Report on

<u>Two-Day State Level Collaboration Programme on "Promoting Rural Community Engagement of Students" Organized by MGNCRE (Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education)</u>
in collaboration with UNICEF, Hyderabad.

MGNCRE (Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education) in partnership with UNICEF, Hyderabad Organized a Two-Day State level collaboration programme on "Promoting Rural Community Engagement of Students" at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, During 23-24th October 2019.

The main focus of the programme is to concentrate on some of the rural development themes like:

- 1. SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)
- 2. DRR (Disaster Risk Resilience)
- 3. Rural resilience
- 4. WASH (Wash, Sanitation and Hygiene)

This programme ensures in putting the agenda of SDGs, WASH and DRR in rural areas and integrating them in higher education curriculum in the selected 16 Universities of Andhra Pradesh.

Sri. Biswa Bhushan Harichandan Garu, Hon'ble Governer of Andhra Pradesh inaugurated the programme and Prof. K. Hemachandra Reddy, Chairman; Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) shared their views on the above topics.

Various Vice-Chancellors, District Collector, District Disaster Management Authorities, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Authorities, Water Development Authorities also shared their views.

On the second day of the programme, the proposed model of curriculum was thoroughly discussed, revisited and made modifications to the content as per the requirement and suitability of the respective universities by the faculty.

A presentation on WASH by UNICEF representatives gave us so much information about the stakeholder participation. The programme was well organized and very good deliberations held on how to ensure the goals.

Dr.M.C.Kesava Murty, NSS Programme officer was deputed to attend the programme as per the directions of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dravidian University.







