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(CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN WOMEN)

RENEW WOMEN INDIA INITIATIVE (RWII)



## RENEW INDIA INITIATIVE

FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Annual CSR Report 2018-19



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**- H. JACKSON BROWN, JR**

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Chairman and Managing Director  
ReNew Power

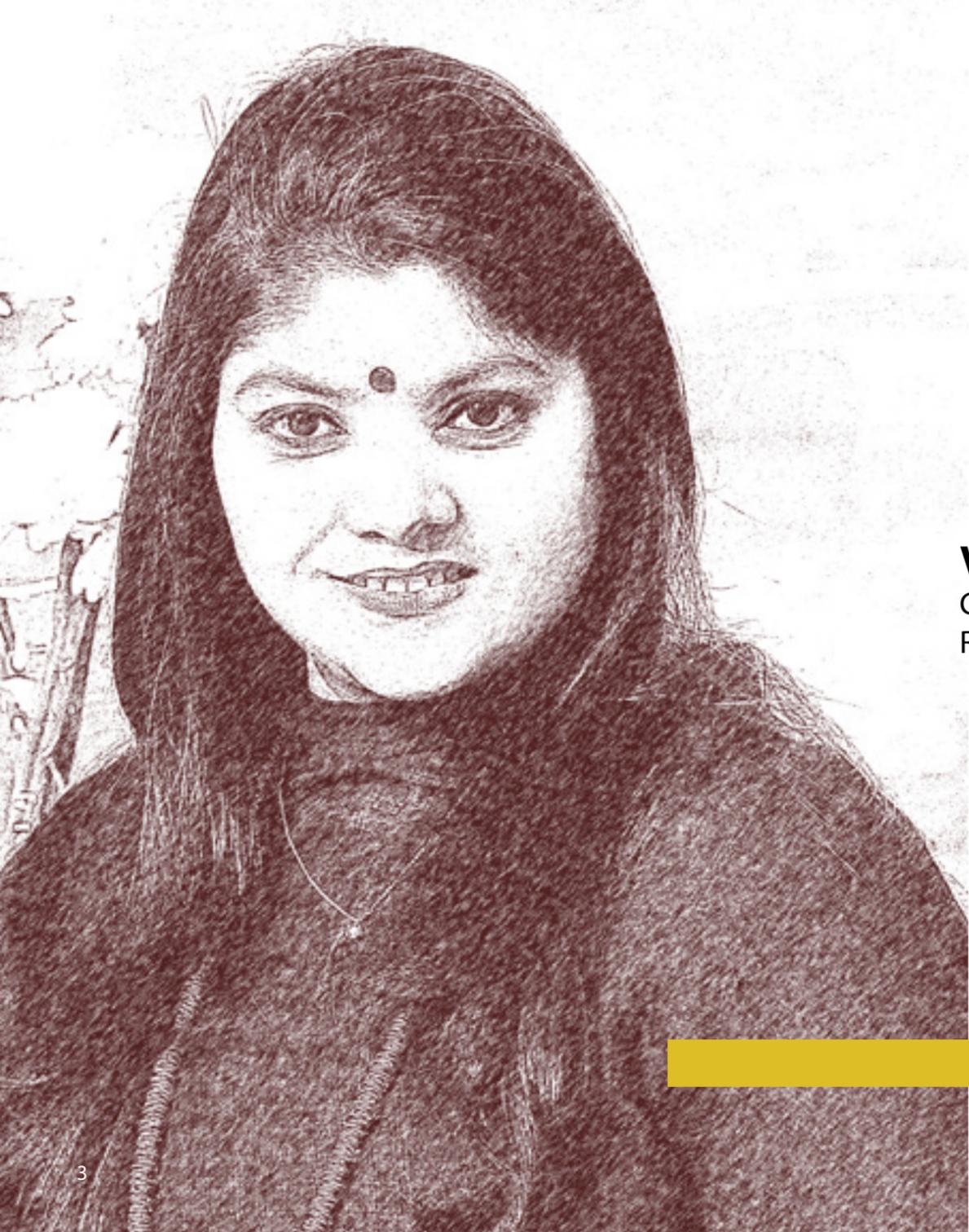
### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR**

ReNew Power has completed another milestone year in its journey. This year saw us grow, not just quantitatively, but also, qualitatively with strengthening of our culture of responsible corporate citizenship. While we achieved our goals of being a market leader in the renewable space with a portfolio size in excess of 7.5 GW, we also took concrete steps to ensure our organization imbibes a culture of safety and sustainability. This would not have been possible without the commitment and collaboration of our employees and I would like to congratulate and thank each one of them.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has been an integral part of our business strategy and it gives me immense pride to present our CSR report for the year 2018-19. Through the last year, we have focussed on aligning our initiatives with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and contributing towards the 'Agenda 2030'.

While focusing on empowering communities through diverse initiatives we felt that it was a good time to scale up our efforts. Towards this goal, we launched our philanthropic arm the 'ReNew Foundation' to help amplify our programmes, and enhance their impact. Looking ahead, we remain committed to walking the extra mile, going beyond our routine business to work towards creating a sustainable and better future.

**Sumant Sinha**



**VAISHALI NIGAM SINHA**

Chief Sustainability Officer  
ReNew Power

**FOREWORD - CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER**

It is with great pride and satisfaction that I present the 5th edition of ReNew Power's Corporate Social Responsibility Report. The journey to create an inclusive effort in CSR has been immensely gratifying. In 2018 we articulated our vision to serve a larger societal purpose. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted across all our programs, as we accelerated our efforts. Additionally, ReNew Power took a significant step in its sustainability and social responsibility journey by establishing the ReNew Foundation.

