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FROM THE DESK OF CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR...

The public sector has been playing a vital role in the economic development of our country. The public sector in India was set up with the objective of achieving inclusive growth aimed at ensuring equity and justice to the overall community/society. In fact, the public sector has come to occupy such an important place in our economy that on its effective performance depends largely the achievement of the country’s economic and social goals.

Though India is one of the fastest growing economies, socioeconomic problems like poverty, illiteracy, lack of healthcare etc. are still ever-present and the government has limited resources to tackle these challenges. As Indian corporates are constantly striving to be more efficient in the competitive global business scenario, they need to become equally proactive, accountable and socially receptive to their immediate environments.

Despite that fact that every major policy initiative in this country has been driven with the perspective of an overwhelming concern for the disadvantaged and marginalised, a multidimensional view of poverty and human deprivation, the need to expand opportunities while ensuring equal distribution are fundamental for achieving strong human development. But disparity, inequality and the growing divide in our societies continue to define our existence today.

With the passage of the Companies Act, 2013 the mandate for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has been formally introduced to the dashboard of the Boards of Indian companies. The inclusion of the CSR mandate under the Companies Act, 2013 is a healthy attempt to supplement the governments efforts of equitably delivering the benefits of growth and to engage the Corporate World with the country’s development agenda. This situation has opened up several areas for businesses to contribute towards social development.

The practice of CSR is not new to companies in India. However, what the Companies Act does is bring more companies into the fold. Also, it is likely that the total CSR spends will increase. What is clear to many companies is that if this increased spending is to achieve results on the ground – which is the intent of the Act – then it needs to be done strategically, systematically and thoughtfully. India ideally, needs to pledge to go beyond the existing boundaries of CSR programmes and reach out to the society and country at large.

You must give back to society, because society has given you wonderful things. Businesses must return back to the society from the profits they earn.

Such initiatives on the part of a company to improve livelihood of people and preserve environment at surroundings of its operations also go a long way in gathering acceptance from local communities. Engagement of local communities is essential for long-term sustainability for any organisation.

We, at RITES participate in developmental activities for the community covering various levels and aspects : economic, cultural and social. Community development, in principle, seeks to empower individuals and groups of people by providing them with the skills they need to effect change for betterment of their lives & communities. This encompasses several aspects such as eradicating hunger & poverty, promoting education & employment enhancing vocational skills specially for children women elderly & differently abled, provision of safe drinking water and sanitation facilities, affordable health care and facilities, trauma services providing homes for orphans & senior citizens, and environment sustainability to name a few.

Projects taken up by RITES are in sync with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprise and the Companies Act, Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Skill development and education are the key elements for improving the employability and potential productivity of the less privileged and consequently reducing poverty. RITES believes in working hand-in-hand with communities in backward areas to improve basic infrastructure, mode of local transport, water and sanitation systems, and more. Demographic, economic and humanitarian considerations dictate equal access to good quality, affordable medical care for all. There is an imbalance due to various reasons such as absence of social security measures and adequate medical facilities in remote areas, lack of family support, inadequate geriatric care, to name a few. RITES CSR program is also a step towards improving infrastructure for health and medical facilities, through access to quality health services for the elderly, providing well equipped mode of transportation in case of medical emergencies, providing funds for upgrading medical equipment, and spreading awareness about the importance of blood donation, through programs and dissemination of course material.

RITEs has worked towards environmental sustainability in a major way by providing solar street lights in several rural areas in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh as well as grid interactive solar power plants for the Indian Railways and some educational campuses. Our projects also include provision of rain water recharge systems for ground water recharging, development and maintenance of green areas meant for public use, provision of energy efficient lighting systems as well as CNG fuel in transport vehicles and reduction of its carbon, water and waste foot prints.

There are incredible number of pressures on today’s organizations and professionals. To name a few -- environmental pressures such as increasing globalization, rapid technological change, and tougher competition, organizational changes. Yet within these pressured parameters, there are all efforts to sustain and do well. Why then forget about those who have little or no access to basic infrastructure, and other life sustaining facilities. They do surely need the support of the more privileged and must not be forgotten. RITES is committed to make sincere efforts in this social and economic improvement mission.

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### ABOUT RITES LTD.

RITES Ltd., a Government of India Enterprise was established in 1974, under the aegis of Indian Railways. RITES is incorporated in India as a Public Limited Company under the Companies Act, 1956 and is governed by a Board of Directors which includes persons of eminence from various sectors of engineering and management. RITES Ltd., a Schedule 'A' Miniratna company and ISO 9001-2008 certified, is a multi-disciplinary consultancy organization in the fields of transport, infrastructure and related technologies.

