



Training Programme on  
**YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

(February 15, 16, and 17 - 2019)

Venue: International Heartfulness Meditation Centre, Kanha Shanti Vanam, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Chegur, Rangareddy District

## The face of the rural India

Gandhiji said that *villages are backbone to our nation*. He felt that if the village perishes India will perish too and India will be no more India. Such is the need and rationale to focus on the development of villages in our country. About 70% of India's population lives in villages.

*"The Indian village communities were little republics, having nearly everything they wanted within themselves, and almost independent of foreign relations. They seemed to last where nothing else lasted. Dynasty after dynasty tumbled down; revolution succeeded revolution but the village community remained the same." Charles Metcalfe*

What happened to the villages today and what will be their future is a wider concern among the development and environmental experts. Today's villages remain underdeveloped and mired with many problems owing to the population growth, migration and dwindling natural resource base. There are a multitude of socio-economic, ecological and equity issues which hinders the village development.

*Leadership is about envisioning and shaping the future*

## Youth for Sustainable Development

As all of us aware that the India is still largely rural in demography and profile, and another strength has been that the country's population is largely comprised of youth. It is important to harness the enthusiasm and energy of young to pave a way for strong and sustainable rural India. Leadership requires voluntary spirit and abilities to inspire the society for a change. Ignited and inspired youth equipped with necessary knowledge can make a big difference for their villages. Keeping the strengths and needs, Council for Green Revolution, environmental organization aspires to create sustainable villages by nurturing youth leadership. The Youth sensitized become aware; awareness creates responsibility and a sense of ownership. Subsequently it leads to a vision and mission, a volunteer spirit and leadership character building. Keeping this transformation in view, CGR has initiated the youth leadership programme to bring paradigm changes in the village development scenario. Ultimate ambition of the programme is to create sustainable villages through by making the youth responsible for their village future. When villages become stronger, they would contribute enormously to the nation's progress. This would also lessen the urbanization and migration of people from countryside. Without the progress of villages, India can never truly progress.

## About the training programme

Given the context and need of time, Council for Green Revolution has joined hands with NIRD & PR in organizing the three day training programme to induct the youth to the aspirations of sustainable development of villages. The first programme which is being organized from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> is attended by nearly 500 rural youth drawn from 50 villages. The participants are enlightened with spiritual, psychological social environmental awareness by the eminent experts and academicians in respective fields from three collaborating institutions and others.

## Objectives

1. To orient village youth towards sustainable development of villages
2. To create voluntary force and leadership to strengthen village development
3. To introduce sustainable village programmes
4. To augment and support the rural development machinery of governments

## **Expected Outcomes**

- Motivated youth of youth leaders equipped with the knowledge of Sustainable Development Goals
- Sustainable Development Plans introduced in villages
- Network of sustained rural youth leadership forum
- Vision documents for sustainable villages

## **About the organizers**

**Council for Green Revolution (CGR)**, environmental organization was founded on 22 April 2010. For the last 8 years, CGR has facilitated planting 3.2 million saplings, involving 10, 21,669 school children from 3,538 schools in Telangana and AP. Towards conservation of Eastern Ghats, CGR so far organized 3 regional and 2 national conferences and bringing forth an environmental outlook on these hills. CGR paved a way for sustainable development of Silarpalli into a green village. CGR is in developing Earth Centre, a world class environmental and research institution. Telangana Government awarded CGR with Harithamitra Award for 2016 & '17 and Capital Foundation Society recognized the organization with Justice Kuldeep Singh National Award.

**The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR)**, an autonomous organization under the Union Ministry of Rural Development, is a premier national center of excellence in rural development and Panchayati Raj. Recognized internationally as one of the UN-ESCAP Centers of Excellence, it builds capacities of rural development functionaries, elected representatives of PRIs, bankers, NGOs and other stakeholders through inter-related activities of training, research and consultancy. The Institute is located in the historic city of Hyderabad in Telangana state. The NIRD&PR celebrated its Golden Jubilee Year of establishment in 2008. In addition to the main campus at Hyderabad, this Institute has North-Eastern Regional Centre at Guwahati, Assam to meet the NE-regional needs

**Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM)** is a non-profit organization which provides spiritual training to interested seekers from around the world. Through Heartfulness meditation, which has its roots in the Sahaj Marg system, it offers a way for balanced living in a heart based way. SRCM was founded in 1945 by Shri Ram Chandra of Shahajanpur, in honor of his spiritual teacher and guide, Shri Ram Chandra of Fatehgarh. With a presence in over 100 countries worldwide [SRCM Centres] and on every continent of the globe, it has its world headquarters in Kanha Shanti Vanam near Hyderabad in Telangana, India.

**“Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country”**