

## **Publication of Resurgence Planning for Academic Continuity in Universities and Colleges - COVID 19**

Many governments throughout the world closed educational institutions temporarily in response to COVID–19 pandemic. Educational institutions in 191 countries are temporarily closed and about 1.58 billion students are affected. Following the guidelines of Government of India, the educational institutions in the State of Andhra Pradesh are closed since March 20, 2020. This pandemic is the biggest crisis faced by mankind over the past century. The crisis has impacted examinations, student internships, placements and student mobility. An effective strategy is necessary to minimize the adverse impact of the pandemic.

The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) has drafted certain guidelines for the resurgence planning for HEIs. These guidelines are prepared referring “COVID – 19 Response Tool Kit for Indian Higher Educational Institutions” of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and O.P.Jindal Global University and COVID 19 response – remote learning strategy by UNESCO.

The purpose of this guidance is to continue to support institutions of higher education to combat and overcome the problems caused by the COVID 19 pandemic and to give a forward thinking to the educational communities. This guidance is only a baby step towards preventing a learning crisis from becoming a generational catastrophe, which requires urgent action from all. Any Higher Educational Institution’s (HEI’s) resurgence policies shall be flexible and nimble in responding to new information, and administrators must be willing to refine approaches when specific policies are not working. The intention of rolling out this document is to give advice and basic guidance to HEIs on creating a system of prevention and recovery from potential threats to the requirements of higher education. Attempt is made to inform HEIs of the resurgence planning vis-à-vis the COVID 19 pandemic.