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**REPORT ON FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION  
on “Decentralization – Ease of Governance”  
at JNTUA Anantapuramu on 22.04.2022**

“Decentralization is worldwide phenomena and has become an ubiquitous to leverage the governments to usher towards all round development of the state” said Sri Nedurumalli Ramkumar Reddy Chairman Board for Community Development though Education (BCDE) Govt. of AP.

Jawaharlal Nehru  
Technological University  
Anantapur and Sri  
Krishnadevaraya University  
Anantapur under the aegis  
of Board for Community  
Development through  
Education, Govt of Andhra  
Pradesh organized a Focus  
Group Discussion on the  
topic of “Decentralization



- **Ease of Governance”** at JNTUA NTR Auditorium on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022.

During his inaugural address Mr. Ramkumar expressed the need of student community to ponder upon involving themselves in the development of the society though creating awareness among the folks to achieve a paradigm shift. As a Chairman of newly formed board by **Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy** with an aim of making educated youth as yolk bearers in the development of the state of Andhra Pradesh, he presented the action plan of BCDE. Bringing the governance to the door steps of the public is one of the key step to emphasize the

development, he felt. Creating awareness among the public through student community on various issues of the community is the main agenda of BCDE. He emphasized as "Students are powerful ARMY for transformation of community".

**Prof. C.Sasidhar** Registrar of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Anantapur welcomed and introduced all the resource persons. **BCDE Secretary and CEO Prof. M.L.S.Deva Kumar** and JNTUA Student **Mr. Abhiram Dhanush** acted as moderators for the focus group discussion, where



intellectuals and experts in various fields of community spread over from Advocates to Professors, Dist level Officials to Former UPSC member.

During the discussions, **Prof. Y.Venkatarami Reddy Former UPSC member**, Former APPSC Chairman and Former VC of JNTU curtain raised the topic and narrated need of decentralization in the present situation, where reaching benefits of the welfare activities to the gross root level in the society. He appreciated the efforts of Govt. of AP in taking enough steps in that direction, which demonstrated with recent reorganization of districts in the state of AP.

**Prof. M.Rama Krishna Reddy Vice Chancellor of Sri Krishnadevaraya University**, advised students to utilize the opportunities which are going to increase due to present decentralization activity taking place in the state of AP. He praised Chief Minister for his commitment for three capitals to have equal development among the different regions of the state.

**Prof. G.Ranga Janardhana, Vice Chancellor of JNTUA Anantapur** narrated the developments of JNTU Anantapur, after trifurcation of erstwhile JNTU located at Hyderabad. He appreciated the initiative of formulating more districts, which

enhances educational institutions at mandal level, district level and hence accessibility of education to all the students near to their place of residence.

Commerce Professor **Dr. A.V.Ramana** Former Registrar of SKU, elaborated the phenomena of Decentralization in the world as well as in the state of AP. He has made it clear that **"economic growth is dependent on the increase of business activity"** which will get gain pace due to decentralization.



**Medical practitioner Dr. Sreekanth Reddy** presented his view about **"enormous chances of enhanced medical services at the rural places"** through establishing more number of Dist Level Medical Centres, PHCs, Community Health Centres as there is increase in districts in the state.

**Smt. Kalyani District Employment Officer** informed the student gathering, what are various ways and means of **"increased employability as a result of decentralization"**. She requested students to utilize present employment drives being organized at various levels.

**Former Vice Chnacellor of SKU Prof. Kada Rama Krishna Reddy** presented various types of decentralizations viz., Administrative, Economical, Educational, Political. Administrative ease is the prominent reason for reorganizing the district, he quoted the **"increased reach of the district level officers to the public and smaller area of control leads for concentrated governance"**.

**Dr. RamiReddy of SKU** referred the formulation of linguistic states in 1953 lead for **"effective governance especially by using the local language"**. He anticipated the similar advantage will come to the interior place habitants.

**Prof. Mallikarjuna Reddy** Rector of SKU, **Dr. GLN Prasad** and **Dr. Ramalinga Reddy** Principal Govt. Arts College appreciated the act of Govt in *"formulating 26 districts for ease of governance"*.

**Mr. Ravi Kumar Senior Advocate**, shared his observation have having judicial capital at Guntur during formulation of Andhra Pradesh in 1953, where Kurnool was state capital. *"Division of courts as per the division of districts helps the clients to have good access and reduces the time and money to reach them"*.

During the **interaction session** with participant students, **Mr. Peddanna** of Final Year student of JNTUA College of Engineering, Anantapur raised his doubt about correlation between 'merger of nationalized banks and devolution of districts', as how can it is possible that, for banks merger is good, where as for districts division is good. The panelists made it clear that, the primary motive in case of banks is increasing profit or cost cutting as they are business entities, where as Government is welfare oriented and accessible governance and providing services at the reach of public are the primary functions. Hence devolution always helps the public to have better service from the government agencies.



**Ms. Niveditha** from CMI Degree college, raised the issue of 'unemployment for educated youth', panelists appraised as, students need to acquire skills required along with formal education to increase the employability opportunities. They expressed the optimistic note, there is a chance of increase in the employability due to Decentralization.

R&B SE Ramachandra Reddy, Smt. Parvathamma CPDO, ICDS, Mr. Maddiah Dist Housing Manager, JNTUA Directors Dr. Kesava Reddy, Dr. Arunakanthi, Dr. EswaraReddy, Dr. Kiranmayi, JNTUACE Principal Prof. P.Sujatha, Vice Principal Prof. B.Durga Prasad, School of Management HOD Dr. T.Narayana Reddy, NSS Programme Coordinator Lt.S.Sharada, faculty members and around 1400 students from various colleges and practicing engineers, advocates and doctors and other professionals participated.