



## REPORT

On

**MGNCRE – Swachhta Action Plan**

**Two-Day National Conference**

On

**Prompting Sustainability in Colleges and Villages**

Held on

**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**



Held at

**Faculty Development Centre  
Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education  
Bharat Ratna Nanaji Deshmukh Bhavan  
JNV Campus in University of Hyderabad, Nallagandla, Hyderabad**

**A Report on Two- Day National Conference on Promoting Sustainability in Colleges and Villages organized by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE) Ministry of Education, Government of India 21-22 March 2022**



**“Let us pledge to collectively work towards conserving precious environment resources. Let us live in harmony with nature and keep our beloved Earth clean and green.”**

**- Shri Narendra Modi, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India**

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## Background

Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education as a Council under Ministry of Education, Government of India is striving hard to gain rural resilience through linkage of faculty and students of higher educational institutions with villages. In this regard MGNCRE is focusing on formation of Vocational Education/Rural/Social Entrepreneurship Development Cells across the higher educational institutions in the country and foster entrepreneurship spirit among the students. These cells provide a platform for the students to test their abilities and develop various skill sets to become successful entrepreneurs. In addition to that MGNCRE is also providing continuous inputs in gaining sustainability among the campus as well as the adopted village/s by the institutes. Sustainability practices focus on five important areas which include sanitation and hygiene, water management, waste management, greenery and energy conservation.

In this regard MGNCRE organized 5-day faculty development programs across the country and identified about 274 District Sustainability Mentors from those faculty development programs who can promote sustainability practices among the higher educational institutions and villages in their respective districts in the first phase.

Those selected 274 District Sustainability Mentors were allotted five colleges each in their respective districts to conduct five institute level offline workshops each on promoting institutional sustainability during the first and second week of March 2022.

A two day national level conference was organized by MGNCRE on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 to understand and share the experiences of District Sustainability Mentors in promoting institutional sustainability. This national conference provided a platform for all District Sustainability Mentors to exchange their views on Campus and Village Sustainability Practices, Rural Immersion, way forward for linkage of faculty and students of higher educational institutions with villages.

A Conference where people from different places, different cultures and various traditions across the country joined together provided an enthralled experience for everyone. Spending time with people from other cultures allowed everyone to know what they struggle with and their traditions as a community. Further, such knowledge promotes personal growth while enabling to learn new things about different cultures.

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Chairman of MGNCRE and with the support of core team, the two-day national conference on sustainability of colleges and villages was completed successfully providing all the participants rich learning experience, boosted their confidence in promoting sustainable practices among the institutions and villages leading to get internship, apprenticeship and entrepreneurship opportunities in their respective districts.

## Conference Schedule

### Two Day National Conference for the District Sustainability Mentors

<b>Day 1 - Date 21.03.22</b>			
<b>Session</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Place</b>
1	9.30 – 11.00am	<b>Inauguration</b>	Plenary
Tea Break	11.00-11.30am		
2	11.30-1.00pm	Introduction and Presentation by participants	Classrooms
Lunch	1.00-2.00pm		
3	2.00-3.00pm	Presentation by participants and <b>Technical Session</b> on PRA	Classrooms
Tea Break	3.00-3.30pm		
4	3.30-5.00pm	Presentation by participants and <b>Technical Session</b> on Gram Panchayat Development Plan	Classrooms
Tea Break	5.00-5.30pm		
5	5.30-7.00pm	Presentation by participants and <b>Technical Session</b> on Internship, Apprenticeship and Entrepreneurship	Classrooms
<b>Plenary on MGNCRE Action Plan</b>		<b>7.00-7.30pm</b>	
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>7.30-8.30 Skit Presentation and Role Play by Participants on the above 3 Technical Sessions</b>		
<b>Day 2 - Date 22.03.22</b>			
<b>Session</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Place</b>
1	9.30 – 11.00	Action Plan Presentation	Classrooms
Tea Break	11.00-11.30		
2	11.30-1.00	<b>Valedictory and Certificate Distribution</b>	Plenary
Lunch	1.00-2.00		
<b>Own Time Activity</b>			

## Inaugural Session

Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education organized a two-day National Conference on Promoting Sustainability in Colleges and Villages on March 21-22, 2022 at Baharat Ratna Nanaji Deshmukh Bhavan, JNV Campus Nallagandla in Hyderabad. MGNCRE is working with a noble vision of involving higher education curriculum in India in the process of building resilient rural India i.e., "Uthkrisht Gram for Unnat Bharat". Mission of this organization is to formulate and recognize curricular inputs and accredit courses and higher educational institutions, which enable development of sustainable, climate and disaster resilient rural livelihoods. This two-day National Conference was a step forward in this direction.

