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- Mahatma Gandhi



CSR CAPSULE

OIL provides 40 KW Solar Power Plant at Sasoni Merbeel Eco Tourism Project

Shri Utpal Bora, Chairman and Managing Director, Oil India Limited inaugurated a 40 KW Solar Power Plant in Sasoni Merbeel Eco-Tourism Project, which has been provided by OIL under the Company's CSR initiatives. OIL had sanctioned a financial package of Rs 1 (One) Crore, which included besides the Solar Power Plant, other components like 13 pedal boats, a four wheeler, two eco friendly green vehicles, construction of Jetty and a bio digester plant bio digester for Sewage disposal.



Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest, Shri Utpal Bora complimented the Sasoni Merbeel Eco Tourism Development Committee for their efforts in conservation of the Merbeel and successfully converting it to a popular eco tourism destination. He assured that Oil India Limited is always committed to such meaningful environment preservation and community development initiatives and expressed his confidence that once all the remaining infrastructure related components of the project which have been funded by the Government of Assam is completed, Sasoni Merbeel will be able to become a leading eco-tourism destination in the country.



The inauguration ceremony was also graced by Shri Pranjit Deka, General Manager (Public Affairs), OIL, Shri Dilip Kumar Das, General Manager (CSR), OIL, Shri Moni Manik Gogoi, President, Sasoni Merbeel Eco Tourism Development Committee, Shri Rameshwar Bora, veteran social worker, Shri Gajen Mahanta,



Satradhikar, Bareghar Satra, Shri Subhas Dutta, Spokesperson of State BJP, Shri Shyam Kanu Mahanta, MD, MMS Advisory Pvt Ltd including senior officers from OIL and people of Sasoni and adjoining areas.

The Sasoni Merbeel Eco Tourism Project located in the heart of the operational area of Oil India Limited, around 20 odd kms from OIL's Field HQs, Duliajan in Dibrugarh District is all set to become one of Assam's most sought after natural retreat. Merbeel is an ox-bow lake in Naharkatia LAC in Dibrugarh district and covers an area of almost 1550 bighas including an island of around 933 bighas. Within 2KMs from the Island, there is another wetland called Gudhabeel, which is home to several varieties of local and migratory birds. The wetland is also famous for endangered species of fresh water turtles and various other aquatic life forms.



Inauguration of OIL Jeevika – A Livelihood Promotion and Cluster Development Project

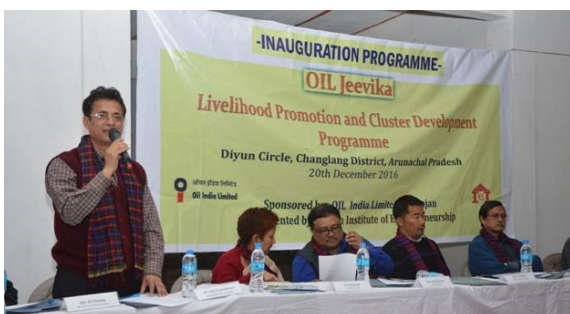


Under its CSR initiative, Oil India Limited inaugurated a livelihood promotion and cluster development project 'OIL Jeevika' at Innao, Changlang District Arunachal Pradesh on 20th December 2016. OIL has started this one and half year project with the objective to impart skills training and generate sustainable livelihood opportunities through capacity building, marketing and financial linkages and handholding support. Initially the Project aims at Livelihood Promotion and Cluster Development for Beekeeping and Honey Processing Program in a phased manner. OIL will implement the

project in 5 nos. of villages of Diyun Circle namely, Kumchai Ka, Innao, Innao Chengmai, Innao Pathar and Piyong having a total population of around 400 households. The project will be implemented by OIL's CSR implementing partner Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati.

The inauguration ceremony on 20th December 2016 was graced by Shri Dilip Kumar Das, GM (CSR), Shri Dilip Kumar Bhuyan, DGM (PR), Sabadam Tayang, EAC Diyun, Shri Manoj Kumar Das Director IIE, Smt Prabhawati Deori, Anchal Samiti Chairperson including senior officers from OIL and people of Diyun and adjoining areas. Speaking on the occasion Shri Dilip Kumar Das, GM (CSR) reiterated about various CSR projects of OIL and activities taken up in Arunachal Pradesh to ensure socio-developmental needs of the people and ensure sustainable livelihood. While thanking the people for ensuring support to OIL, Shri Dilip Kumar Bhuyan, DGM (PR) appealed the villagers to reap maximum benefits from the project so as to establish economic empowerment.

The bee-keeping kits were ceremoniously handed over to the beneficiaries along with live demonstration and knowhow about bee-keeping using kits and equipments.



