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GMR CHHATTISGARH ENERGY LIMITED

HIGHLIGHTS OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) ACTIVITIES

Education

- 25 Vidya Volunteers were provided to 15 schools benefiting 1675 students.
- Provided 50% of the salary for 10 teachers at Raikheda Higher Secondary School
- 5 students benefitted from the *Saksham Scholarship Scheme*
- TOMS Shoes distributed to 2,860 school children from 12 villages
- Provided coaching to 55 students attending Navodaya Entrance Examination
- Running Kid Smart Early Learning Centers at Raikheda, Chicholi and Gaitera, benefiting 123 children
- Provided transportation facility for 99 girls from the project affected villages to attend college in Tilda
- Provided school uniform and Tie, Belt to 100 children of 4 Anganwadis.

Health, Hygiene and Sanitation

- Four dispensaries are operational catering to an average of 615 patients per month
- Mobile Medical Unit services reached out to 1615 patients per month from 9 villages
- Provided door to door medical services for 65 elderly people
- Provided support for 117 pregnant women through nutrition centers in 3 Panchayats
- Conducted weekly community health awareness programs
- Conducted seasonal school health awareness/education programs
- Organized 16 health awareness programs in schools covering 1718 students
- Public Toilets at Gaitera and Bhatapara benefitted 112 families
- Conducted awareness camps on personal hygiene and sanitation for 875 women

Empowerment and Livelihoods

- Trained 152 youth in three courses (Mobile, TV repairing and domestic electrical works) at Vocational Training Center and 60 youth are now self-employed
- Provided computer training to 45 youth at the Computer Literacy Center
- Trained 62 women in advanced tailoring course
- Trainees of production center got a big order to make 5000 bags. They also stitched 400 school uniforms this year
- Provided support to youth through Pratibha coaching center
- Provided capacity building support to 32 Women Self Help Groups
- Provided livelihood support to 21 families of which 11 families earn an average of Rs 4500 per month.
- 1 youth group with 6 members was supported with musical instruments for income generation

- Organized Animal Husbandry Camps before monsoon. Vaccination and de-worming services were provided to 1200 cattle from 4 villages.