### **Inaugural Session on 21 March 2022 from 9.30 AM to 11 AM**

The inaugural session of this National Conference was honoured with the auspicious presence of Dr. W.G. Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman MGNCRE, Dr. C. Uma Maheshwar Rao, Ex-IAS officer and Member of Governing Council MGNCRE, Dr Nandita Pathak, Brand Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission, Social Entrepreneur and Dr. T Nagalakshmi, the Member Secretary of MGNCRE. The District Sustainability Mentors from around 13 states (Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana) were also present in this inaugural session.

**Dr. T Nagalakshmi**, in her welcome address, welcomed everyone from the core of her heart. She emphasized on doing one's own respective duties by quoting Robert Swan, a British Explorer, "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it". She also cited the importance of this conference and how it is going to help the economy by abiding the action plan of MGNCRE.

The Hon'ble Chairman, **Dr W G Prasanna Kumar**, shared the genesis and the context and introduced the agenda of the conference in his address and highlighted the need of experiential learning in the present-day scenario. He also stressed on the need for creating Rural Internship opportunities for students. He also shared his thoughts about institutional sustainability and village level sustainable development plan, importance of integrating faculty and students of higher educational institutions with villages that help the rural entrepreneurs in getting potential inputs in scaling their business operations, identifying the scope for creation of employment opportunities through sustainable practices.

**Dr Nandita Pathak** who is a Social Entrepreneur and Brand Ambassador for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and also who worked with Bharat Ratna Shri Nanaji Deshmukh ji shared her experiences in working with Chitrakoot Project, which is a self-reliance Program in 500 villages around Chitrakoot. It aimed at wiping out poverty, illiteracy, improving health, clean & green villages and creating dispute free



society. She highlighted the impact of her contributions towards dispute resolution, alleviation of Poverty, Unemployment, Illiteracy and malnutrition. She also shared her thoughts on how she encouraged Self-employment through training of thousands of women & youth especially of backward & downtrodden class, the way she guided

several thousand families for gainful employment through Micro finance, Self Help Group (SHGs) and Multi Level Employment Generation Programs(MLEGP). She linked her experiences with the role of district sustainability mentors towards gaining sustainability among higher educational institutions and villages. Dr. Nandita Pathak also said that any policy to solve some problem, solution should be formed with the participation of the people. For her, participation meant involvement of and initiation by the people themselves. She said that transparency is the key to the successful implementation of any policy. She also emphasized on the need for availability of water by saying that water brings prosperity.

**Dr. C. Umamaheshwar Rao**, MGNCRE Governing Council Member, explained in detail the relationship between science and spirituality by saying that there is no conflict between these two. To grow sustainable practices in the villages he emphasized on addressing several key problems such as



deforestation, land degradation, pollution and climate change which draw the immediate attention of the policy makers. He also shared his experiences and thoughts on handling sustainability aspects in higher educational institutions and enabling linkage between institutions and villages.

After the guests were honoured with a shawl and memento by the Chairman and Member Secretary, the vote of thanks was presented by the session anchor, **Smt. Padma Juluri**, Mentoring Faculty working with MGNCRE.

After the inaugural session all the DSMs were allotted separate rooms where the technical sessions were held.



## Technical Sessions

### Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka

Day 1 : 11.30 AM to 7 PM

About 10 District Sustainability Mentors from Karnataka, 5 District Sustainability Mentors from Andhra Pradesh and 4 District Sustainability Mentors from Telangana took part in the two-day national conference on gaining sustainability in institutions and villages.

In the pre-lunch session each district sustainability mentor shared their experiences in conducting the institute level workshops on promoting sustainability in the areas of water management, waste management, sanitation and hygiene, greenery and energy conservation. This discussion helped the other delegates to understand their approach and mechanisms followed by each other in conducting programs.