Growing in strength over the last few years, our CSR programme now spans across 148 villages, covering 40 project sites in 9 states. Our efforts in the area of energy access solutions for schools, digital literacy, women empowerment focussing on entrepreneurship models for sustainable livelihood, have all seen incredible community participation and clear impact.

We have successfully piloted our ReNew Women India Initiative (ReWIN) - program at one of our project sites, Jath, Maharashtra. Under this, six promising women entrepreneurs with attractive business ideas were selected and rewarded with seed funding. They also had the opportunity to participate in the 2nd Gender Summit organized by United Nations Global Compact Network in New Delhi. Our CSR efforts are aimed at making meaningful changes and improvements to the lives of communities living in rural areas around our project sites, with a focus on women and children, helping millions reach sustainable development goals.

**Vaishali Nigam Sinha**

## RENEW INDIA INITIATIVE

India is a country marked by regional disparities with the socio-economic fabric of the country varying across its length and breadth. Despite being one of the fastest growing economies in the world, India faces issues with respect to energy access, gender equality, quality education, clean drinking water and sanitation.

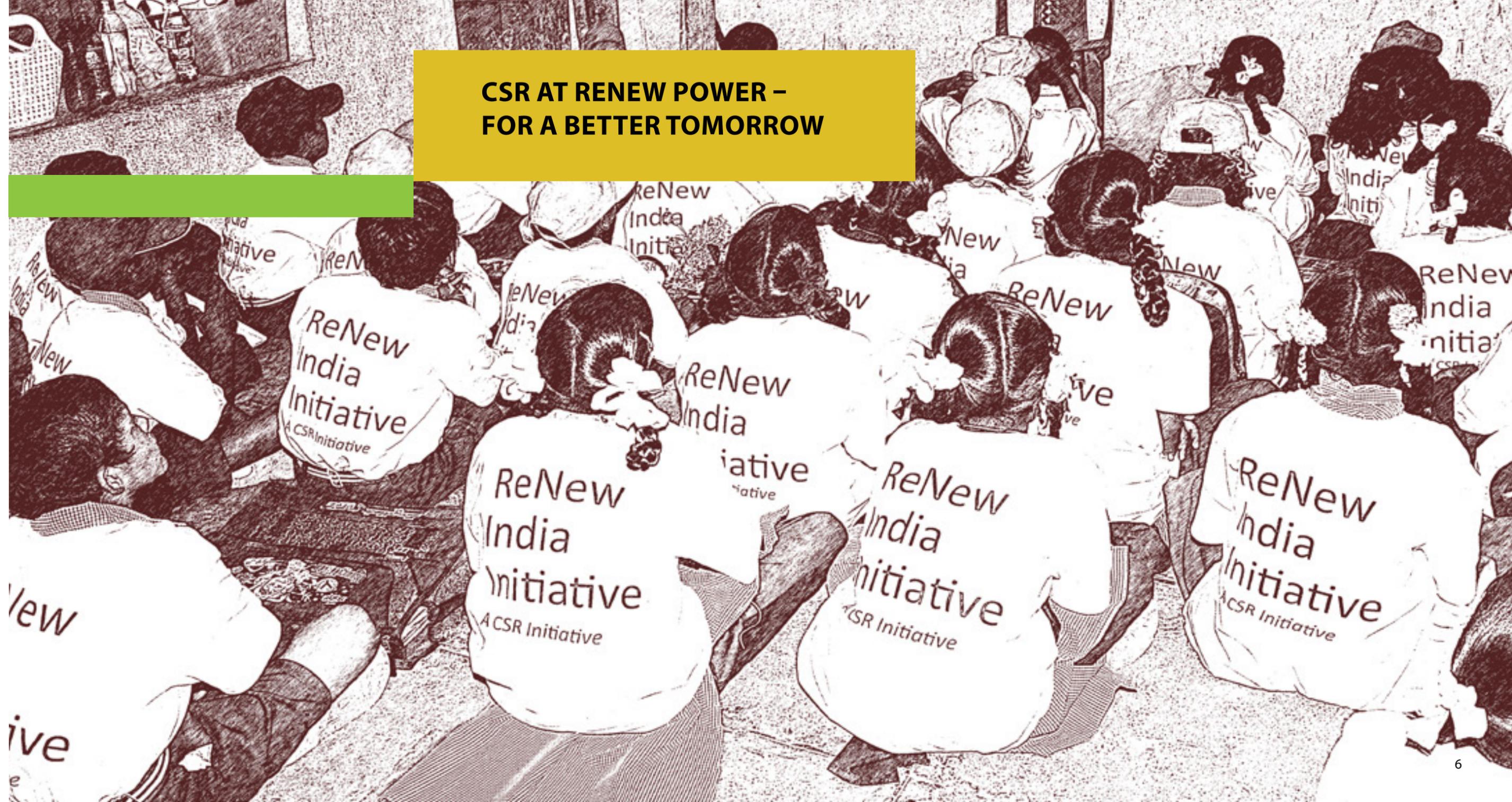
The global community has come together to address some of these issues by defining 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) under the Agenda 2030 with an objective to mitigate the pain points. India, today is seen as one of the flagbearers of this programme, with the government aligning its national development agenda with the targets of the SDGs.

ReNew Power, as India's largest clean energy company is contributing towards fulfilling the global agenda of the sustainable development goals. As an organization, ReNew is not only enhancing access to affordable, clean and modern energy through its business, but also going beyond with initiatives under the ambit of the ReNew India Initiative (RII), which focusses on implementing community driven initiatives that are transformative in nature.

**Vision:**  
To transform India via the ReNew India Initiative.

**Mission:**  
To implement programs for local communities focussing on empowerment, socio-economic development and inclusive growth.