DETAILS OF CSR ACTIVITIES

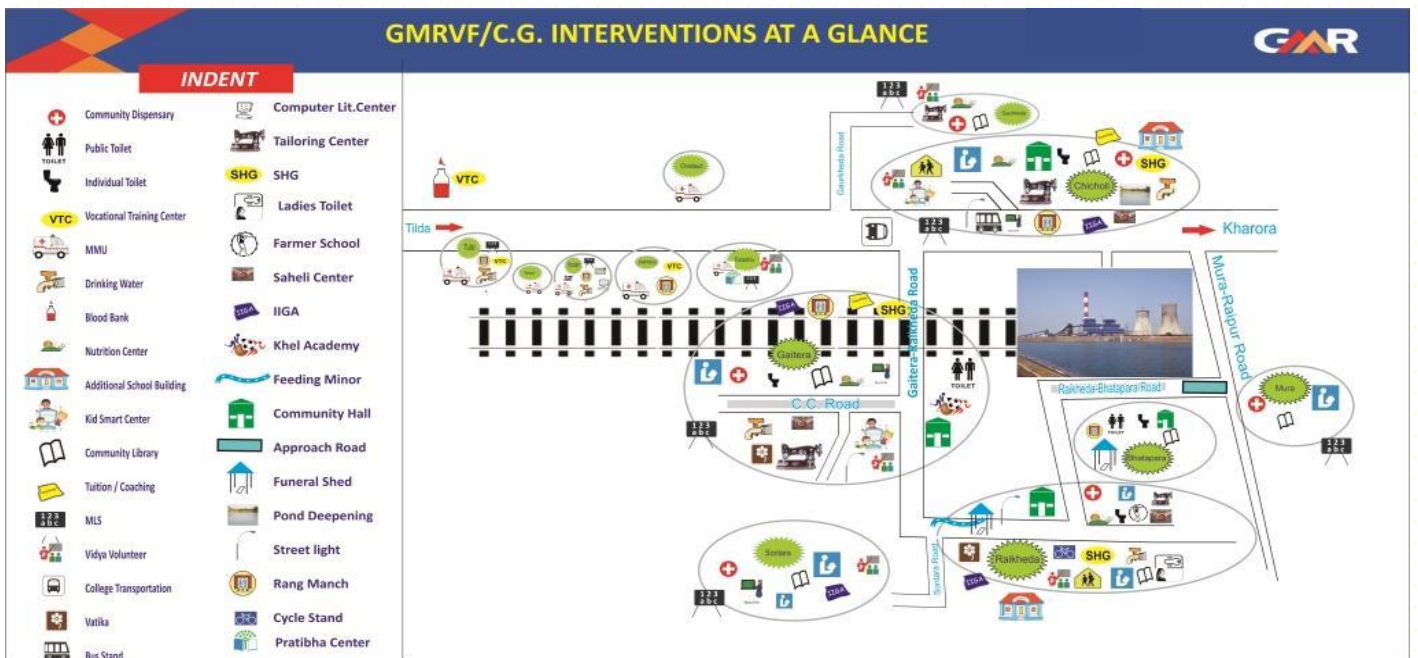
INTRODUCTION

GMR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMR VF) in Chhattisgarh mainly works in 11 Gram Panchayats, namely Raikheda, Chicholi, Gaitra, Sontara, Murra, Tulsi, Khamharia, Konari, Bartori, Tarashiv Chatod and Samoda. The villages covered are in Tilda and Arang block of Raipur District in Chhattisgarh. Approximately 35,000 people are covered in all the villages. While the rapport building activities in the project area started in March 2009, the actual work began in June 2009. CSR activities in Railway Siding and other nearby villages started in the year 2015.

The region is heavily dependent on agriculture. Majority of the population belongs to the Other Backward Caste and Scheduled Caste community. Around 80% of landowners are marginal farmers with less than 2 acres of agricultural land. They depend on single Kharif crop of Paddy.

As per law, CSR Committee has been set by GCEL. Though there was no mandatory spend during the year, as part of the philosophy of the Group, CSR activities were carried out with the approval of the CSR Committee during the year.

The GMRVF Team at Chhattisgarh comprises of one Program Associate, two Sr. Program Assistants, one Program Assistant and 44 field volunteers. The various interventions implemented in the project area is depicted below:



EDUCATION

Support to Government Schools and Anganwadis

Vidya Volunteers: GMR VF extended support to 15 Govt. schools by providing 25 Vidya volunteers, based on the request by the respective Panchayats. The honorarium is paid through a joint agreement between the Panchayats, school committee and GMR VF. The Vidya volunteers are trained to support the regular

teachers in the school. This initiative has benefited 1,675 students. The volunteers also supported the school committees in conducting various cultural activities.

Minimum Learning Standards: While working with the government schools in the project area, it was observed that about 50% of the students studying in these schools do not have the understanding on the basic writing, reading and arithmetic skills as per their standard and age. Considering this situation, Foundation initiated Minimum Learning Standards program with the students of Govt. schools from 6 villages. Currently 375 students are being benefited from this program which focuses on improving their learning levels through special classes, regular tests and continuous comprehensive evaluation.

Financial Assistance to Raikheda Higher Secondary School: For the past 5 years, GMR VF provided financial assistance to Raikheda Higher Secondary School by providing 50% of the salary for 10 teachers. This has helped in the retention of quality teachers.

TOMS Shoe Distribution- During the reporting period, GMR VF distributed over 2,860 pairs of TOMS shoes in 12 villages. TOMS is a U.S. based shoe company, which works with a mission of One for One. For every pair of shoes purchased, TOMS will give a pair of new shoes to a child in need.

Support to Anganwadi Centres: School uniforms and water bottles were distributed to 100 children from 4 anganwadis.