#### Chart Preparation and Presentation by DSM's of AP, Karnataka and Telangana on Rural Immersion Techniques



During the post-lunch session, formed 6 teams with 3 District Sustainability Mentors in each team and were allotted a topic on Rural Immersion methods. As per the allocation by MGNCRE



coordinators, respective team members discussed on various participatory rural appraisal techniques involved in conducting activities in villages for promoting sustainability. This also helps in developing a Gram Panchayat Development Plan, conducting focused group discussions and interviews with rural public.



#### Day 2 : 9.30 AM to 11 AM

A round table meeting was conducted to discuss the action plan of respective district sustainability mentors for involving faculty and students of higher educational institutions in rural immersion activity by following participatory rural appraisal techniques in addressing the rural concerns of respective adopted villages by the institutions. It helped every delegate in framing their action plan and planning their activities for next year course of action during the second day of national conference.

#### List of Participants from Andhra Pradesh

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### List of Participants from Karnataka

S. No	Name of the District Sustainability Mentor	District	Contact Number	Email ID
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## Madhya Pradesh

**Day 1: 11.30 AM to 7 PM**

The 19 DSMs from Madhya Pradesh were allotted Swami Vivekanand Hall with mentors Smt. Padma Juluri and Shri Ravinder Reddy.

At the beginning of the session, the mentor, Smt. Padma Juluri infused the ray of positivity and optimistic outlook by instructing the DSMs to introduce themselves by adding one positive adjective with their respective names. She modeled the same and introduced herself as



Pretty Padma. After the introduction of Mr. Ravinder Reddy as 'Ready for everything Reddy' all the District Sustainability Mentors introduced themselves one by one by adding one optimistic quality with their respective names like Racer Ramdas, Rural Rajendra, Attractive Arpita, Rockstar Ruchika, Runner Radheshyam, Namr Neeraj, Natural Neeraj, Adarniya Arti, Karmyog Kamalraj, etc. This helped participants to get to know each other and also infused the team with energy. They were also asked to wear name tags with their adjectives.

They were then asked to present their findings from field visits made to 5 colleges on Sustainability Practices in the Colleges and Villages

The following was the order of the presentations

S No	Name of DSM	District
1.	Dr Anil Babu	Mandsaur
2.	Dr Ruchika Yadu	Seoni
3.	Dr Neeraj Bansal	Jhabua
4.	Dr Shreepad Ganjiwale	Sagar
5.	Dr Ashok Kumar Negi	Khandwa
6.	Dr Arpita Lakhre	Sheopur
7.	Dr Ramdas Ahirwar	Chhatarpur
8.	Dr Rajendra Kumar Mishra	Chhindwara
9.	Dr Pavan Sharma	Balaghat
10.	Dr Mohit Singh Chouhan	Dhar
11.	Dr Radhe Sham Napit	Shahdol
12.	Dr Dilip Kumar Aske	Barwani
13.	Dr. Neeraj Sharma	Panna
14.	Dr Arti Dhurvey	Katni
15.	Dr Rajkumar Verma	Umariya
16.	Dr Jay Prakash	Raisen
17.	Kamalraj Singh Uike	Singrauli

S No	Name of DSM	District
18	Dr Sanjay Atediya	Ratlam
19	Pratiksha Patankar	Betul

All the DSMs shared their individual experiences which they went through during the visits to higher education institutions in their districts. From these experiences a lot of positive outcomes which could be extended and implemented while working on making our villages sustainable and prosperous came to our notice:

- 1) Students can work as front-line workers during pandemics and disasters (covid, fire, flood etc.)
- 2) Herbal Gardening and medicinal plants gardening skills to the villagers
- 3) Practice of kitchen gardens
- 4) Rain water or roof top water harvesting
- 5) Community awareness programmes on:
  - a. Education
  - b. Women Empowerment
  - c. Sanitation
  - d. Awareness about government schemes
  - e. Electric vehicles
  - f. solar panels
- 6) Recycling of water
- 7) Social work for public constructions
- 8) Entrepreneurship and skill development in the villages
- 9) Allotment of responsibilities to the different groups so that accountability could be fixed
- 10) Installation of solar lights, solar water heaters
- 11) Recycling of paper waste and turning it into paper craft
- 12) Recharging bore wells through soak pits
- 13) Installing sanitary pad vending machine and incinerator in schools
- 14) Rich library
- 15) Continuous observation and maintenance of the initiatives taken in the past
- 16) Establishment of seed banks and creating the habit of making balls
- 17) Establishing bio-resource centre and production of compost
- 18) Mushroom cultivation
- 19) Fine for car/bike washing in water scarce areas





