

## **SDG 17 – Partnership for Goals**

### **17.3.1 Report on SDG 1 – No Poverty**

Established in the year 1997 by GMR Varalakshmi Foundation – the corporate social responsibility arm of GMR Group – GMRIT offers aspiring engineers' high quality technical education. Located in Rajam, Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh, GMRIT provides its learning community state-of-the-art facilities, infrastructure and a competent faculty. The Institute encourages collaborative learning between industry and academia as a means of reinforcing its curriculum with practical and real-world experiences. It is this emphasis on a well-rounded education that makes GMRIT a preferred institute among engineering colleges in India. Number of Students joined in various engineering course counts to 3710 in the Year 2021. Scholarship Scheme is announced for the Engineering Students who fall under the bottom 20% of household income group and the community as defined by the Government of India. The Institute administrative office supports the student community to apply for the scheme. In the academic year 2020 – 2021, 2,333 students benefitted from the Scholarship and other incentives to a total amount of Rs 12,82,21,115/-. 439 final year students belong to bottom financial quintile category as defined by Government of India and Andhra Pradesh State. 409 number of students, i.e., 93% graduated from the institute in the Year 2021. The institute in collaboration with local NGO provides opportunity for under-privileged meritorious children in and around Rajam to access quality education in reputed schools through 'Gifted Children Scheme'. A good number of employees of GMR Group sponsor the educational expenses of some of these children every year. Progress of these students is reported to the sponsors periodically. During the reporting period, 86 children received benefit under this flagship program. The Institute also conducts regular skilling programs in collaboration with a local NGO to provide gainful employment to unemployed rural youth through skill trainings and entrepreneurship development Programs. Students create awareness among the population within 15 km diameter on variety of issues ranging from child health care to employment viz. importance of safe drinking water, promoting local heritage, agriculture related programs to farmers, personal hygiene, disadvantages of open defecation, Girl child education, implications of malnutrition and higher education & Employment opportunities of the youth through GMRIT Community radio broadcasting at 90.4MH; Business Incubation Center (BIC), supported by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) and National Social Service unit (NSS).