Awareness Programs for Children and Teachers- World Environment Day, Children's Day and Road Safety Week etc. were celebrated in the government schools at Murra, Raikheda and Tulsi. The celebration included poster & rangoli competitions for school children and debate competition for women. The winners of various competitions were given attractive prizes. More than 780 students and women participated in the programs.

Direct Support to Children

Saksham Scholarship: GMR VF launched the Saksham Scholarship scheme in 2013, with a vision of supporting students from project affected villages pursuing professional courses in government or private institutions by providing 50% of the fees. During the reporting period, 9 students benefited from this scheme. The students are from Chicholi, Raikheda and Sontara villages and are studying Engineering, Nursing and B.Ed. This activity has been supported by Delhi Duty Free Services Pvt. Ltd as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility.



Navodaya Coaching: GMRVF started Navodaya entrance coaching in 2011 at one project village and later expanded it to two more villages. Three Navodaya centres are being run in three different villages i.e. Raikheda, Gaitara and Chicholi and 55 selected students from 3 villages are attending classes at these centres regularly. Regular tests are being conducted at these centres and based on the performance of the children in these tests, special attention would be given to the children who are scoring less marks. Regular parents meetings are being conducted at these centres and children's academic performance is shared with the parents in these meetings. During the reporting period, 4 students from Raikheda, Gaitera and Chicholi who attended last year's coaching classes have been selected for Navodaya admission.



KidSmart Centers: Kid Smart Early Learning Centre is the computer-based learning center specially designed for 3-9 year old children by IBM. First center with five Young Explorer units was opened in July 2010 at Raikheda. Second Kid Smart center was opened at Primary School, Chicholi in March 2012 with three young Explorer Units and third center was established at Gaitera school campus in January 2015. Currently, 123 children are attending these Kidsmart centers in six batches. Mothers' meets were organized every month where top scorers in monthly tests are felicitated.

Transport Facility for College Going Girls: Students from the Project Affected Villages (PAV) who want to pursue their college education have to go to Tilda, which is 15 kms away. Due to the lack of transportation facility, commuting to college is difficult particularly for girls. To address this issue, GMR VF has been providing transportation facility since 2010, exclusively for girls from the PAV, who attend college in Tilda. Last year, a bus has been purchased with financial support from TIM Delhi Airport Advertising Pvt. Ltd. (TIMDAA) for this purpose and 99 girls from 6 villages benefited from this facility during this year. TIMDAA has also supported towards operational expenses of the bus for this year.

HEALTH, HYGIENE AND SANITATION

GMR VF partnered with Mission Hospital in Tilda to provide preventive and curative health services to people in the Project affected villages. GMR VF is also running a Mobile Medical Unit in association with *Jan Jagran Sansthan*, Tilda.

Community Dispensaries: GMR Foundation started its first dispensary in October 2009 at Village Development Center (VDC), Raikheda. Later, five more dispensaries were started in five other villages. Team of Doctors is visiting the dispensaries every week from Mission Hospital, Tilda. The MoU signed during first year has been renewed for operating all the dispensaries this year. Medicines are provided to all the patients for seasonal ailments free of cost. Average OPD during reporting period was observed as 615 per month.



Mobile Medical Unit: The MMU is run by a professional team which includes a doctor, nurse and pharmacist who visit 9 villages once a week. The MMU covers 8 villages in Tilda block and 1 village in Aarang block. The MMU has been beneficial mainly to the elderly, women and children. About 1,600 people benefited from the MMU every month. The MMU doctor also visited schools on a regular basis and educated children on health and personal hygiene. The MMU activity has been implemented with the support from TIM Delhi Airport Advertising Pvt. Ltd.



Nutrition Center: To provide proper nutrition and ante-natal services to pregnant and lactating women, Nutrition Centers have been initiated in 4 villages. Daily nutrition menu has been worked out and nutrition supplements were provided to 117 women regularly at the center. Apart from provision of nutrition supplements and regular health check-ups, the women were also given awareness on the precautions to be taken up during pregnancy and lactating stage.