It provides a comprehensive array of services under a single roof and believes in transfer of technology to client organizations. In overseas projects, RITES actively pursues and develops cooperative links with local consultants / firms, as means of maximum utilization of local resources and as an effective instrument of sharing its expertise.

RITES is internationally recognized as a leading consultant with operational experience of 60 countries in Africa, South East Asia, Middle East and Latin America. Most of RITES foreign assignments are for National Governments and other apex organizations.

Over the years, RITES, has emerged as one of the leading Infrastructure Consultancy Companies in Public Sector in the Country, and has been playing a pivotal role in the development of transport sectors Viz, Railways, Highways, Ports, Airports, Waterways, Ropeways, Urban Transport, Urban Engineering, Container Depots; Institutional Buildings, Power Transmission and Rural Electrification etc. RITES has eventually diversified in providing multidisciplinary services from concept to commissioning for efficient and economic implementation of the projects.

RITES has played a pivotal role in development of Metro Rail Network in the country and is advising the various State/Central Govt. Departments on Urban Transport and Urban Development Projects.

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### RITES CSR and Sustainability Policy

Corporate Social Responsibility and sustainability policy is our commitment to operate in economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner that is transparent and ethical. It encourages engagement with the stakeholders in determining their needs and expectations. The stakeholders include employees, shareholders, investors, customers, clients, business associates, civil society groups, Center/State/local government, communities, environment and society at large.

RITES shall strive to integrate social and environment concerns in its business processes and work towards providing the best possible solutions for sustainable developmental needs of the society by:

- Spreading awareness amongst employees about the company’s CSR & Sustainability policy, programmes & initiatives and the need and importance of adopting ethical business practices and implementation of CSR & Sustainability agenda of the company.
- Promoting the cause of Sustainable Development and giving due attention to social and environmental aspects and their impacts in all its activities including the feasibility studies, investigations, detailed designs & DPRs for various developmental projects in transportation & infrastructure sector.
- Encourage use of renewable energy resources such as solar, wind, biomass & others and reduce its carbon, water and waste foot prints.
- Engagement with stakeholders in undertaking CSR & Sustainability projects in and around the areas of companies offices/projects and also other backward region/areas with focus on creating the necessary infrastructure which will promote education, health, sanitation and provide connectivity/mobility, skills and preserve natural habitat, water resources, flora and fauna, greenery, environment, heritage and culture.
- Creating and enhancing the brand value of the company by adoption of highest standards of Corporate Governance and best management practices and application of its business expertise for the good of the community and society at large.
- RITES CSR activities are governed by the guidelines of Companies Act 2013 & DPE.

This policy flows from the Corporate Mission of the company.

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Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting health care including preventive health care and sanitation including contribution to the Swachh Bharat Kosh set-up by the Central Government for the promotion of sanitation and making available safe drinking water
PUBLIC TOILETS AT GURGAON RAILWAY STATION

RITES has set up public toilets within the premises of the Gurgaon Railway Station.

Objective of the project of setting up toilets in the Gurgaon Railway station is to facilitate the passengers as well as the public visiting the Station. Gurgaon station has a high footfall of passengers and accompanying visitors, whereas public toilet facilities are disproportionately low. This becomes more critical for female population. The toilets constructed by RITES are located near the station entrance and on the platforms.

The project has been conceived in consultation with Delhi Division of Northern Railways and has been implemented by RITES Ltd.

Beneficiaries of the project are the public, passengers and visitors to the station. Sanitation and environment around the station will improve immensely.

TOILETS IN MADAN MOHAN MALVIYA INTER COLLEGE
GHAZIPUR, UP

RITES has set up Toilets in Madan Mohan Malviya Inter College, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh, which is located in Sikhari village of Jakhani tehsil in Ghazipur district. The college has inadequate infrastructure with 2 Toilets for students and 1 for staff. Hence students including girls are compelled to go out in open to defecate, which is also direct cause for risk of safety of women. Consequently this acts as deterrent for the girls to attend college regularly. Lack of awareness and hygiene amongst the students and staff, poor maintenance of infrastructure facilities further aggravates the situation.

Objective of the project is to provide the college users with access to clean, hygienic toilets, thereby ensuring dignity of the individuals, with a positive impact on their health and well-being. Sanitation is at the core of human dignity and human progress. This will also bring about an improvement in the general quality of life of the college students by promoting hygiene and cleanliness.

