



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

A holistic approach towards education goes beyond the acquisition of academic knowledge, cultivation of values, skills, and character. The infusion of cultural and traditional values into the educational framework serves as a conduit for instilling a sense of responsibility and moral fortitude among students. This practice, reminiscent of the traditional Gurukul system, reflects where students were intricately connected to their societal and cultural roots. Recognizing the imperative of fostering such connections, we have realized community engagement is important for the students.

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy garu, we have introduced a two-month community Service Project as part of the **10 months mandatory internships**. The rationale behind this initiative to instil practical skills and cultivate a heightened sense of social responsibility, thereby moulding our students into well-rounded and conscientious contributors to society.

Andhra is the first state to successfully implement Community Service Projects. Every student today is given an opportunity to come out of their classrooms to bring a change in the communities because we believe that the youth of this nation has greater vision to make our country developed country. Imagine what if each student plants a tree, creates awareness on environmental pollution, each student breaks the barriers of caste, class, gender stereotypes and spreading awareness on moral values, imagine what if each student involves in educating every citizen. With no surprise, **7.5 lakhs** of our students have completed their engagement with the communities in more than the above-mentioned areas.

Recognizing the need for strategic direction in guiding students on CSPs and steering educational institutions, the proposal to establish a "Board for Community Development through Education" (BCDE) was put forth by APSCHE. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri.YS Jagan Mohan Reddy garu showed a lot of interest, and swiftly endorsed the establishment of the BCDE in Andhra Pradesh, marking a pioneering initiative nationwide with a focused approach of 5 themes per year, 12 lakh students will be impacted. Constituted in 2021 under the aegis of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the BCDE has been positioned with the overarching objective of assessing the needs of the community and advice higher education on the needs of communities to engage the students in community service projects.

As part of CSPs, 1496 Higher Education students are now partaking in learning improvement programs, 120 students are mentoring Atal Tinkering Labs, 8230 students registered on Prerana Mitra app to take part in BCDE activities, trained 76 faculty members to have common objectives on community development. The BCDE, in collaboration with APSCHE, is poised to augment financial literacy through P2E in collaboration with UNICEF. This multifaceted approach aims to cultivate a robust and enlightened youth force poised to contribute meaningfully to societal advancement.

We are embarking on a comprehensive initiative to revolutionize the landscape of higher education through a holistic paradigm. In our Chief Minister's visionary strategy, each student is entrusted with a sense of responsibility, as our state, Andhra Pradesh (AP), stands unparalleled in its commitment to investing in the education of its youth. An annual allocation of 5000 crores is dedicated solely to scholarships, nurturing the intellectual potential of our students. In reciprocation of realizing the responsibility towards the society, we envision a symbiotic relationship where education is not merely received but embraced as a social contract. In addition, APSCHE has initiated the state level Excellence Awards one of the awards is Community Service Award to recognize the students actively involved in social service. The top 3 students are awarded with cash prizes of 1 lakh, 75 thousand, 50 thousand respectively.

This endeavour is a silent revolution poised to shape the character and ethos of our youth through aim of one student sensitizing 40 people around. We believe that, when properly executed, this initiative will usher in a metamorphosis within AP. In just two short years, we anticipate witnessing the profound transformation of our society into a responsible, forward-thinking individual, heralding a new era for Andhra Pradesh.