Inauguration of OIL CSR Project under OIRDS – “Augmentation of agriculture through effective resource utilisation with participatory approach”

Under its CSR initiative, Oil India Limited with technical support from Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Jorhat inaugurated a CSR project under Oil India Rural Development Society (OIRDS) “Augmentation of Agriculture through Effective Resource Utilisation with participatory Approach”. The inauguration ceremony of the project on 24th December 2016 was graced by Shri Deepak Bhuyan, Circle Officer, Chabua Revenue Circle; Shri M C Nihalani, GM (R&D) & President OIRDS; Shri D K Das, GM (CSR) & Vice-President OIRDS; Shri D K Bhuyan, DGM (PR); Dr M Saikia, Principal Scientist, AAU; Dr N Borah, Professor, AAU; Dr B K Saud, Principal Scientist, AAU and other seniors officials from OIL and AAU at Purbajyoti Academy Junior College premises at Chabua, Hatkhula area, District Dibrugarh.



OIL has initiated this three year program at a total project cost of Rs 164,36,163.00 (Rupees One hundred Sixty Four lakh Thirty Six thousand and One hundred Sixty Three only) with the objective to facilitate agriculture-centric livelihood and economic empowerment options for rural people in operational areas of OIL. While developing economic activity spreading linkage model among the farmers, the project through workshops and training will educate farmers about conservation of resources for escalating farm income and build capacities in different aspect of modern agriculture.



Initiated by OIRDS, the project will be executed via large scale demonstration, training and other necessary extension interventions including hands on training. The selected beneficiaries from OIL's operational areas of Dibrugarh and



Tinsukia shall be provided custom designed training on the selected technologies in the first phase of the project. Altogether 167 (One hundred sixty seven) number of beneficiaries will directly take part in the project and they are distributed in six villages of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia district of Assam namely Kordoiguri (Khowang area), Amguri Nepali Gaon (Tingrai area), Genichuk, Rohmorla, Hathkhola in greater Chabua area.

OIRDS' principle objective is to promote, undertake, carry out, sponsor, assist or aid directly, any activity for the promotion and growth of rural economy and economic development and welfare of the masses from rural areas of OIL operational areas. Oil India Limited, the founder promoter of the society envisions equipping the rural societies with technological advancements. The activities of the Society have been running under the guidance of an executive committee constituted of Senior Officers of Oil India Limited, Agriculture experts and prominent citizens of Duliajan having interest in the field of agriculture. Revolutionizing the rural economies, OIRDS aims at sustainable growth pattern by the best possible utilization of the available resources, generating avenues for effective employment nurturing the existing skills of people by providing knowledge of science and technology, financial aid and other essential know-how.

SNIPPETS:

1. OIL conducts **Rural Sports** in the OIL's operational villages to promote games and sports among the youth and school students with prime focus on promotion of athletics. Rural Sports as a CSR initiative apart from providing a platform and motivating the budding talents from the rural parts of OIL's operational areas play the role of uniting the communities, mobilize, inspire and instill responsible behavior among the children and youth.

By and large the community engagement in organizing the sports event has played the most important role in relationship development between Oil India and the people of its operational areas.

Recently OIL had conducted rural sports at Mukulgaon Chabua, Dibrugarh District on 22 and 23 October 2016 and at Baghjan, Tinsukia District on 15th and 16th December 2016.



2. The Mobile Dispensary services of OIL 'Sparsha' have always been one of the most significant community welfare projects of the Company. This effort of OIL caters to the primary health care needs of the people in OIL operational areas.

In FY 2016-17 (till Nov 2016), Project Sparsha has conducted a total of around 768 nos. of camps screening around 73,234 patients in various interior villages of OIL's operational areas of Dibrugarh, Tinsukia & newly formed Charaideo districts of Upper Assam and Miao & Manabhum districts of Arunachal Pradesh, where accessibility of primary healthcare is a challenge.



OIL is determined to unearth the hydrocarbons responsibly by deploying the latest and sophisticated technology while maintaining strong environmental performance and reduce environmental impacts from the operations. As such, under CSR, OIL has taken up number of projects towards conservation of environment .