## CSR AT RENEW POWER – FOR A BETTER TOMORROW



**OUR PRESENCE**

**148 VILLAGES, COVERING  
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9 STATES**

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Rajasthan

Uttar Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh

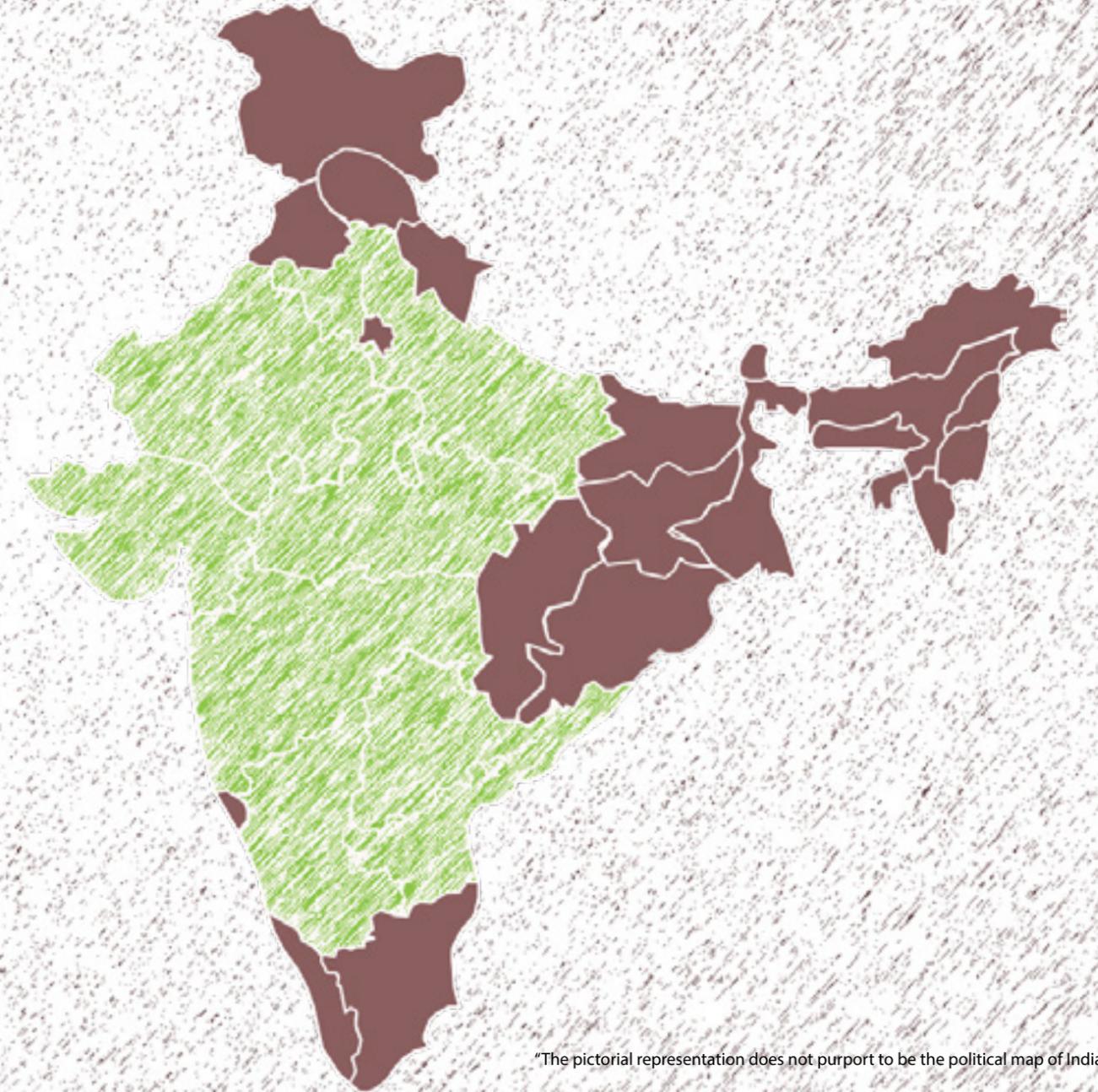
Gujarat

Karnataka

Andhra Pradesh

Telangana

Maharashtra



"The pictorial representation does not purport to be the political map of India"

## RENEW WOMEN INDIA INITIATIVE (ReWIN) - *Spirit of Women Entrepreneurship*

Development of women entrepreneurship as a concept, can play a pivotal role in the socio economic transformation of rural areas, as it can create new economic opportunities for rural women and contribute to overall growth and alleviation of poverty.

The government is actively working to bring women to the forefront of India's entrepreneurial ecosystem by providing easier access to loans, networks, markets and trainings. Complementing the efforts of the Government, ReNew Power through its ReWIN program is working towards empowering rural women and creating socio economic enterprises in rural India.

The specific objectives are:

- Capacity building for women through training on business matters, confidence building and self-awareness
- Socially empowering these women to become 'change agents' in their community
- Promoting entrepreneurship and the consolidation of business projects for women in rural areas and developing a network of entrepreneurs and business women

The project is linked to the commitment to 'Promoting gender equality', specifically 'female entrepreneurship and self-employment' under **Sustainable Development Goal 5**.

Pilot phase of the ReWIN project was executed in Jath, Maharashtra and Sadashivpet in Telangana. At both sites, in partnership with local partners like Yerala Project Society (Maharashtra) and Society for Action with Rural Poor (Telangana) we have been supporting women empowerment and economic independence by encouraging development of entrepreneurial ventures.



**STRENGTH:**

Women entrepreneurs are confident, innovative and creative; capable of achieving self economic independence individually or in collaboration, generate employment opportunities for others through initiating, establishing and running the enterprise by keeping pace with their personal, family and social life.

