

## Skill Development Tailor Made

Mohammed Mukaram's father is unable to work due to ill health and his older sister and brother support the family by working in a private school and milk products shop respectively. He has two younger siblings still in school. In order to contribute to the household Mukaram enrolled in the Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Course at the GMRV Center for Empowerment and Livelihoods in Hyderabad after completing his 12<sup>th</sup> standard of schooling in 2017. His hard work and sincere attitude made him eligible to apply for studies in the U.S. under the Community College Initiative Program (CCIP) 2018-2019. The program supports Indian students studying in the States for a year and the U.S. government covers all expenses from airfare to boarding and lodging and also provides a stipend for incidental expenses.

GMRVF has been instrumental in helping promising youths from the community in preparing for programs like this by training them for interviews, assisting in their paperwork and ensuring they are able to create a better tomorrow for themselves.