In the third technical session from 3.30 to 5 pm, about 45 minute was spent on discussing Participatory Rural Appraisal and Participatory Learning and Action by familiarising participants with the MGNCRE Rural immersion Manual support by a video case analysis

**Former Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Education, Government of India, Shri VLVSS Subba Rao, who initiated the Swachhta Action Plan Projects in MGNCRE in the year 2018 joined the sessions through a video call initiated by Chairman MGNCRE Dr W G Prasanna Kumar and interacted with the participants in all the rooms**



### **Day 2 : 9.30 AM to 11 AM**

On March 22, 2022, the second day of the conference the DSMs filled in Action Plans for 2022-23 on Activities that they will be able to take up in the District in the Academic year 2022-23. The Mentor Smt Padma Juluri clarified doubts and also gave a detailed explanation of the various activities listed in the Action Plan.





Once the Action Plans were filled, she spent some time sharing a case study of a Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) developed for 2022-23 by Pratapadityanagar Gram Panchayat, Block Kakdwip in 24 South Pargana district of West Bengal. This provided a clear understanding on what are the aspects and steps to be kept in mind while developing a GPDP and how the institutions and their students can support the activities in the GPDP through PRA/PLA, Rural Internships and Consistent Support Activities.

On behalf of the 19 DSMs from MP, Shri Ashok Kumar Negi proposed a formal vote of thanks and thanked MGNCRE Chairman and the two mentors for the opportunity to work in this prestigious National Project on Promoting Sustainability in Campuses and Villages



### List of Participants from Madhya Pradesh

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## Gujarat

### Day 1: 11.30 AM to 7 PM

The Gujarat team was guided by BSC Naveen Kumar and D. Narender Babu. In the first session Mr. Naveen Kumar enlightened the participants in the area of mentoring, sustainability index and Swachhta activities. He also gave information on Apprenticeship, Internship and Entrepreneurship to the participants. This session continued upto 1: 00 pm followed by lunch.

After lunch we started presenting the findings of the participants and after this team have gone out for doing community engagement with the small business people near and around the office. Team have interviewed nursery, Juice point, chai point, pani puri point etc. Then after team came back and presented the findings of the community engagement done by the participants, up to 3: 00 pm followed by tea break. After tea break also the session proceeded upto 5: 00 pm followed by tea break. After 5: 30 pm the participants rehearsed a skit about Gram Panchayath Proceedings in a village at 7: 00 pm.

### Day 2 : 9.30 AM to 11 AM

The second day started at 9: 00 am and discussed about the MOU forms about the time they have to spent in their campuses. They discussed among themselves and filled the forms and went to tea break at 11: 30 am. After tea break discussed about the social work they have done in their campus individually.



### List of Participants from Gujarat

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10.	Shri. Paresh Jani	MSW college Androkha	Sabarkantha	9428183241	pareshjanimsw@gmail.com

## Odisha

Day 1: 11.30 AM to 7 PM

13 District Sustainability Mentors from Odisha took part in the 2-day conference on gaining sustainability in institutions and villages. The participants list:

SL NO	DSM NAME	DISTRICT
1	Ravi Swain	Subarnapur
2	Dilip Kumar Patel	Jharsuguda
3	Dr Nilima Chatterjee	Sundargarh
4	Rabindra Narayan Behera	Angul
5	Bidhu Bhusana Dash	Cuttack
6	Babaram Dehury	Boudh
7	Binod Bihari Pradhan	Nabarangpur
8	Er Subrat Prasad Rath	Koraput
9	Dr Muntaz Khan	Kalahandi
10	Madan Pillai	Deogarh
11	Satish Siripani	Puri
12	Lohitakshaya Joshi	Bolangir
13	Nityasundar Manik	Kendrapara

The activities conducted in the technical sessions are below:

>> For the participants to feel connected among themselves and with MGNCRE -

- Add an adjective with your name and share with everyone: the participants were asked to introduce themselves by adding an adjective to their names. This helped break the ice and make every participant feel comfortable in sharing.