**WEAKNESS:**

Absence of proper support, cooperation and back-up for women by their own family members and the outside world force them to drop the idea of excelling in the enterprise field.

**OPPORTUNITIES:**

Business opportunities that are accessible for women entrepreneurs are herbal products and food processing.

**THREATS:**

Lack of access to technology, low self-confidence, fear of failure and limited outlook prevents women from exploring newer avenues.

Source: Role of Women Entrepreneurs in India: A SWOT Analysis, by Anjali Singh; International Journal of Management and International Business Studies. ISSN 2277-3177 Volume 4, Number 2 (2014), pp. 231-238

**RENEW WOMEN INDIA INITIATIVE (ReWIN) - *Spirit of Women Entrepreneurship***

ReNew Power in partnership with Yerala Projects Society has been working in 16 villages in and around Jath, Maharashtra in the area of women empowerment through promotion of Self-Help Groups. Key components of the program include:

- Intensive entrepreneurship development program
- Personality development session
- Exposure visits
- Development of business plan

At Jath, the aim was to select top 6 individual women entrepreneurs and support them with SEED funding to establish their own enterprise. These women were identified from a pool of 200 women, who underwent a year-long intensive coaching and mentoring programme. At every stage of the programme, women had to undergo a detailed screening process which evaluated their leadership and entrepreneurial qualities. As part of the programme, sessions were organized with key stakeholders namely manager of the lead bank of Jath, Bank of India, an officer from the District Industry Department, and representatives from SEWA and Mandeshi Bank.

From this pool, the top 21 chosen women visited SEWA in Ahmedabad, where they interacted with the beneficiaries of their various programs, learning from their experience in managing a local business unit. This was also an opportunity to get insights into the challenges faced by SEWA members in their journey.

Out of the 21, top 6 women entrepreneurs were selected by an eminent jury consisting of bank officials, prominent women entrepreneurs from the region, block officials and representatives of ReNew Power, based on their business case. These women were felicitated at an event in Sangli and they also had an opportunity to participate in the 2nd Gender Summit organized by the United Nations Global Compact Network in Delhi.

In Telangana, the approach was to develop a group of women to establish an entrepreneurial unit. Tailoring centres were established in Saidapur and Anantasagar villages as part of this program. Women from economically weaker sections of the community were given 3 months basic training besides inputs in entrepreneurship and basic management principles. Around 50 women have completed their training and have started earning Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000 per month.

## LIGHTING LIVES - *Transforming Education through Clean Energy*

As per a report by the Ministry of HRD in 2017, over 37% of schools are yet to be electrified; the lack of access to power increases dropout rates and impacts study hours adversely. These also invariably have an effect on the labour market and employment, reiterating the belief that the entire community benefits if schools are given access to electricity. Empirical evidence from 210 countries shows a positive correlation between performance on the education index and electricity consumption per capita; (Source- UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2014). Schools in rural areas suffer from severe electricity shortages; often supply is available only between 0-3 hours, on an average. Such inconsistent access to power, hampers efforts of children to study properly and also prevents schools from adopting ICT based teaching tools.

'Lighting Lives' is a flagship program of ReNew Power which focuses on improving energy access. The program has two components:

1. Installation of customized off-grid solar solutions in schools to enhance the learning environment
2. Installation of solar streetlights in villages for enhanced security

Through this program, effort is directed towards ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services under **Sustainable Development Goal 7**.

Lighting Lives program in schools started in 2017 with the installation of off-grid solar systems in 2 schools in village Paniyara, near Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. Comparing 2018-19 data to the baseline data of 2016-17, one can see that there has been an improvement in both, the average academic performance and in increased attendance in the two schools (table given below):

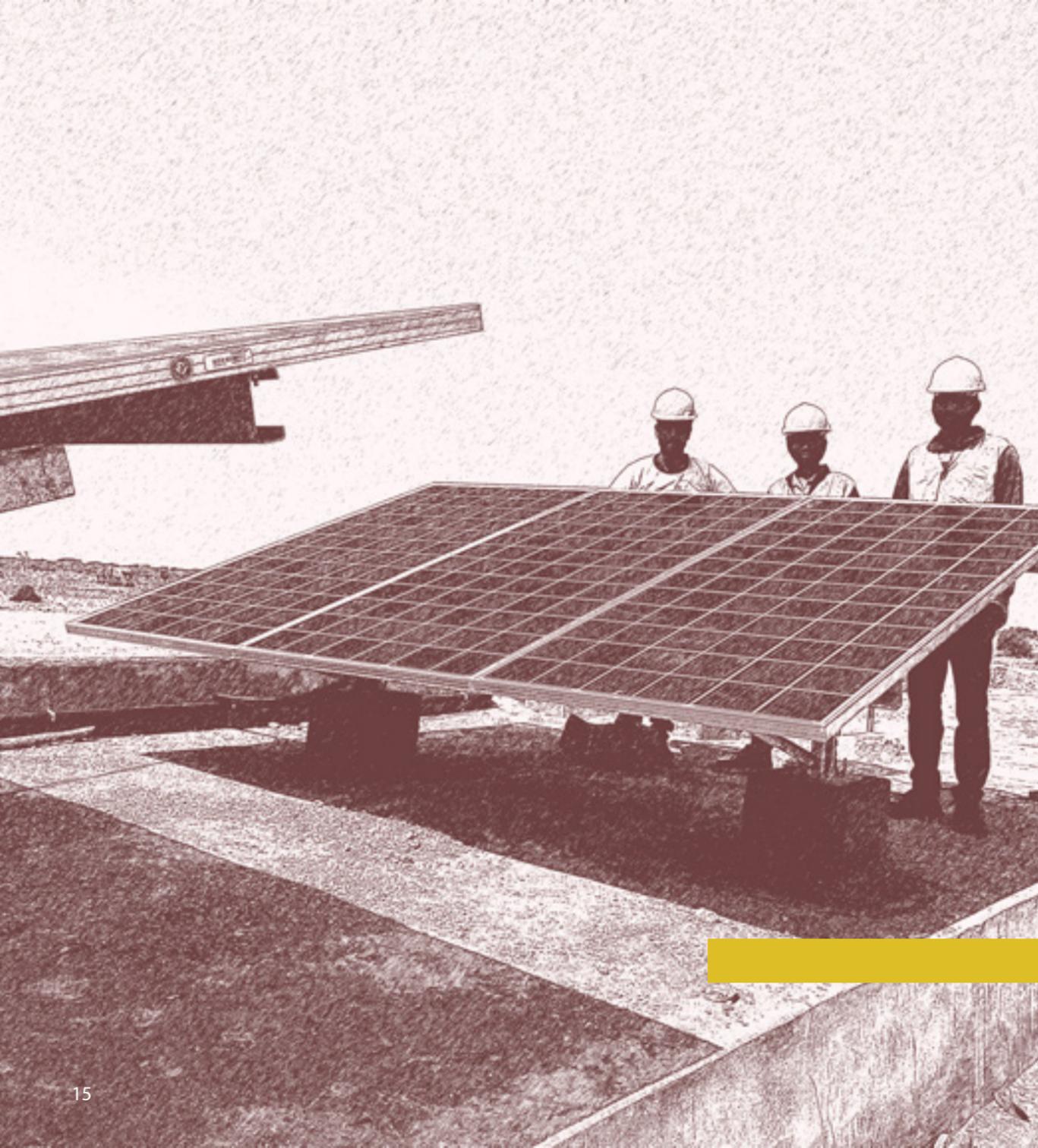
### DATA FOR GOVT. MADHYAMIK VIDHYALAYA, PANIYARA