Provision of the toilets is expected to reduce drop-out rate and encourage regular attendance to the college specially by the girl students.

Sulabh International is the Implementing Agency

Beneficiaries of this project are the students and the staff of Madan Mohan Malviya Inter College, Ghazipur.
PUBLIC TOILETS IN VARANASI, UP

The city of Varanasi is afflicted by poor sanitation due to inadequate infrastructure. A large amount of the raw sewage is directly discharged in the river Ganga without any treatment, thus aggravating the pollution of the river. Major areas requiring immediate attention for provision of toilets are urban slums, places of tourist attraction and areas classified as rural along the periphery of the city.

Objective of setting up public toilets is to improve the sanitation infrastructure at the ghats, as well as in public places since these are frequented both by the tourists and local populace. Provision of toilets will discourage open defecation and result in better public hygiene. This will bring about an improvement in the general quality of life by promoting cleanliness as well as change in hygiene behaviour such as washing of hands after toilet usage among the people, leading to healthy community and overall development.

RITES has set up Public Toilets with bio-digesters based on DRDO developed technology at Sakka and Teliyanalla ghats in Varanasi. Since at the ghats in Varanasi, no permanent structure can be constructed, and in order to reduce the problem of disposal of human waste directly in the Ganga, portable toilets with Biodigester technology have been set up at the ghats. Bio digester technology is an eco-friendly non-networked standalone solution (without need to connect to sewage lines) for treatment and disposal of human waste. The faecal waste enters the bio-digester tank through anaerobic biodegradation. For further treatment, water from Bio digester is passed through a reed bed system comprising of sand, gravel and natural wet land plants. The final effluent is free from odour and waste and can be recycled for irrigation purposes.

It is expected that usage of such sanitation facilities will set a precedence for city wide deployment of such sustainable and replicable models of toilet blocks.

In addition to setting up bio-digestor toilets at the ghats RITES has set up conventional Public Toilets at Machchodri Park & Beniya Bagh.

Beneficiaries: of the projects are the visitors to the ghats as well as the local population of the areas in Varanasi.
**VEHICLES FOR MID DAY MEAL PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS IN HARYANA**

RITES has provided 4 customized Vehicles for Govt's Mid Day Meal Program being implemented by ISKCON Food Foundation.

*Objective* of the project is to provide vehicles to ISKCON Food Foundation in order to facilitate them to deliver hot, nourishing mid day meals to the students of Government primary and upper primary schools in Gurgaon. This will go a long way in eradicating malnutrition, hunger & poverty and simultaneously promoting gender equality based education.

Mid-Day Meals Scheme is the world’s largest government aided feeding programme reaching out to 12 crore school students across the country. ISKCON Food Relief Foundation is supplying cooked, hot Mid Day Meals to the students of primary & upper-primary schools in many areas in India, Gurgaon being one of them.

The project is implemented by ISKCON Food Relief Foundation.

*Beneficiaries* of this project are the students of government schools' in Gurgaon. Attraction of quality hot nourishing food as Mid Day Meal has encouraged students to attend schools regularly. Mid Day Meals promote gender equality as meals are provided to both girl and boy students.

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**AUGMENTATION OF DRINKING WATER FACILITIES AT AGRA RAILWAY STATION**

Striving towards promoting health care including preventive health care and sanitation RITES has taken up the project of augmenting drinking water facilities at Agra Cantt. Station of North Central Railway.

*Objective* of the project is to provide safe drinking water for people visiting the Station. The facility provided includes borewell with pump house, rooms for installation of RO Plants, water storage tank, water booths, water coolers and for providing safe drinking water at the Station.

The project has been conceived in consultation with Railways and has been implemented by RITES.

*Beneficiaries* of the project are the passengers and visitors to the station.
EQUIPMENT FOR UPGRADE OF EYE CARE SERVICES AT RAMA KRISHNA MISSION, FREE TB CLINIC AND MEDICAL CENTRE, NEW DELHI

RITES has supported the cause of upgradation of eye care services at free TB clinic and medical centre of Rama Krishna Mission, Karol Bagh, New Delhi.

Objective of the project was upgradation of the Zeiss Visupac equipment which is required for restoration of high quality Fundus Fluorescein Angiography (FFA) services and the Retinal Laser photocoagulation therapies at subsidized rates for patients suffering from retinal vascular disease. The Clinic’s services are availed of by middle and low income persons of Karol Bagh, and adjoining zones of Central Delhi district. Patients from outside Delhi also visit this Clinic to avail of the facilities.