- Making the bubbles to ensure everyone takes home some appreciation on “how” of their work. The participants on the 2nd day were made to stand in middle of the circle and were appreciated while all the participants clapped for them.
- Appreciating the “how”:  
After every presentation done by the participant, the group was asked to say the highlight of the presentation in one sentence.



Participants being appreciated in the circle

>> Technical Sessions and presentations:

- The participants were asked to watch the video on PRA/PLA in groups of three and share their learnings
- The participants were made to create live presentations on different techniques of PRA/PLA by referring to the Rural Immersion Manual by MGNCRE. There were 7 groups presenting seven topics decided by the teams. The topics included: Transect walk, social mapping, scoring etc



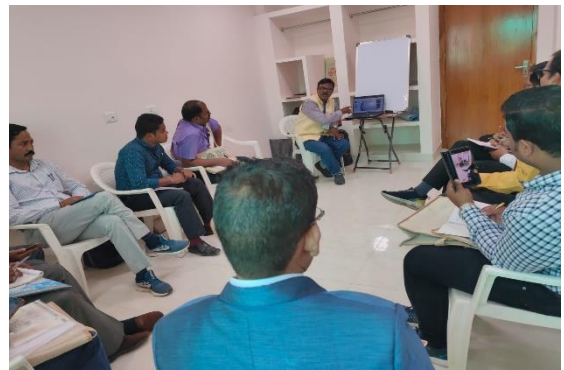




Participant's presentations

>> The participants were asked to present their work in a nine-slide presentation and share their insights, learning and “how” of the work done as DSM:

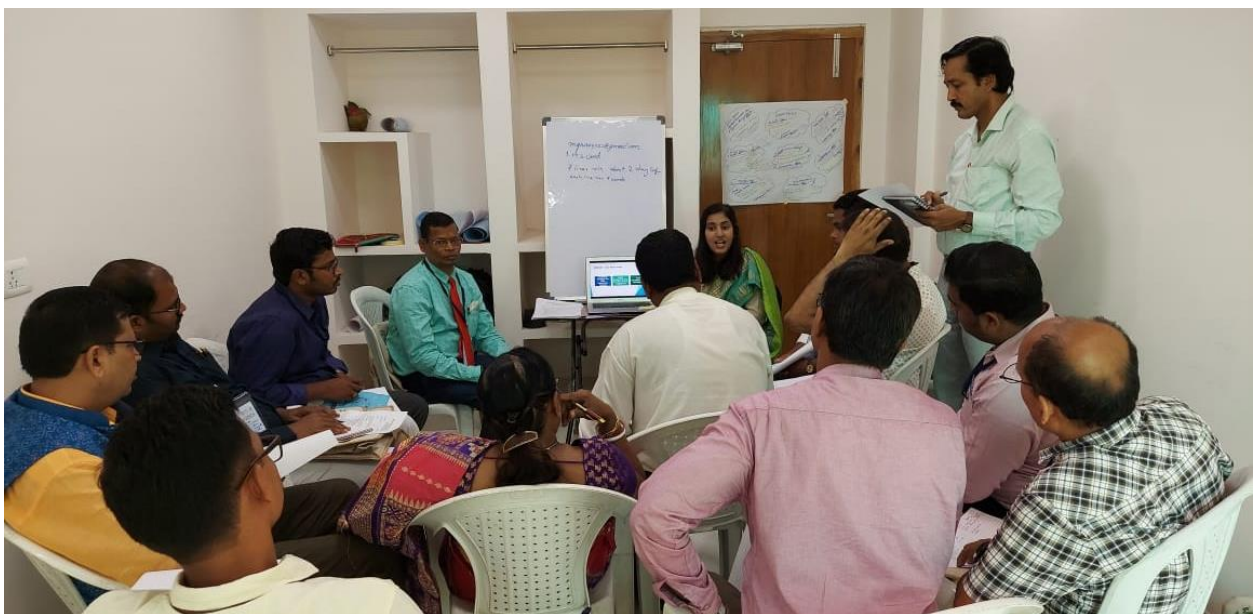
- 13 Presentations were done
- Each participant was asked to share their highlights by writing on the bubbles against each participant name in the chart papers.