S.N	Academic Year	No. of Enrolled Students	Avg. Attendance	Drop-Out Rate	Student Enrolement from Pvt. Schools	Avg. Academic Performances
1	2018-19	218	70-85%	0%	35	70-75%
2	2017-18	174	65-70%	5%	10	60%
3	2016-17*	119	55-60%	10%	0	45-50%

### DATA FOR GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL, PANIYARA

S.N	Academic Year	No. of Enrolled Students	Avg. Attendance	Drop-Out Rate	Student Enrolement from Pvt. Schools	Avg. Academic Performances
1	2018-19	97	80%	NA	04	Better
2	2017-18	126	65%	NA	07	Good
3	2016-17*	108	62%	NA	NA	Good





## LIGHTING LIVES - *Transforming Education through Clean Energy*

In 2018-19, as part of this program, 17 schools have been offered customized off-grid solar solutions with a total capacity of 84 kWh benefiting around 3000 children and teachers. These systems have been installed in schools across Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Gurgaon. It is expected through this program that the students will have an enhanced education experience and better delivery of education through ICT based tools.

Another component of this program, is installation of streetlights in villages in and around ReNew's operational sites in the states of Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra. Around 180 stand-alone solar powered street lights have been installed in the villages. Installation of these street lights serves a dual objective:

1. Enhancing sense of security among women and adolescent girls in the villages
2. Contributing to lowering of carbon footprint of the community as a whole

## EDU-HUB - An Innovative Rural Community Centre for Education

ReNew Edu-Hub is a community-based learning centre focusing on capacity building efforts for different segments of the community. Depending on the needs of the local community(s), training modules are designed and trainings are imparted at the centre in conjunction with local subject specialists and Government agencies and departments. Across ReNew's operational sites, 5 Edu-hubs have been established.

### Edu-hub @ Paniyara

At Paniyara, in partnership with the Government, Kanya Madhyamik Vidhalaya Edu hub was established in early 2018. The centre was rated as a '5 Star Platinum Green Building' by GRIHA Council in 2018. A series of training programmes were organized at this centre catering to the needs of children & youth, women and farmers, not only restricted to inhabitants of Paniyara but also for neighbouring villages.

In 2018-19, 120 children successfully completed their basic computer training programme at the centre. Agriculture being the main source of livelihood for habitants in and around Paniyara, a series of trainings were organized for farmers in partnership with Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Department of Agriculture, Uttar Pradesh, Indian Institute for Vegetable Research (IIVR) and Krishi Vigyan Kendra. Around 700 farmers have benefitted from these training programs.

Women empowerment, through varied skill development programs, is a key pillar of ReNew's Community program. At Edu-hub Paniyara, training on basic concepts of Self Help Group, Group management, book keeping was also organized. In total, six such training programs were organized at the centre in partnership with National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). Currently there are 5 SHGs (Self Help Groups) in the village with a total membership of 58. All these SHGs have bank linkages and have received Revolving Fund (RF) and Community Investment Fund.

In line with Paniyara, 4 more Edu-hubs have been established in Kod and Vijaypur (Madhya Pradesh), Dichipally (Andhra Pradesh) and Sadashivpet (Telangana). Around 250 children have completed their basic computer training programme through these centres last year.

## BENEFITS OF FARMERS TRAINING:

- Productivity of rice increased by 30%
- 40% of farmers availed 100% seed subsidy
- 28 landless farmers initiated poultry farming (from IIVR Support)





**EDU-HUB - An Innovative Rural Community Centre for Education**

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**Talent can't be taught, but it can be awakened –  
Wallace Stegner**

## RENEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCEPTIONAL TALENT (ReSET) - Giving wings to your talent

India has witnessed a steady rise in disposable income, as a growing economy. At the same time, given the vast population, there is immense talent waiting to be unearthed. It is rightly said that talent without means goes waste, reflected in the statistic that 62% of Indian youth is interested in sports but only \*1% take it up as a career option. Major factors contributing towards this are lack of information, facilities, equipment, and access to world class training. In a bid to address this, ReNew Power, under the ReSET program, identifies talent from underprivileged sections of the society and gives them a platform to hone their skills in their respective fields. **ReNew supports 40 young prodigies from humble backgrounds in the field of squash in rural and urban areas.** The main objective of the programme is to create a rural-urban connect, and discover talent from remote areas.