Ramakrishna Mission is the Implementing Agency

Beneficiaries of this facility are the lower income residents of Karol Bagh and adjoining areas of Central Delhi and Delhi.

FULLY AUTO BIOCHEMISTRY ANALYZER FOR CHARITABLE HOSPITAL BY RAMA KRISHNA MISSION, VRINDAVAN, MATHURA, UP

RITES has provided Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama Charitable Hospital at Vrindavan, Mathura (U.P) with Fully-Auto Bio-Chemistry Analyzer for its Laboratory.

Objective of the project is to equip the Laboratory with Fully – Auto Bio – Chemistry Analyser in order to provide free pathological investigations to the poor and needy, pilgrims as well as the local population of this region. At the Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama Charitable Hospital, Vrindavan, the OPD consultation is fully free for all the patients irrespective of their caste, creed, religion or social status. It is noteworthy that the poor and needy, the sadhus, the destitute widows, the distressed and helpless pilgrims of Vrindavan as well as local population of this region visit this hospital to avail of free pathological investigations from the laboratory. Addition of new and latest equipment enables the hospital to provide free of cost better and modern medical care.

Ramakrishna Mission Sewashrama is the Implementing Agency

Beneficiaries of this facility are the poor, and needy sections of the society in this region.
AMBULANCES FOR GHAZIPUR, UP

RITES has extended support in rural health care by providing 2 ambulances to the town of Ghazipur UP. Ghazipur does not have adequate medical centres to deal with serious road side accident victims, trauma victims and complicated maternity cases. Many such cases need to be referred to hospitals in Varanasi which is about 80 kms. away. Ghazipur has few ambulances to deal with population of approx. 30 lakhs.

**Objective** of providing Ambulances is to facilitate serious, critical patients with medically equipped transport facility for referral treatment to hospitals in and around Ghazipur as well as to hospitals in Varanasi.

An air-conditioned ambulance has been provided to Bharat Vikas Parishad in Ghazipur, UP. This provides secure transport system equipped with basic medical facility for referral treatment to nearby Hospitals as well as to Varanasi.

RITES has also provided an Advanced Life Supported Ambulance (ALS) to Civil Hospital Ghazipur, UP. ALS Ambulance will provide first aid immediately after a road accident and facilitate virtual ICU/CCU facility for transferring a patient to a hospital.

**Beneficiaries** of this facility are the public of Ghazipur, UP specially those belonging to the weaker, less privileged sections of the society.
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTIVE DEVICES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)

RITES has contributed in a big way to provide assistive devices to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Bharatpur, Rajasthan as well as in Gurgaon, Haryana. Various assistive aids such as tricycles, wheelchairs, crutches, walking sticks, rotator, Braille kits, hearing aids, multi-sensory inclusive educational developmental kits (MSIED) have been provided to differently abled persons of the underprivileged sections of the society including children.

Objective: Distribution of aids and assistive devices to the Persons with Disabilities is aimed at empowering this Section of Society, restoring their confidence and bringing them up to a reasonable level of functional ability, if not at par with the persons without disability.

ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India) is the Implementing Agency.

Beneficiaries: The project aims to benefit the Persons with Disabilities and bring them into normal stream of life as well as lead a more productive life with the help of aids & appliances distributed under this project.
Promoting education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, women, elderly, and the differently abled and livelihood enhancement projects
CONSTRUCTION OF VOCATIONAL CUM SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE AT UDAIPUR, RAJASTHAN

RITES has provided funds to Vishvas Sansthan, Udaipur for Construction of Vocational cum Skill Development Training Center in Udaipur. In addition to construction of the Centre RITES has provided funds for equipping the Laboratory with Equipment such as Consumable Kits, Trainees Tool Kits, Shop Tools, Instruments and Machinery.

**Objective** of setting up Vocational cum Skill Development Training Centre is socio-economic upliftment of the rural community through Skill Development and Vocational Training of the women and youth belonging to the economically weaker sections of Rajasthan, covering the Districts of Banswara, Dungarpur, Udaipur which have been identified as backward areas by the Planning Commission. This Institute will help to generate alternative employment opportunity for Rural Women and Youth. Focus will be on training and skill development resulting in gainful employment.

Implementing Agency is Vishvas Sansthan, Udaipur.

**Beneficiaries** are Rural Women and Youth as well as people of the SC / ST category from districts of Banswara and Dungarpur.