### Day 2 : 9.30 AM to 11 AM

>> Discussion on action plan:

The action plan was discussed and filled by the participants after discussions on each point of the action plan.



>> Appreciation received by the participants:

The participants presented the resource person with a token from the state as appreciation for the learnings from the conference



#### List of Participants from Odisha

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## **Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan**

### **Day 1 : 11.30 AM to 7 PM**

During Technical Session of National Conference, The District Sustainability Mentors (DSMs) shared their Presentations on the Experiences from the field visits.

DSMs Experiences Include:

- Motivation to Work for the Society
- Leadership in Community Engagement
- Identification of Drivers and Barriers to Sustainability
- Constant Mentorship and Orientation
- There have been a lot of new “green” initiatives in district of Higher educational institutions. From Green Campus, Solar Panel, Water Recycling, Rain Water Harvesting, Compost Pit to increased awareness of sanitation, hygiene, cleanliness and COVID-19.
- Amid rising concern over sustainable colleges and villages, educational institutions have started to adopt villages and plant trees on and off.
- The institutions have also conducted several awareness campaign for enlightening the students for making the campus plastic free, zero littering, culture of paperless work and as a result campuses are now a clean and plastic free.
- Schemes of Government in association with NGOs are also trying to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the College Campuses.
- It is the great initiative of MGNCRE, MoE, that it enables university and college campuses to conserve natural resources like water and biodiversity, to protect ecological system and resources, optimize energy efficiency and manage waste management.
- It is the need of hour to provide holistic education to students so that the dream of “Sustainable—Colleges and Villages” becomes true.





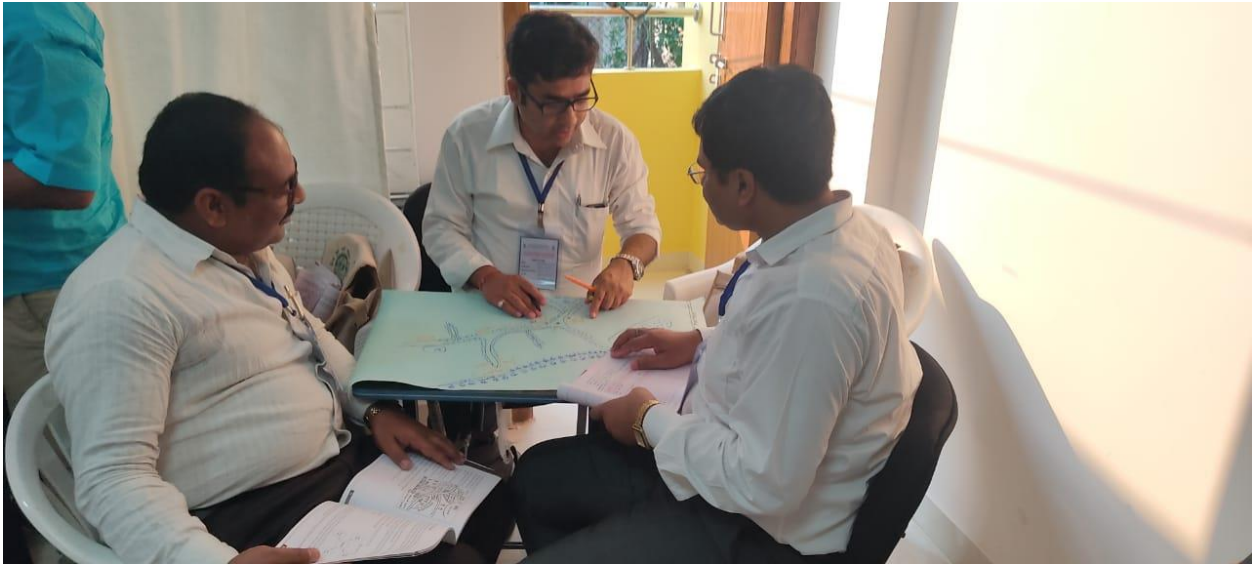
During Presentation on Experience sharing of Field visit by District Sustainability Mentor



During Presentation on Experience sharing of Field visit by District Sustainability Mentor



Involvement of Groups of DSMs in peer learning of Rural Immersion techniques



Interaction of DSMs on topic given



Presentation on Rural Immersion topic by Group -1



Presentation on Transact Walk by Group – 2





Presentation by Group -3 on Resource Mapping and Social Mapping



Presentation by Group -4 on using the Chapati Diagram during Rural Immersion with Village



Presentation by Group -5 on Resource Mapping and Social Mapping

**List of Participants from Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan**

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## Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand

### Day 1 : 11.30 AM to 7 PM

The DSMs were asked to introduce themselves and sharing their experiences when they visited five HEIs in promoting sustainability in the areas of Sanitation, Water Management, Waste Management, Energy Conservation and Greenery-SWWEG.