A batch of 20 trainees, all nationally ranked in their respective age groups (U-13 to U-19) are being trained at Gurugram, Haryana by a nationally ranked India player. We have also forged a partnership with David Palmer Squash Academy, USA through which the players are trained by David Palmer (Commonwealth Gold medallist and former squash world no. 1). In addition to this, under ReSET, ReNew has introduced squash training facilities at the rural level. 20 talented children in Paniyara, Varanasi, undergo regular training at the ReNew Edu-Hub which has world class squash facilities.

ReNew Power in addition to the training, supports tournament participation, boarding, and lodging for the trainees.

\* Source: International Institute of Sports Management

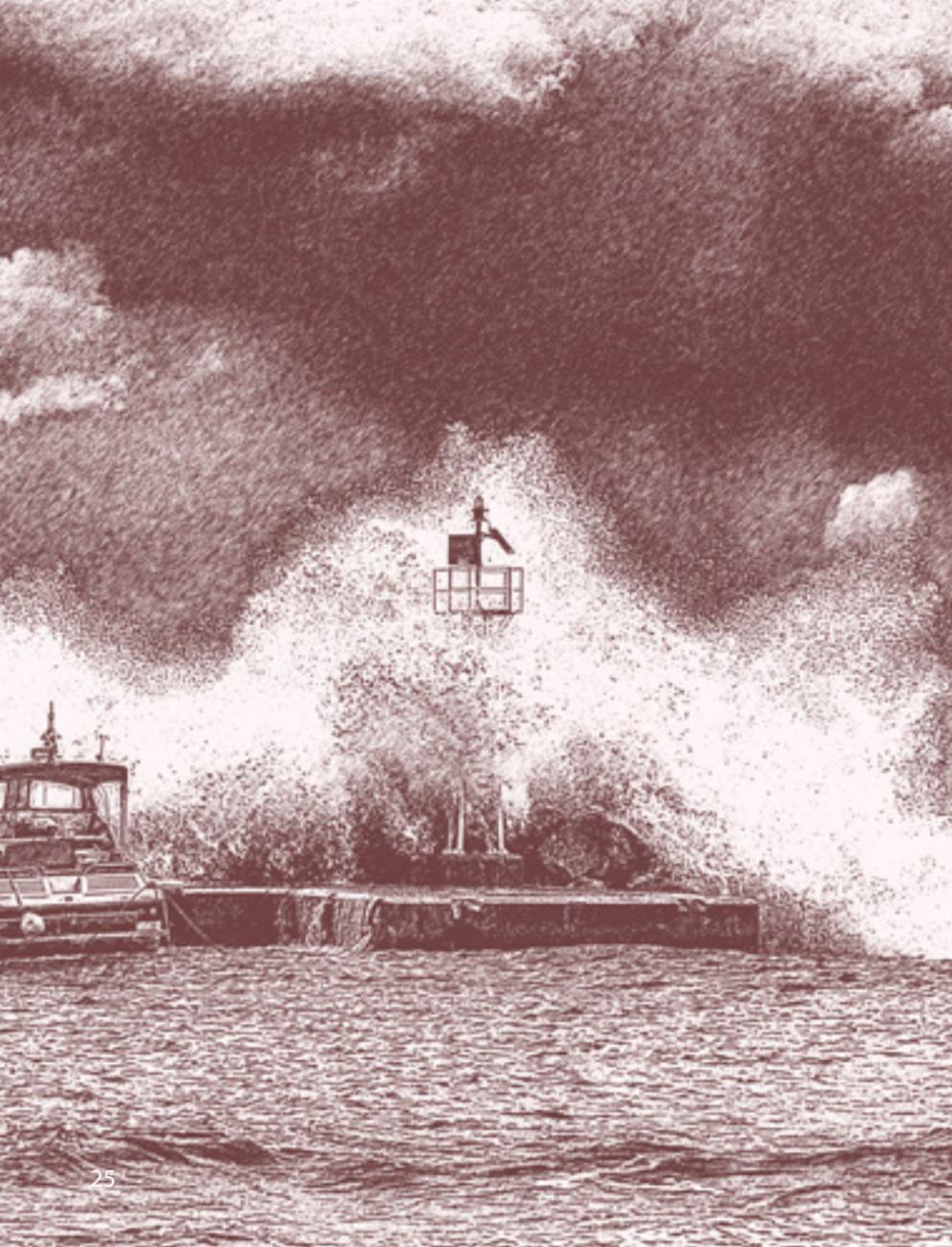
## ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER

Water is the most critical resource for human life. Today, India is home to 16% of the global population but holds only 4% of world's fresh water resources. The World Bank estimates that 21 percent of communicable diseases in India are linked to unsafe water and the lack of hygienic practices. It is estimated that 76 million people in India do not have access to safe drinking water.

In this regard, ReNew Power's water security program aims to ensure access to safe and clean drinking water through installation of RO units and constructing water taankas (community water tanks) in schools and communities. The RO systems installed range from 100 LPH to 500 LPH and are maintained by the school management committee. In FY18-19, ReNew Power installed 5 RO units in schools in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana providing clean drinking water to around 2000 students. In addition to this, relying on the traditional knowledge of water conservation in arid regions of Rajasthan, ReNew constructed household taankas around its sites in Jaisalmer. For water purification, 100 bio-sand filters were distributed to 100 families in Jaisalmer providing clean drinking water to 500-800 people.