Weekly Health Awareness: Health awareness classes were organized on a weekly basis for women. Students from the Nursing School of Mission Hospital facilitated the awareness sessions in the community

dispensaries targeting pregnant and lactating women. Sessions focused on personal hygiene, diarrhea, seasonal ailments, pregnancy complications and precautions, cancer and malnourishment. Several programs on screening of breast cancer were also organized in support with the mission hospital. More than 450 women from the villages of Raikheda, Chicholi and Gaitera participated in the program.



X-Ray Machine at CHC, Kharora and Blood Bank in Tilda: GCEL, some years ago, provided an X-Ray unit to the Community Health Centre in Kharora. The X-Ray machine benefitted 631 patients during the reporting period. A blood bank was established by GMR VF four years ago at Mission Hospital, Tilda. During the reporting year, the bank collected 366 units of blood.

School Health Camps: 16 school health awareness programs were organized in schools covering 1,718 students.

Sanitation

Maintenance of Public Toilets: GMRVF with financial support from GMR Chhattisgarh Energy Limited constructed 2 Public Toilet in Bhatapara and Gaitra Village. At present, Public Toilets are being used by 112 poor families in both the villages. Women from the same villages are engaged for cleaning and record keeping purposes. The public toilets remain open for 2 hours respectively during the morning & evening. Various awareness programs have also been conducted in the villages to ensure proper usage of toilets. The maintenance expenses of these two public toilets were provided by Delhi International Airport Ltd.

Individual Sanitary Lavatories (ISL) and School Toilets: GMRVF provided partial support towards construction of ISL for about 1000 families during this reporting year. Repairs were conducted to the toilets in four Government Schools. This activity has been supported by Delhi International Airport Ltd.

EMPOWERMENT AND LIVELIHOODS

GMR VF emphasizes on channelizing the skills of youth and women to enhance the income level of all the families in the project affected area through different empowerment and livelihoods programs.

Vocational Trainings

GMR VF started village based vocational training (short term General Electrical Works for 90 days) at Raikheda in July 2011. Domestic Electrical Works, TV Repairing and Mobile Repair courses were run in the center during the reporting period. These training programs were supported by Delhi Duty Free Services Pvt. Ltd as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility.

Name of the course	Number of batches conducted during this period	Number of Youth trained	Number of youth settled.
TV Repairing	4	60	40
Domestic Electrical	2	42	08
Mobile repairing	3	50	12
Total	9	152	60

Skill Training in the Villages

Computer Literacy Center: 45 youth completed the 'Basic Computer Skills' course at the computer literacy center in Raikheda village during the reporting period.

Tailoring Training cum Production center: Foundation is running 6 community based tailoring training centres in project affected villages in which more than 710 women were trained on basic tailoring till March 2017. Another 62 women were trained in tailoring during this reporting period. 30 members are regularly visiting the tailoring cum production centre and learning advance tailoring for their income generation. Various groups have been formed for stitching and specialised trainings like bag making and designing work in blouse were provided. Suzanne Sales Agency gave an order for 5000 sling bags to the women at the production center. 30 women delivered the bags in 15 days and earned an income of Rs 65,000/- from this order.

Farmers Training: 55 farmers from 3 villages were trained on vegetable cultivation. The objective of providing this training is to orient the farmers on advanced methods of vegetable cultivation and also to sensitize them on the marketing avenues for vegetables to maximize their profits.

PRATIBHA: Foundation is running Pratibha library-cum-career counseling center at Raikheda village. The center has internet equipped library and provides coaching for competitive exams and counseling services. The center was started in April 2013 and during reporting period, coaching support has been provided for 56 students for different entrance/competitive exams. One student from this center cleared Teachers' Eligibility Test. 28 students were preparing for the entrance examinations related to the security force, out of which 12 students have achieved success in Physical Examination. Now, they are preparing for a written examination. 25 students of Pratibha coaching center have filled examination forms of banking and state services. Pratibha coaching center is equipped with competitive examination books, model papers, computers, internet, English newspapers and magazines. Three candidates were selected for private jobs with the support of Pratibha center.