After lunch DSMs continued sharing their experiences. Rural Immersion was introduced and was explained in detail. At every juncture of the topic their experiences were correlated. Each and every DSM participated actively and discussed on the implementation of rural immersion and the difficulties.



Rural Immersion was thoroughly explained along with Gram Panchayat Development Plan. Later the DSMs from all states participated in various activities before dinner.

### Day 2: 9.30 AM to 11 AM

The second day started off with explanation of MGNCRE DSMs Action Plan. Forms for the confirmation of DSMs participation were given and they were instructed to fill in. All the DSMs were appreciated by pinning a smiley with thumbs up.



Discussion on action plan and techniques in Rural Immersion was initiated

## List of Participants

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## Plenary Session on Action Plan: 7 PM to 7.30 PM

“It is important to engage students of Higher Education Institutions with Rural Internships. This will help students to understand the life and the dynamics of the community and come up with solutions for their need, providing experiential learning opportunities in social/rural entrepreneurship, innovations and community engagement through activities enlisted in the Gram Panchayat Development Plan. This is the need of the hour. As DSMs, you will have an opportunity to facilitate this. I am happy to announce that **MGNCRE has signed an MoU with AICTE to provide Rural Internships for the 1 Crore students enrolled in technical institutions affiliated to AICTE and we will be implementing it from 2022-23**”, said Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, while addressing the Plenary session on Action Plan





**Cultural Program: 7.30 PM to 8.30 PM**

Day 1 ended with the highly energetic teams from various states presenting cultural events and taking an oath of working sincerely and passionately on the project





## Valedictory Session: 22 March 2022: 11.30 AM to 1 PM

“Working for the community and being skilled carry a lot of weightage and that is a recent development as envisaged by NEP 2020. MGNCRE’s initiatives of Promoting Sustainability in the colleges and villages lends itself to both”, said **Dr. S K Jha, Chairman of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (Midhani)** while delivering the Chief Guest’s address during the valedictory ceremony.

Dr D N Dash, Assistant Director, MGNCRE introduced the Chief Guest.



Each and every District Sustainability Mentor was presented with a Certificate for their efforts and support in promoting institutional sustainability. Dr. S K Jha appreciated the initiative taken by MGNCRE and congratulated all the DSMs for promoting sustainability which not only helps in environmental concerns but also fosters economic development. He expressed the need for more amenities for MGNCRE to promote more work in the area of Rural Immersion.

Smt. Padma Juluri, Mentoring Faculty MGNCRE, delivered vote of thanks and the event ended with National Anthem.

## Snapshots



District Sustainability Mentors of **Bihar** State with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference March 2022



District Sustainability Mentors from States of **Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi and Punjab** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference



District Sustainability Mentors from State of **Chhattisgarh** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference





District Sustainability Mentors from State of **Karnataka** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference



District Sustainability Mentors from State of **Odisha** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference



District Sustainability Mentors from State of **Gujarat** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference





District Sustainability Mentors from State of **Jharkhand** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference



District Sustainability Mentors from State of **Andhra Pradesh** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference



District Sustainability Mentors from State of **Telangana** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference



District Sustainability Mentors from State of **Madhya Pradesh** with Dr W G Prasanna Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, MGNCRE during National Conference

## Feedback from DSMs

### Two Learnings on New Environmental Sustainability Activities in the Campus from DSM Presentations to be taken up in the Campuses immediately

