

# NIRDPR inks pact with National Health Systems Resource Centre

(Capital Information)

**Ranga Reddy, Oct 20 :** The National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad and National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi signed a memorandum of understanding at a virtual ceremony on 20th October 2022 for working collaboratively on developing capacity and skill of Panchayati Raj Institutions on health issues. This agreement, entered into by Maj Gen (Prof.) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director, NHSRC and Dr G. Narendra Kumar, IAS, Director General, on behalf of respective organisations, will be initially for five years.

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The NHSRC officials also attended the ceremony. Maj Gen (Prof.) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director, NHSRC expressed happiness on the signing of MoU. He emphasised the need to effec-

tively utilise 15th Finance Commission grants by the PRIs, and added that it should be taken up on priority. Speaking on this occasion, Dr G. Narendra Kumar, IAS, Director General, NIRDPR highlighted the timely execution of this MoU in the wake of COVID pandemic. The DG emphasised on increasing awareness among grassroots-level functionaries and convergence of various Gol programmes and state-specific schemes, such as the National Health Mission, to ensure that healthcare initiatives in rural areas are well grounded.

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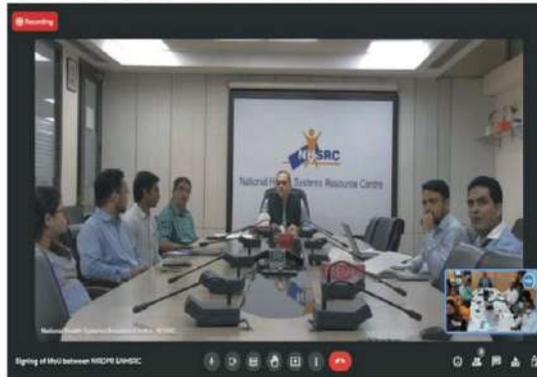
of life in rural areas. "High health-care expense is the second-most important cause for people slipping into poverty. Though there is a need for affordable healthcare services in rural areas, PRIs lack the capability. Developing those capacities is a challenging task. Panchayats should be enabled to develop a village health plan by the convergence of schemes and fund flow streams," Dr G. Narendra Kumar said.

Stating that the main motto of NIRDPR is poverty alleviation and improving the quality of life in rural India, he observed that out-of-pocket expenses on healthcare are one of the major causes of poverty in rural India. "In this context, developing the capacity, knowledge and skills of PRIs on different utilisation of health schemes, making them able to develop a village health plan and monitoring to strengthen the health systems are crucial to improve the quality of life of rural communities," he said.

Shashi Bhushan, Deputy Director General, NIRDPR welcomed the officials and emphasised the need to work on LSDG goals and targets for developing a healthy village. On the occasion, both sides discussed the possibilities of expanding cooperation for research on public health through the medium of academic programmes.

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as the first step towards a long and collaborative partnership in building healthy communities.

Major General (Prof.) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director of NHSRC, emphasised on the need to utilise 15th Finance Commission grants effectively by the PRIs and added that it should be taken up on a priority basis. Dr G Narendra Kumar, Director General of NHSRC, highlighted the importance of timely execution of this MoU in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. He stressed on increasing awareness among grassroots-level officials and convergence of various Central Government programmes and state-specific schemes, such as the National Health Mission, to ensure a practical implementation of healthcare initiatives in rural areas.

### పరిశోధనలపై పరస్పర ఒప్పందాలు



అవగాహన ఒప్పందం పునరుద్ధరణ పత్రాలపై సంతకాలు చేసి మార్పుకుంటున్న అధికారులు

రాజేంద్రనగర్, అక్టోబర్ 20(ఆంధ్రజ్యోతి): లూథియానలోని భారతీయ మొక్కుజొన్న పరిశోధనా సంస్థ(ఐఐఐఐఐఐ), రాజేంద్రనగర్ లోని ప్రొఫెసర్ జయశంకర్ తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్ర వ్యవసాయ విశ్వవిద్యాలయం(పీఠేటిఎస్ ఏయూ) గురువారం హైబ్రిడ్ రకాలపై పరిశోధనలు నిర్వహించడానికి ఒప్పందాన్ని కుదుర్చుకున్నారు. ఒప్పంద పత్రాలపై ప్రొఫెసర్ జయశంకర్ తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్ర వ్యవసాయ విశ్వవిద్యాలయం పరిశోధనా సంచాలకులు డాక్టర్ ఆర్.జగదీశ్వర్, ఇండియన్ ఇనిస్టిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ మేజర్ రీసెర్చ్ డైరెక్టర్ డాక్టర్ సంజయ్ రక్షిత్ సంతకాలు చేశారు.



ఒప్పందం చూపుతున్న ఎన్ఐఆర్డీపీఆర్ డైరెక్టర్ జనరల్ డాక్టర్ నరేంద్రకుమార్

### ఆరోగ్య సమస్యలపై పరిశోధనకు..

రాజేంద్రనగర్: రాజేంద్రనగర్లోని నేషనల్ ఇనిస్టిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ రూరల్ డెవలప్ మెంట్ పంచాయతీరాజ్(ఎన్ఐఆర్డీపీఆర్), న్యూఢిల్లీలోని నేషనల్ హెల్త్ సిస్టమ్స్ రిసోర్స్ సెంటర్(ఎన్ఐహెచ్ఎస్ఆర్సీ) మధ్య గురువారం అవగాహన ఒప్పందాన్ని కుదుర్చుకున్నారు. ఆరోగ్య సమస్యలపై పరిశోధనలు చేయాలని నిర్ణయించాయి. ఎన్ఐహెచ్ఎస్ఆర్సీ ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్ డైరెక్టర్ మేజర్ జనరల్ ప్రొఫెసర్ ఆతుల్ కొత్వాల, ఎన్ఐఆర్డీపీఆర్ డైరెక్టర్ జనరల్ డాక్టర్ జనరేంద్రకుమార్ ఒప్పందాలపై సంతకాలు చేశారు.