CONSTRUCTION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING & SKILL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AT VRINDAVAN, U.P

RITES has contributed for part construction of Vocational Training & Skill Development Institute in Vrindavan, Mathura, U.P.

**Objective** of setting up the Institute is to promote equal access for vocational training & skill development to children of the economically backward and underprivileged sections of society in the region thus facilitating them with employment and self business opportunities. This would also broaden their opportunities to develop personality and participate in the socio-economic development of the country.

Implementing Agency is Bhaktivedanta Gurukula & International School, an educational Institute of ISKCON.

**Beneficiaries** are the under-privileged children belonging to rural areas or the BPL/OBC/SC/ST category. On yearly basis, more than 5000 men and women are estimated to be provided with vocational training and skills through BGIS at Vrindavan, Mathura in order to enable them to be employed or self-employed for a happy and fulfilling life.
ENROLMENT OF VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONORS FOR SAFE BLOOD TRANSFUSION THROUGH EDUCATION IN WEST BENGAL

RITES has contributed for several training programs and camps organised by the Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, West Bengal.

Objective of the program is to spread awareness regarding the importance of blood donation, as well as encourage volunteers to donate blood. This is achieved by conducting training and other related programs regarding the importance of blood donation. The Education Programmes are held as District Level Certificate Course for Blood Donor Motivators and University / College Level Certificate Course. Publications and course material are distributed. In addition, Exhibitions and Blood Donation camps are also held.

Implementing Agency is Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, West Bengal.

Beneficiaries: The project is a public welfare project. It has spread awareness about the importance of blood donation and thus helped to give patients a new lease of life. Blood donation has now become people’s movement and a culture of life in West Bengal.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)

RITES has funded the training of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the age group of 15-50 years in Delhi and NCR.

Objective of the project is to make the Persons with Disabilities capable and self-reliant through appropriate training in the field of traditional occupations and entrepreneurship. Training courses were held for repair and, service of mobile phones & electrical appliances, fashion designing, basic computer, tally, retail sales management, data entry operator, hospitality, IT management.

Implementing Agency is National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (inc. by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI)

Beneficiaries: The project benefits the differently abled persons by bringing them into mainstream of life through education and thus lead a gainfully employed life with lesser dependence on others.
SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT FOR KHANPUR GHATI GIRLS SCHOOL AT MEWAT, HARYANA

RITES has funded the construction of a girl’s hostel as part of the residential school complex for the Mewat Model School at Khanpur Ghati, Mewat, Haryana. This residential facility has been provided to encourage girls in this backward region to attend school. As part of continuing support to the school, Computers have been provided to the school.

Objective of the project is to equip the school with modern teaching aids as an additional incentive to attract girl students from the backward remote areas to the school. Since application of Computers is gaining importance in the school curriculum and day to day life of children, these have been provided to meet the aspirations of the girl children studying on the school premises.

Beneficiaries of the project are “Girl Children” from backward community and remote areas.

SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT FOR SWAPNA SARTHAK SCHOOL, GURGAON, HARYANA

RITES has equipped the Swapna Sarthak School, in DLF – Phase III, Gurgaon with laptops, printers, computer tables & chairs, cabinets and cupboards. The school is run by Gunjan Foundation for children of the weaker sections of the society.

Objective of the project is to encourage educational pursuits of underprivileged children attending this school and to provide them with equal opportunities and access to good infrastructure at par with the children who are from financially secure backgrounds. This facilitation would go a long way in improving their living standards through education and social awareness, and would inculcate in them a sense of confidence, self-esteem and self-reliance.

Beneficiaries are children belonging to below poverty line and underprivileged sections of the society.
SPONSORING EDUCATION THROUGH EKAL VIDYALAYAS IN RURAL, REMOTE, HILLY AREAS

RITES has sponsored education through Ekal Vidyalayas which are run by Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad. These informal schools serve to impart education to the deprived sections of the population living in Tribal/Rural/Hilly areas pan India. RITES funded 125 vidyalayas spread across West Bengal, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Objective is to spread functional literacy, among children living in the remotest areas with little or no access to formal schooling. This movement has helped in creating awareness about the importance of education, health care, rural development, environment sustainability and empowerment of the individual. As a result of the awareness so generated, children are encouraged to pursue formal education and thus achieve considerable improvement in the quality of their lives.

Implementing Agency is Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad, which in turn is supported by Acharyas (teachers), Sevavarti karyakartas (full time volunteers) and Samiti karyakartas from community, who offer their voluntary services at village, block, district, state levels and ultimately at national level.