1. Development of Community, Transparency
2. Water Management, Conservation and Recycling
3. Water harvesting units needs to be adopted, compost pit should be functioning for wet edible waste
4. वृक्षारोपण, जल संरक्षण
5. Water Conservation and Energy conservation
6. Environmental Activities for Campus
7. Awareness Programs for Students
8. Waste Management
9. Waste Management
10. Swachhata
11. Sustainability
12. Campus greenery
13. PRA techniques
14. New technologies for making the campus sustainable
15. Reuse of content like water, paper
16. Waste treatment

### Two Learnings on Environmental Sustainability Activities in the Village from DSM Presentations to be taken up in the Villages immediately

1. Now, Soon, Later PRA Technique
2. Approximate is good than Accuracy in PRA
3. Water Management and Plantation
4. Water conservation-management and waste management-recycling.
5. Water conservation, and organic fertilizer needs to be adopted
6. जल संरक्षण के लिए जागरूकता, वृक्षारोपण के लिए प्रेरणा
7. GPDP & Rural Entrepreneurship
8. Cultivation Process
9. Farmer Knowledge
10. Plantation by layers
11. Social engagement
12. Adding the villages to Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
13. Working on water availability
14. जन जागरण और स्वास्थ्य स्वच्छता
15. Safe water supply and sanitation
16. आदर्श ग्राम विकसित करना, पर्यावरण मित्र बनना
17. Rural Immersion, Gram Panchayat Development Plan, Rural Internship, Young Livelihood Practices, Rural Entrepreneurship, Rural Marketing Plans.

## What I Liked about the Day's Sessions

1. Speech of guests
2. All sessions were learnable.
3. Motivation by Chairperson, Chief guest and Mentor coordinator.
4. Experiential learning shared by Chief Guest Mr. Uma Maheshwar Rao, Dr. Nandita Pathak and Chairman sir
5. सब कुछ
6. Participatory Rural Appraisal
7. MGNCRE Family Support to us
8. MGNCRE team is very good.
9. Very nice and knowledgeable
10. Very nice sessions
11. I liked many presentations which provided us innovative ideas
12. Way of mentoring
13. ज्ञानवर्धक, महत्वपूर्ण, रिलीवेंट ,उर्जाप्रवाहिता भरा
14. The interactive discussions with the fellow participants.
15. 3 days ka session hona chahiye
16. Sharing, patience, hard work, team work, humbleness, goal achievement
17. Village immersion with our experiences.
18. Rural immersion, 5 key word SWWEG is very important and need of hour.
19. All resource persons and mentors are very knowledgeable, practical, down to earth so I am learning lot.
20. Experiential learning
21. Resourceful feedback from resource persons
22. The best thing which we learnt is that it is good behaviour through which we can lead a team very effectively and we also learn how to carry out task with that's team effectively and efficiently.
23. It was a great learning experience.
24. Such conferences are very useful in reaching to community for HEIs
25. The conference made a good impact on the way of looking to a village.
26. It gave us information of different aspect of rural community.
27. I got the chance to interact with many intellectual with diverse experience.
28. Effective planning and proper implementation were reflecting in the conference
29. It was a nicely organized conference which met its objective

**Sustainable development requires an integrated approach that takes into consideration environmental concerns along with economic development.**



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District Sustainability Mentors Action Plan

Name of DSM : \_\_\_\_\_ WhatsApp Phone \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

I am keen on continuing as the District Sustainability Mentor. I am keen on participating in the following activities and projects initiated by the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education

S No	Activity	Periodicity	Time I can give	Mode	
				Online	Offline
1	Promoting International Days of Environmental Importance	Monthly One Day		Online	Offline
2	Interacting with Colleges in the Neighbourhood	Monthly			
3	Promoting Vocational Education Skilling Workshops in the District	Annual			
4	Facilitating District Awards involving the Collector	Annual			
5	Promoting Rural/Social Entrepreneurship	Annual			
6	Promoting Rural Immersion by organising Village Visits and Interactions for Faculty and Students	Annual			
7	Promoting Rural Internships interacting with Students of Colleges	Annual			
8	CSR Projects of MGNCRE in Villages in the region	Annual			
9	Faculty Development Programmes of MGNCRE	Annual			
10	Minor and Major Research of MGNCRE	Annual			
11	MGNCRE Academic Publications in English	Annual			
12	MGNCRE Academic Publications in _____ Language	Annual			

I have special interest in contributing in:

I have special interest in building my capacities in:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_