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APSCHE BCDE UNICEF P2E LAUNCHING at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur on 21.09.2023 A REPORT

On 29th September, 2023 an online platform promoted by UNICEF "Passport to Earning" (P2E) has been launched by dignitaries of APSCHE, BCDE and UNICEF. The event was presided by **Sri Nedurumalli Ram Kumar Chairman, Board for Community Development through Education (BCDE)**. **Mr. Zelalem Birhanu Taffesse UNICEF Head-HFO**, **Prof. K. Hemachandra Reddy Chairman, APSCHE** launched the

P2E platform in the presence of Mr. Sheshagiri Madhusudhan UNICEF Education Specialist, Prof. M.L.S. Deva Kumar, Secretary & CEO of BCDE, Mr. Bharath Kundra & Mr. Pallav Tiwari P2E team from UNICEF New Delhi, Prof. K. Sunitha BCDE University Coordinator, ANU etc.,



The event began with a warm welcome by Mr. T. Sudershan UNICEF Consultant. Prof. M.L.S. Deva Kumar Secretary & CEO, BCDE acted as Master of Ceremony and organized the event at Dichmann Hall of Acharya Nagarjuna University Guntur. The program started with auspicious "Lighting the Lamp" by all the dignitaries present. During the opening remarks, Prof. Deva Kumar invited all the participants offline and online for this State Level P2E launching programme. He mentioned about the need of such free platforms to encourage the student community to get knowledge on wide variety of topics, so that they

can take up their Community Service Activities using the knowledge acquired through these online programmes.



On this occasion, Shri. Sheshagiri Madhusudan, Education Specialist, UNICEF, addressed the gathering and narrated the need of the Passport to Learning Program is designed to equip students with essential study skills that often get overlooked in the conventional education system. Understanding of writing a resume, presenting self, and navigating the professional world are critical aspects of success for any person. The program aims to bridge the gap between what textbooks teach and what the real world demands and designed a very interesting program which is going to be launched today in Andhra it's called the passport to learning program will help every participant to learn many kinds of topics, which are not in the textbooks, which are not routinely part of classroom discussions, but which are very much essential, he said.

Sri Nedurumalli Ram Kumar Chairman, BCDE expressed that the board (BCDE) holds a unique position, one that goes beyond the traditional boundaries of education. It envisions a future where education is not just about acquiring degrees but also about leveraging that knowledge to uplift society as a whole. It recognizes that the thousands of engineers and graduates that produce every

year are not just contributors to the economy but potential catalysts for transformative change to become a vital part of a movement that seeks to shape a better future. APSCHE, as the nodal agency for BCDE, ensures that our endeavours are not



only productive but also aligned with broader state objectives of Community Development.

APSCHE Chairman Prof. K. Hemachandra Reddy said that the Board for Community Development through Education is a visionary concept and is brainchild of our honourable Chief Minister Sri. Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy, through which, we can leverage our collective knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to social issues.

Considering the impact it could have

addressing issues related to policy education, access to pre-primary learning, health care the right to life, and gender equality etc., He applauded the partnership with UNICEF, in Community Development Activities gives a great mileage in planning as well as in execution. He invited active participation of all stakeholders viz., University and college administration, teachers and students, to utilize the opportunity.



UNICEF Chief - HFO Mr. Zelalem Birhanu Taffesse addressed that each of the student shall go back to teach and mentor younger individuals in respective communities. It is not just commendable, but it's transformative. As all partners delve in to this fantastic initiative, every student with in our tertiary



institutions shall somehow link to one or more of these goals. By incorporating the SDGs into our community engagement efforts, we can contribute for better society. We are here because we believe in the power of web services, transformation, and the collective strength that comes from unity, He said. He appreciated equal members from both the genders attending the

program. Gender equality and Women empowerment are very important in community development, he highlighted.

Mr. Bharat Kundra and Mr. Pallav Tiwari P2E Team from UNICEF, New Delhi demonstrated the P2E platform. Mr. Dinesh Reddy of APSICHE explained the registration of the student in LMS portal of APSICHE.

ANU BCDE University Coordinator Prof. K. Sunitha proposed vote of thanks. Mr. Vijaya Kishore BCDE Asst Coordinator, Smt. Swathi Dev, Smt. Priyanka and other UNICEF team members and Students from ANU campus colleges participated in the event.