1. **OIL signed a MoU with Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ATDCL)** for setting up of the Eco-Tourism Project at Kaziranga. this project OIL aims to create awareness for wildlife preservation, create sufficient eco-friendly tourist infrastructure, promote art and culture, increase tourist foot falls and create employment opportunity for the local youth.
2. **Hoolock Gibbon and Rainforest Biodiversity Conservation project** is a step towards long term commitment of OIL for the steadfast protection of the rich rainforests in and around its' operational areas in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, which in turn ensures the future conservation of the Hoolock Gibbon and many such endangered species in their natural habitats.
3. **Sasoni Merbeel Eco Tourism Project** is a community driven tourism project implemented by Sasoni Merbeel Eco Tourism development Committee. Since inception of the project OIL has been supporting the initiative which has the potential of creating rural entrepreneurs apart from protecting the flora and fauna of the region.
4. OIL has **adopted three orphaned Rhino calves** which are being looked after by Wild Life Trust of India (WTI)'s, Centre for Wild Life Rehabilitation and Conservation located near Kaziranga in Panbari Borguri, Bokakhat, under Golaghat District in Assam. In the recent devastating floods in Assam, Kaziranga National Park has been severely affected and a lot of wild animals have lost their lives, while quite a few have been rescued by local people, NGOs and Forest officials.
5. Oil India Limited **distributed free LPG connections** at Innao village under Diyun Circle, Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh. Under this initiative OIL conducted various activities like mass awareness campaign to educate and encourage villages to stop use of Biomass and encourage use of LPG which is cleaner fuel of energy, guidance on use and handling of LPG kit (Burner, Regulator & Gas Cylinder etc.) and awareness on safety measures
6. OIL is planning to take up Clean Energy Program with a focus on reducing Carbon Emissions in Tea Gardens of OIL's operational areas. The project will focus on Supply & Installation of Fuel Efficient Chullah in identified tea garden households.



GUIDING COMMANDMENTS

Companies' Act 2013

The excerpt has been taken from FAQs released by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India with regard to CSR under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013

General Circular No. 01/2016
No. 05/19/2015- CSR
Government of India
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
5th Floor, 'A' Wing,
Shastri Bhawan, Dr. R. P. Marg
New Delhi - 110 001
Dated: 12th January, 2016

To,

All Regional Director,
All Registrar of Companies,
All Stakeholders

Subject: - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) with regard to Corporate Social Responsibility under section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Sir,

Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, Schedule VII of the Act and Companies CSR Policy Rules, 2014 read with General Circular dated 18.06.2014 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, provide the broad contour within which eligible Companies are required to formulate their CSR policies including activities to be undertaken and implement the same in the right earnest. While complying with the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) provisions of the Act, Board of the eligible companies are empowered to appraise and approve their CSR policy including CSR projects or programmes or activities to be undertaken. In this connection, Ministry has been receiving several queries and references seeking further clarifications on various issues relating to CSR provision of the Act.

2. In continuation to this Ministry's General Circular dated 18th June, 2014 and 17th September, 2014, a set of FAQs along with response of the Ministry is provided for facilitating effective implementation of CSR :

8.	Whether a holding or subsidiary of a company which fulfils the criteria under section 135(1) has to comply with section 135, even if the holding and subsidiary itself does not fulfill the criteria.
	Holding or subsidiary of a company does not have to comply with section 135(1) unless the holding or subsidiary itself fulfills the criteria.
9.	Whether provisions of CSR are applicable on Section 8 Company, if it fulfills the criteria of section 135(1) of the Act.
	Section 135 of the Act reads "Every company.....", i.e. no specific exemption is given to section 8 companies with regard to applicability of section 135, hence section 8 companies are required to follow CSR provisions
10.	Can contribution of money to a trust/Society/Section 8 Companies by a company be treated as CSR expenditure of the company?
	General Circular No. 21/2014 of MCA dated June 18, 2014 clarifies that Contribution to Corpus of a Trust/ Society/ Section 8 companies etc. will qualify as CSR expenditure as long as : (a) the Trust/ Society/ Section 8 company etc. is created exclusively for undertaking CSR activities or (b) where the corpus is created exclusively for a purpose directly relatable to a subject covered in Schedule VII of the Act.
11.	Whether display of CSR policy of a company on website of the company is mandatory or not?
	As per section 135(4) the Board of Directors of the company shall, after taking into account the recommendations of CSR Committee, approve the CSR Policy for the company and disclose contents of such policy in its report and the same shall be displayed on the company's website, if any (refer Rule 8 & 9 of CSR Policy, Rules 2014).

Others FAQs will be covered in next issue of Pragati

CSR brain Bite

Which CSR project of OIL is about reduction of IMR and MMR from OIL's operational areas?

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January, 2017

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Brain Bite Winners

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- 2nd. Abhishek Baruah, Materials Deptt. KG Basin
- 3rd. Nipon N Sensua, Materials Deptt., Duliajan

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Joydeep Roy, Transport Deptt., Duliajan

Caption- 'Colours of life'



Answer to last issue of Brain Bite-

Q- OIL recently provided free of cost _____ for 131 households which were below the poverty line at Innao Village Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

Ans- LPG Connection

Winners are requested to contact PA Department for their prizes.

CONTESTS