The concept of “One Teacher School” (Ekal Vidyalayas) as established in rural, tribal and hilly areas in all states and that too in the remotest part of our country, conceived by Ekal Vidyalaya Abhiyan has proved as an instrument to eradicate illiteracy. These Vidyalayas, have been extremely beneficial for children, who in turn, develop a taste to learn, follow up with formal schooling. There has been considerable reduction in dropout rate of students at secondary and senior level. Multi grade Teaching System, adopted in these Vidyalayas, includes non-formal methods of imparting education through playing, physical training, storytelling, songs, local dance & music, yoga and games.

Beneficiaries are children of remote, rural and tribal areas facing multitude issues like illiteracy, poverty, mal-nutrition, lack of basic infrastructure like water and sanitation are becoming increasingly aware and striving towards improving their sustenance through education.
SPONSORING YOUTH OF SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES OF INDIA FOR EMPLOYMENT LINKED HIGHER EDUCATION

RITES has Sponsored Employment Linked Higher Education for Youth of the SOS Children's Villages of India, under Project Utkarsh. SOS India follows a life cycle approach towards child development.

Children come to SOS villages at various ages ranging from few days to early teens. SOS undertakes all round development of these children till they are settled in life i.e 24 years of age. Each child has an individual development plan. As the boys and girls grow up they decide to pursue higher studies as per their interest and keen guidance of SOS staff. Objective of the project Utkarsh is to support professional / employment linked higher education courses thus equipping the children to be gainfully employed and have an independent, secure life.

SOS Children's Villages of India is the Implementing Agency

Beneficiaries are the parentless youth of SOS Children's Villages, who are facilitated to pursue courses such as Nursing, IT / ITES diplomas, B.A. in mass communication, B.Sc in Biotechnology / Hospitality & management, bachelor / master of social sciences, tool & die making etc, while availing of all the logistic support.

SETTING UP OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

RITES contributed for part construction of a Preventive Health Care and Skill Development Training and Research Institute set up by Santhigiri Ashram in Delhi.

The Santhigiri Ayurveda and Siddha hospital & research centre with Skill development institute at Delhi will focus on development of the sector of Ayurveda, which is lagging due to shortage of trained manpower and qualified Panchkarma Technicians. There is need to promote the ancient traditions of Ayurveda panchkarma so that the wellness sector of India prospers. The wellness sector is counting on AYUSH to bloom and Ayurveda is an indispensable component of AYUSH.

Objective is to conduct skill development program in Ayurveda Panchkarma for unemployed youths from Delhi, NCR & other remote areas of North India.

Santhigiri Ashram is the Implementing Agency.

Beneficiaries: Unemployed but eligible youths from socially backward areas will be selected for the program. There will be a six-month internship program for the trainees who qualify. Placements will be provided to the trainees who complete the certificate course and internship. The trainees will be placed in among 75 centres of Santhigiri Ayurveda & Siddha Hospital all over the country and abroad.
Promoting gender equality, empowering women, setting up homes and hostels for women and orphans; setting up old age homes, day care centres and such other facilities for senior citizens and measures for reducing inequalities faced by socially and economically backward groups
FAMILY HOMES RUN BY SOS CHILDREN’S VILLAGES OF INDIA

RITES has contributed towards supporting of Family Homes run by SOS Children’s Villages of India. SOS offers a unique family based care program which offers orphaned and abandoned children to grow in a nurturing environment where they can realize their potential. It covers complete development - nutrition, clothing, education, health and psychological. Here the children are supported till they are settled through career or marriage.

RITES has provided support for Family Homes at several locations in India. The family home provides a loving home to 8 – 10 parentless children and is of central and vital importance. Every child who comes to SOS Children’s Village steps into a SOS Family with a mother, brothers and sister. Within the family each child is protected and enjoys a sense of belonging. Here children learn values, share responsibilities and form lifelong relationships.

**Family Homes at Bhubaneshwar & Kolkata**

Objective of the program is to provide high quality care and education to the parentless and destitute children leading to settlement in life via job, marriage and enable them to live a life of dignity and financial independence as contributing members of the society.

Sh. Rajeev Mehrotra, Chairman & Managing Director, RITES Ltd. and Mr. Ajay Gaur, Director Finance interacting with children at SOS Children’s Village Faridabad.

SOS Children’s Villages of India is the Implementing Agency.