Community Libraries: Currently GMR VF is operating seven libraries located at Raikheda, Bhatapara, Gaitera, Sontara, Gaurkheda, Chicholi and Murra. Several programs like painting and rangoli competitions were organized in the libraries during this reporting period. Youth in the village are also using the library to read periodicals to prepare for competitive examinations. Approximately 2,150 users visit these seven libraries every month.

Self Help Groups

Foundation promoted 41 women Self Help Groups in this location. The 41 groups have a membership base of 488 members. Total savings with interest of the groups is about Rs. 16.5 lakhs. 25 groups have been federated into an apex registered society named as CHIRAG in the year 2013. 16 groups have received Cash Credit Limit of Rs 1.5 lakh each during the reporting period from the banks and till date each group received a fund of 15,000 rupees.

Support to Micro-enterprises and Other Livelihood Activities

Individual IGA Support: In order to enhance the income levels of poor families, small scale Income Generation Activities are being promoted among project affected families. Till last year, 250 families were supported for the same and during reporting period, 21 families have been supported.

Animal Husbandry Camps: Veterinary camps for vaccination and general treatment were organized in four villages namely Raikheda, Gaitara, Gaurkheda and Chicholi in partnership with Govt. Animal husbandry dept. Vaccination, first aid, de-worming services were provided to over 1200 cattle.

Infrastructure Support by GCEL: GCEL supported the Raikheda Gram Panchayat for the construction of "Rangmanch" for conducting cultural and other village activities.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

Employees of GMR Chhattisgarh Energy Ltd. have actively participated in community development programs. During the reporting period, 243 employees participated in 14 different programs organized by GMR VF.

The details of employee engagement during the last six months are given below.

Employee Engagement	Total
No. of Programs	14
No. of beneficiaries	1356
No. of family members and employee volunteers	243
Hours of involvement of employees and family members (person hours).	1768

Snapshot of Events and Programs

Daan Utsav (Joy of Giving): During the Daan Utsav, about 100 GCEL employees contributed around Rs. 87,000 towards the purchase of crackers, clay lamps and sweets which were distributed to 50 deserving people in nearby village. Stationery, toys and school bags were also distributed to over 150 anganwadi children from 4 villages.

Agriculture Program:

35 GCEL employees participated in the plantation and sowing of vegetable seeds in Chatod Village alongside members of women Self Help Group.

Social Volunteering Projects:

One team of employees from GCEL implemented a Social Volunteering Project named “Digitalization of Raikheda Village” during this reporting year.

LED Bulbs Distribution:

To support energy saving campaign of Indian govt., LED bulbs were distributed in Gaitra and Bhatapara villages. Over 300 families received the bulbs which were procured on subsidized rates from Chhattisgarh Electricity Board. Mr. Ravi Shankar, COO-GCEL, Mr. Sandeep Pachpor, Head-O&M participated in the distributed program along with 8 other senior colleagues from GCEL.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES & LEARNINGS

Special Achievements

1. Received appreciation letter from the Government of Chhattisgarh for providing support in the “Maha Kumbha Mela Rajim”. In the "Rajim Kumbh", "Deep Festival" was organized to create

awareness on water conservation. About 3.26 million lamps were illuminated and this feat has been registered in Guinness Book of World Records.

2. All the 3 Project affected Panchayats were declared 'Open Defecation Free' villages with the support of GMR VF.
3. 4 students passed the Navodaya entrance examinations and are now studying at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.
4. Tailoring and production center has received an order from M/s Suzanne Sales Agency for making 5000 side bags. The order was completed by 30 women in 15 days

Challenges Faced

1. High expectations among community members
2. Huge demands from local sarpanches despite plant being not in operation

Strategic Plan for Coming Year

1. Convergence with ongoing government programs and leverage the available resources
2. Marketing linkages for products made by SHG members