**If you're in the luckiest 1% of humanity, you owe it to the rest of humanity to think about the other 99% – Warren Buffet**



## **EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERISM - CSR with ReNewers**

Around 650 million people in this world live in extreme poverty. About one in five persons in developing regions live on less than US\$1.25 per day and 80% of these people are in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. According to the world inequality report, 2018, the richest 1% of the world hold 50% of global wealth.

Giving is an integral part of ReNew's culture. Ever since its inception, ReNew Power has encouraged its employees to volunteer and participate in social impact initiatives. ReNewers have stepped forward wholeheartedly and embraced the 'joy of giving' by designing, driving and executing a host of community welfare programmes, a few of which are listed below.

### **Kerala Relief**

The world witnessed the severe calamity that rocked Kerala this year. As a socially responsible company, ReNew encouraged its employees to contribute so as to support the state and its people in recovering from this disaster. Stepping up, ReNewers across India donated their 'one-day' salary towards rehabilitation of villages in Kerala. ReNew management matched the contribution and the amount was utilized in rebuilding schools and health centres in Ernakulam District of Kerala.

### **Gift Warmth**

The effects of climate change have adversely impacted human kind. Over the last few years the winters have become harsher in northern parts of India. Scores of homeless, including women and children, dwelling on the streets are left exposed to dipping mercury levels and icy cold winds during the peak winters. The 'Gift Warmth' initiative by ReNew Power has been enabling the homeless in Delhi NCR to combat this cold by distributing blankets to the poor. In FY18-19, ReNewers distributed 12,000 blankets to the needy. Over the last 4 years, 35,000 blankets have been distributed under Gift Warmth programme.

## EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERISM

### - CSR with ReNewers

#### Rice Bucket Challenge

Hunger mitigation is another cause, which ReNew supports passionately. Rice Bucket Challenge, a program launched in the year 2015 has been one of the most impactful employee engagement programmes at ReNew. Over the last four years, ReNewers have come together to donate generously towards this cause. This year, 10,000 kgs of rice were collected from across our offices and sites and was donated through CSOs and direct distribution. ReNew Power management matched the collection by donating 10,000 kgs taking the total collection to 20,000 kgs this year; a significant increase from FY17-18 which witnessed a total collection of 14,000 kgs.

#### Children's day celebrations at ReNew.Hub

The Rice Bucket Challenge culminated in a beautiful way at ReNew. Hub by feeding a nutritious meal to 1000 underprivileged kids on Children's day. ReNewers volunteered for feeding and interacting with the children which was followed by a play on road safety by the children.

#### Supporting Pragati and Salaam Balak Trust

ReNew Power lends support to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) like Salaam Balak Trust and Pragati in Delhi-NCR by sponsoring education, self-defence classes, and cultural shows/dance programmes for its members. ReNewers regularly conduct workshops on clean energy and climate change at these CSOs.



## RENEW FOUNDATION

ReNew Power took a significant step in its sustainability and social responsibility journey in the year 2018. In order to scale up its operations, collaborate with like-minded partners, and create deeper impact, ReNew launched its philanthropic arm the 'ReNew Foundation'.

### Objective:

To transform education through energy access and sensitize the youth towards the importance of using renewables.

In FY18-19, ReNew Foundation held its first roundtable on 'Gender and Sustainability' which was chaired by Ms Paula Johnson, President, Wellesley College with Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, attending as Chief Guest. The roundtable was attended by prominent experts from India who discussed pressing issues around gender, women empowerment and sustainability.

In the coming years, the foundation will strive towards transforming the landscape of education delivery in India by creating schools powered by solar energy with facilities for digital education.



### VISION:

**To impact the lives of people through clean energy**

### MISSION:

**To develop sustainable solutions in the area of renewable energy focussing on:**

- Energy access
- Thought leadership

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### An In-situ Solution to Mitigate the Problem of Crop Residue Burning

Over a decade, there has been a rapid decline in air quality across various pockets of north India. In several urban centres across the region, such as Delhi NCR, where emissions from different anthropogenic sources such as construction waste, stubble burning, vehicular waste are high, air pollution becomes especially severe during winter. Burning of crop residues, practiced widely in the north-western states, contributes to the rise in pollution during this period.

Burning of biomass in the farms also has a negative impact on the soil and farm ecology. As per an estimate, approximately 19 million tonnes of paddy are burnt annually, resulting in the loss of soil quality worth Rs 200 crores on the one hand and, Rs 7.76 crore annual health-related expenses being incurred, on the other, due to bad air quality in the state of Punjab alone.

In 2018-19, ReNew Power joined hands with CII Foundation to work with around 1000 farmers in 7 villages, covering 7000 acres of farmland in Raikot block, Ludhiana district in Punjab, with the aim to make all these villages free from stubble burning. Key components of the project included:

- Behaviour change interventions involving village level community interactions and campaigning for farmer awareness; building, developing and implementing participatory village level action plan.
- Supporting adoption of tools and technologies and entrepreneurial ventures for in-situ and ex-situ processing of farm straw. A total of



24 machines like happy seeder, rotavator with seed drill, cutter cum spreader were provided as part of the project. These machines were handed over to local farmer producer organization (FPO) for operation and maintenance. The FPO will collect a nominal hiring charge (as decided in consultation with farmers, and considering the market rate) that will be used for the repair and maintenance of these machines.

- Creation of farmers’ knowledge and capacity on sustainable cropping systems involving farm level demonstrations and training.
- Village Nigrani Committee: A team of volunteers to monitor the cases of stubble burning, if any, and undertake immediate community level remedial measures to stop it.