Beneficiaries are the parentless and abandoned children of society who will be leading a normal life, attending school as well as availing of higher education and vocational training with all the logistic support of a home.
Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora and fauna, animal welfare, agroforestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining quality of soil, air and water including contribution to the Clean Ganga Fund set-up by the Central Government for rejuvenation of river Ganga
PROVIDING CLEAN ENERGY SERVICES TO RURAL COMMUNITIES IN BIHAR

RITES has taken up the CSR Project of Providing Clean Energy Services through Integrated Domestic Energy Systems (IDES) to Rural Communities in the backward district of Gaya in Bihar. IDES is a holistic solution with 2 fixed light points, mobile charging fixed point and mud stove attached. Attached mud stove can use all types of bio-mass as fuel-twigs, firewood, cattle dung, leaves etc. Mud stove is attached with high speed fan to supply air into the combustion chamber. It consumes less fuel, has less cooking time and emits less smoke in kitchen. If used judiciously, better back is up available for longer periods. The usage can be interchanged among lighting, cooking and mobile charging as per need. Since it is acquired directly by the household there is autonomy of usage and ownership.

**Objective:** The project provides clean and affordable lighting as well as improved cooking solutions with improved mud stoves technology to households directly in need of reliable lighting household lighting and improved cooking solutions.

The Energy Research Institute (TERI) is the Implementing agency.

**Beneficiaries:** Due to implementation of the project, 260 households spread over 4 villages - Sanda, Sabhara, Rasalpur and Bohiya, all in Block Tekari Distt. Gaya, Bihar have good access to affordable lighting and cooking solution.

SOLAR POWER PLANT PROJECT & HARVESTING OF RAINWATER AND ITS STORAGE IN A RESERVOIR AT GULBARGA, KARNATAKA

RITES has taken up the project of installing a 40 kWp Solar Power Plant in the campus of Central University of Gulbarga, Karnataka.

**Objective:** Gulbarga is a backward area with an acute shortage of water. RITES has set up a campus of the Central University here. The area is water-starved and rainwater harvesting project would contribute to the needs of the area/local population resulting in satisfying basic needs of the community and thereby generating goodwill. The Solar Power Plant will result in renewable energy generation of about 25 kW.

**Beneficiaries:** This project will benefit the students of the campus of Central University of Gulbarga, Karnataka.
RITES has taken up the CSR activity of providing Solar Powered Street Lights in the villages of Bhadohi and Ghazipur districts of Uttar Pradesh. Although villages are electrified, the power crisis is very high. The Villages get electricity for limited hours in a day. The village streets are poorly lit, thereby being a cause of concern for movement and any activity within the village at night. Needless to say, lights on the streets would have a positive impact on the routine lives of the local residents.

**Objective:** To provide Solar Street Lighting Systems to rural communities living in the villages situated in Bhadohi and Ghazipur districts in Uttar Pradesh. The LED based SPV lighting systems offer better illumination while optimising energy in an environment friendly manner.

Sunlight is directly converted to DC electricity by the Solar Photo Voltaic module mounted on a metal pole. The generated electricity charges a storage battery kept locked in a box at the base of the pole. The stored energy is used to operate a LED fixture fixed on the pole for better illumination from dusk to dawn every night round the year.

The features of the system include automatic dawn to dusk controller operation, highly efficient charge controller and inverter, weather proof luminaires, two step charging algorithm, life span more than 35000 hours, 60% to 80% energy saving over conventional light sources, environment friendly, no maintenance, excellent CRI, no frontward heat compared to conventional light sources which emit substantial heat.

**Central Electronics Limited (CEL) is the Implementing Agency**

**Beneficiaries:** Just a small amount of electricity will change the lives of underprivileged rural population. The residents including children can continue their routine jobs as well as study by night also. The primary benefits from access to electricity round the clock include higher education resulting in increased earning potential, higher productivity, improved health, access to information, better convenience, cleaner environment, self-sufficiency, all resulting in a greater sense of empowerment.
RITES has taken up the CSR activity of providing Solar Powered Street Lights and Hand Pumps in Phoolpur constituency, Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh. Although the areas are electrified and have water supply, there are times of outages and shortage too. Needless to say, provision of solar street lights and hand pumps would have a positive impact on the routine lives of the local residents.

**Objective:** To provide Solar Street Lighting Systems and Hand Pumps to rural areas in the Phoolpur constituency of Allahabad district in Uttar Pradesh.

