of New Professional College (Engineering College) is located at Sathamou Village, Pub Banbhag Mouza under Ghograpar Circle, Nalbari district of Assam covering an area of 100 Bigha (33.05 acres). The site of the college is situated at a distance of approximately 12 Kms from the district head quarter.

**Udalguri Engineering College:** The New Professional College (Engineering College) in Udalguri is located at Nalkhamara Village, Ambagaon Mouza under Udalguri Rev. Circle, Udalguri district of Assam covering an area of 32 Bighas 2 Katha 10 Lecha (10.74 acres). The site of the college is situated at a distance of approximately 10 Kms from the district head quarter.

**Nagaon Engineering College :** The New Professional College (Engineering College) in Nagaon is located at Gatanga, Rangapara Circle, Nagaon District of Assam covering an area of 35 Bighas (11.56 acres). The site of the college is situated at a distance of approximately 25 Kms from the district head quarter.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

Establishment of the three Engineering Colleges in the State would help to improve equity, access in technical education, research and skill development in a number of ways.

Establishment of the three Colleges will empower the local youths towards technical education. Also establishment of the college will provide access to technical education and skill development to the large segment of local youths and thus will contribute for equity and inclusive development of the state and the region.

## **Proposed Building:**

The academic/ administrative block consists of Principal's office, Class room, laboratories, toilet blocks (boys and girls), common room (boys and girls), central library, central seminar hall,

central computer centre, confidential room etc. The total area in ground and first floor of the academic/administrative block is 7200 sqm. The total area of workshop including Cafeteria is 400 sqm and hostel for boys and girls is 397.89 sqm (each).



## **Proposed Model of New Professional Colleges**

## **Present Status of the Projects:**

MHRD, Govt. of India approved DPRs and released fund Rs.35.10 Crore @Rs.11.70 Crore each vide sanctioned order No.-F. No. 24-28/2014-U.Policy(ASMulti-Gen2552,31)Govt. of India, MHRD, Deptt. of Higher Education(U.Policy) dated 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017.

Total Central share released: Rs.35.10 Crore @ Rs.11.70 Crore each college. Total state share released: Rs.3.51 Crore @ Rs.1.17 Crore each college.

Nalbari Engineering College and Udalguri Engineering College had been digitally launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019.

Memorandum of Agreement(MoA) has already been signed with Assam State Housing Board for execution of construction works of three engineering colleges. The construction works will be started shortly.