Introduction

HPCL has undertaken an array of CSR activities for the welfare and development of marginalized sections of society including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other weaker sections and minorities communities in order to make them self-dependent and empowered. The Corporation constantly strives to be a model of excellence in all its endeavor be it in business prosperity or in societal and environmental stewardship.

HPCL through its CSR intervention aspires to improve the quality of life of the less privileged communities. Efforts were made to ensure that benefits of CSR activities reach the less privileged and marginalized sections of society, under the corporation's focus areas of Child Care, Education, Health Care, Skill Development, Sports and Environment & Community Development. The details of CSR major projects/activities implemented for the welfare of SC/ST/other weaker sections are given below:

Project ADAPT- This project supports education and therapy needs of the children with disabilities and make an attempt to bring them into the mainstream schools and give them equal opportunities for education and growth with the larger aim of inclusive development. Focused efforts are taken for skill development of differentlyabled people in various vocations suitable to the age and interest. Through this project we are supporting the needs of children with disability.

Project Dil without Bill- Heart surgeries are performed free of cost for all patients with a monthly family income of less than Rs 15,000 giving preference to children. Awareness and follow-up camps conducted at various cities and towns, during the year is also an initiative to reach out to the neediest patients. Through this project we have strived to Save Lives by providing free of cost Heart Surgeries to the less privileged and economically marginalized sections of society.

Project Akshaya Patra- This project aims at the development of nutritional and health status of children who belong to underprivileged communities. The children enrolled with Government schools in Visakhapatnam were provided nutritious mid-day meals which shall result in high enrollment, less drop out and better health status for children.

Project Agastya- In the current era where practical application of any discipline supersedes theoretical knowledge, HPCL has partnered with specialized agencies to promote hands-on practical science education among the new generation learner in remote locations through Mobile Science Labs. These mobile labs travel and reach at the doorstep of schools in distant areas to develop interest about Physics, Chemistry and Biology amongst the Class-V to X students. In the year 2016-17, HPCL has been able to provide hands-on science knowledge to 23 schools under the project.

Project Nanhi Kali- This project aims at the overall development of Girl Child from remote rural area and from urban slums. A country wide project of HPCL has changed the lives of girl children by empowering them through an innovative method of Academic, Social and Material Support. Specific efforts of community organization have been taken to ensure that all girls in project areas get enrolled to school and continue the education.

Project Unnati- This project provides time bound computer training programs and personal computers to government students in semi-urban and rural schools. Students are trained in computer basics, including MS-Office free of charge and the training duration is four to six months. The project follows "Train the Trainer" model where the teachers in schools are also trained and it has been the most important aspect of the project and have ensured the sustainability of the project.



Project Swavalamban- Under project Swavalamban, Skill training is provided to unemployed youth including school dropouts in trades like- Basic Electricals, Refrigeration, AC, Fabrication, Plumbing, Basic IT, Computer, Retail, Construction and Beauty Culture & Skin care etc. Some centers are providing residential training to youth from remote rural areas.

Project Dhanwantari- This project is implemented with specific purpose of providing basic free healthcare services in underprivileged remote rural areas and urban slums by operating Mobile Medical Units (Vans), through 'Reach – In' approach. The Mobile Medical vans are fully equipped in accordance with the prescribed Medical standards, to attend to the needs of the patients and has catered to remotest villages resided by people from economic and socially disadvantaged groups in the country by providing basic health facilities and a new life to people. During the current year 2016-17, a total of 17 vans are operating in 10 states covering over 375 village/urban slums in the country.

Project Suraksha- This project aims at Prevention of HIV+ /AIDS & STI by creating awareness amongst the truckers and crew who are always on the Highways, and are considered to be high risk population. Clinics are opened free of cost for the truck drivers for diagnosis of STI and treatment is provided through the network of 'Khushi' clinics. This has created a committed cadre among the support staff at the outlets, especially along the highways and through them a behavioral change in the target group was brought about, through acceptance of safe practices. During the current year 2016-17, there are 7 Khushi clinics that are operating in seven states with a coverage of more than 57000 people.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan: HPCL has undertaken various activities under the nation-wide movement that is aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene among the masses. These include major initiatives like Construction of toilets in government schools under Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan, Providing drinking water facilities in government schools and in rural areas and urban slums. Adoption of urban slums to ensure clean and hygienic surroundings etc. As a part of program, the employees undertake various 'Shram Daan' initiatives that leads a sense of responsiveness and ownership in efforts towards contributing in the whole campaign. These Swachh Bharat Abhiyan projects were implemented in the communities that are economically and socially under privileged. Many of such communities had large population of people belonging to SC, ST and other weaker sections of the society.

HP Scholarship: HPCL is having a scholarship scheme for deserving students belonging to SC, ST, OBC and PWD communities for undertaking education from school level to professional courses. To encourage the students for continued improvements in their academic studies, scholarships are granted as per their academic performance. During the year 2016-17, HPCL has distributed highest ever scholarships amounting Rs. 6.03 crore to 10932 meritorious students from socially disadvantaged groups like SC, ST, OBC and PWD to enable them to continue the studies more efficiently.

Activities under host communities with strategic connect: HPCL has conducted various field-level activities with special focus on all round development of SC / ST and other weaker section communities. These projects and field activities undertaken by HPCL aim to provide basic amenities in the areas with high concentration of people from SC / ST communities and other weaker sections of the society. Various community development activities for the welfare of underprivileged sections like support to old age homes, orphanages, providing desks, benches, tables, chairs to schools, drinking water facilities, activities for generation & promotion of livelihood, improvement of school infrastructure etc. These activities are targeted to aim the community populace at large and are carried out at locations that are inhabited by socially & economically disadvantaged groups.