Central Electronics Limited (CEL) is the Implementing Agency

**Beneficiaries:** The residents of the area will benefit due to the illumination of streets and public spaces at night, by street lights powered by the sun. This will facilitate movement and routine activities at night. Provision of hand pumps will augment the water supply and go a long way in meeting the water requirements of the residents. These facilities would result in improved health, convenience and self-sufficiency of the local populace.
RITES has taken up development and maintenance of greenery in public areas in the vicinity of RITES office in Gurgaon. These include the area at the backside of RITES Bhawan 1, Central Verge of road for the stretch from RITES Bhawan up to HUDA City Centre, and the central verge from Hotel Westin to Hotel Crown plaza. These areas are in the vicinity of the Leisure Valley. **Objective** is to contribute towards environmental sustainability and beautification of the city of Gurgaon in Haryana. The project covers plantation of new trees/plants/shrubs and maintenance of existing plants.

**MAINTENANCE OF CENTRAL VERGE OF ROAD IN FRONT OF RITES BHAWAN UP TO HUDA CITY CENTRE, GURGAON**

Haryana Urban Development Authority has entrusted this work to RITES

**Beneficiaries:** The project promotes conservation of the environment for the benefit of the general public of this financial and industrial city situated near New Delhi and in the National Capital Region.
Protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of buildings and sites of historical importance and works of art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts
HERITAGE WORKS AT NATIONAL RAIL MUSEUM, DELHI

In an effort to promote this priceless National Rail Heritage RITES has carried out rehabilitation of National Rail Museum, New Delhi so that it is preserved for the benefit of future generations to come. The National Rail Museum focuses on the rail heritage of India and houses both indoor and outdoor exhibits. The exhibits include ancient steam locomotives and diesel locomotives, fireless steam locomotives, Betty tramways, monorail trainways, saloons of various rajas / princes. To enhance the visit to the museum a number of attractions have been added which include 1:8 scale toy train, diesel simulator, steam simulator, coach simulator on which rides are offered to the visitor.

This project has been conceived in consultation with Railways.

Objective: The major facelift and augmentation of facilities carried out include installation of a musical fountain, landscaping, sitting arrangements, improvement of pathways to make them user friendly for visitors / staff / disabled persons, and overall lighting & beautification of the complex.

Inauguration by Sh. Suresh Prabhu, Hon’ble Minister of Railways

Beneficiaries: The project site is a major attraction for the locals as well as tourists who will get familiarised with the rich heritage of the Indian Railways while enjoying their visit to this complex.

UP-GRADATION OF PASSENGER AMENITIES AT HOWRAH RAILWAY STATION OF EASTERN RAILWAY

RITES has taken the initiative for up-grading the passenger amenities at Howrah Railway Station to facilitate the public as well as protect and restore the Howrah Station heritage structure.

The project has been conceived in consultation with Railways.

Objective of the project is improvement of signages, passenger guidance systems, lighting, beautification of buffer end area of Platforms by providing some landscaping, plantation with creepers, etc. This will consequently improve the ambience of the station, and enhance the historical value of the structure.

Beneficiaries of the project are the passengers and accompanying visitors to the station, who due to the signage, guidance systems, and lighting facilities will become aware of the facilities at the station and also be able to navigate easily through the large complex.
Rural development projects
The people of Nandigram are required to visit industrial township of Haldia for their subsistence and livelihood. The shortest means of transit available to them is by ferry crossing using country boats, which can carry 100 to 120 people at a time. The Haldia river being a tidal river, ebb tide and high tide takes place twice daily. During the course of ebb tide, river recedes substantially from the shore line, as a result of which commuters of ferry services have to wade on the river bed with water up to their waist level carrying their belongings and children on their shoulders to approach the bank. Other than this there is no alternate feasible public conveyance at their disposal. By road is a long detour of 60 km from Nandigram to reach Haldia.

**Objective** of the project is to improve the water transport route for local people who avail the ferry service between Haldia and Nandigram. For this purpose a jetty and pontoon structure will be erected over the Haldia River bed.

It is the embarkation and manning facility which will improve the level of safety, and ease of travel for the local population. At present 27 – 30 boat trips are made each day carrying approx. 70 passengers in each trip from morning to evening.

**Beneficiaries** of the project are approximately 2000 passengers crossing daily from Nandigram and Haldia. Provision of the jetty will dispense with the existing hazardous, unsafe landing and embarkation system and provide people with better means of access to and from the ferries.
CARDS GIFTED BY CHILDREN OF SOS YOUTH HOUSE TO SHRI RAJEV MEHROTRA, CMD RITES

SKETCHES BY CHILDREN OF EKAL VIDYALAYAS