During the initial stages of the project, farmers expressed multiple concerns in adopting new technology and farming practices. A series of awareness programs were organized in the target villages before the start of the Rabi season where the farmers were educated about the benefits of adopting new farming practices and refraining from burning stubble on their farmlands. With support from scientists from the Punjab Agricultural University and Block Agriculture Office, a number of field level training events were organized to enhance farmers’ knowledge and capacity.

**Result and Impact**

The project also aimed to demonstrate that adoption of the suggested technology will lead to cost as well as time-saving and also in the improvement of the quality of yield. There was initial hesitation among farmers to adopt the new technology(s). Demonstration plots were established across target villages to educate the farmers on the benefits of using tools like happy seeder/ rotavator. Series of awareness talks by successful farmers from neighbouring districts were also organized in an effort to motivate the farmers to adopt the suggested practice.

At the end of the rabi season, approximately 89% of the total land became ‘stubble burning free’ as compared to the previous year, when only 3.5% of the land was ‘stubble burning free’. Around 80% of the farmers adopted ‘zero burning approach’ in their farmland (as seen in the table below):

Project Cluster	No of Villages	Target Area (Acres)	Farmers	Area under no stubble burning (pre-intervention in 2017) - Acres	Area under No stubble burning (post- intervention in 2018)- Acres
Raikot block, Ludhiana	7	7000	1000	200	6200 (89%)

At the onset of the project, farmers were of the view that the cost of adopting these new tools would mean additional cost. Cost of operation realized by farmers for the fields where they adopted mulching with happy seeder has been at par with the cost incurred by farmers in the traditional approach of burning the straw in the field (approx. Rs. 3000 per acre). In cases, where farmers adopted other machine combinations for in-situ management of straw (such as, CH + mulcher + seed drill, or, CH + cutter cum spreader + rotavator + seed drill), the cost realized by farmers per acre was nearly 500 rupees higher.

Besides, the technology being pocket-friendly, the farmers realized that with in-situ approach (with happy seeder) a farmer can do mulching and seeding of the next crop within 3 days, which with conventional style of farming could take around 10 days, thus helping to save precious time. In the conventional approach, the farmer had to irrigate his land every 3-4 days’ post burning of straw to prepare the farm for the next sowing, but with the adaptation of mulching, there was no requirement for irrigation before sowing- thus saving the cost of irrigation. Further, in the field where mulching was practiced, there was hardly any incidence

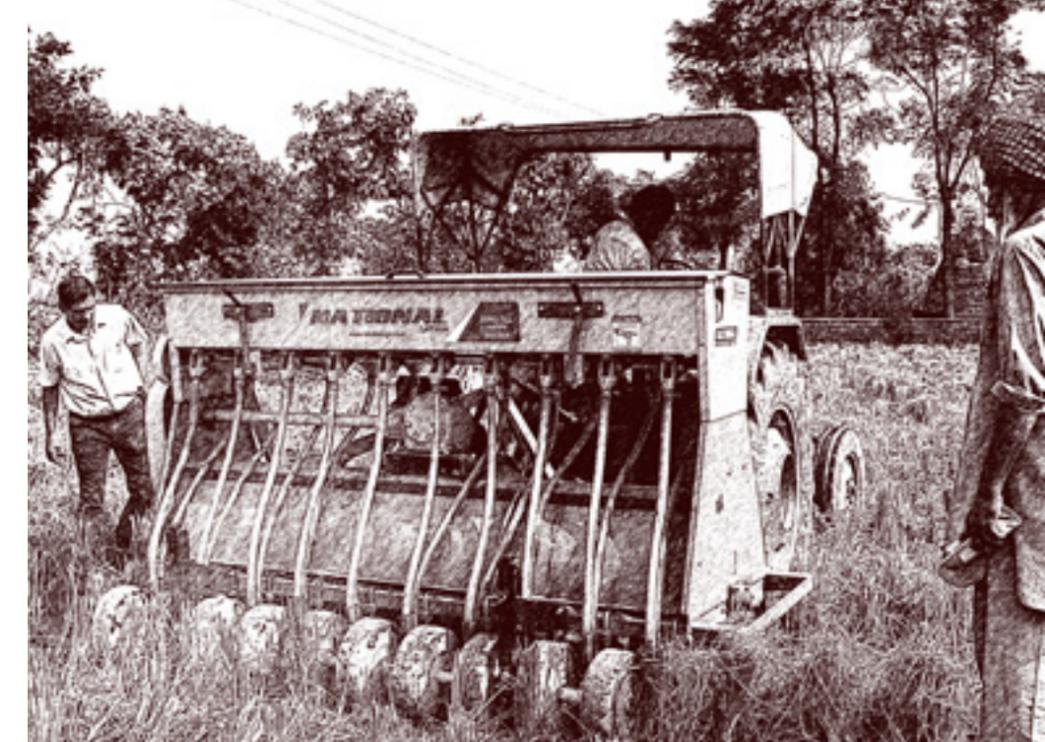
of ‘weeds’, leading to significant cost saving for farmers.

Comparison of process and cost between conventional approach of burning of straw and Zero Burning approach with in-situ straw management.

Details	Conventional method- Burning of straw in the farm	Zero Burning Approach- In-situ management of straw
Cost incurred for machines (Rs per acre)	Rs 2715/ acre	Rs 2850/ per acre ( approximately Rs 135 higher)
Time consumed	1-2 days burning + 3-4 day watering + 1-2 days machine operation	2-3 days

The approach also had a ripple effect. According to the Principal of the local high school in one of the target villages, in the year 2018-19 especially during the Rabi season, the incidents of children affected by coughing and other respiratory problems were less as compared to 2017-18 for the same time period. In the words of a resident of one of the target villages, “last year there was hardly any visibility in the morning in the village but this year, there is a change in the local air and visibility has also improved.”

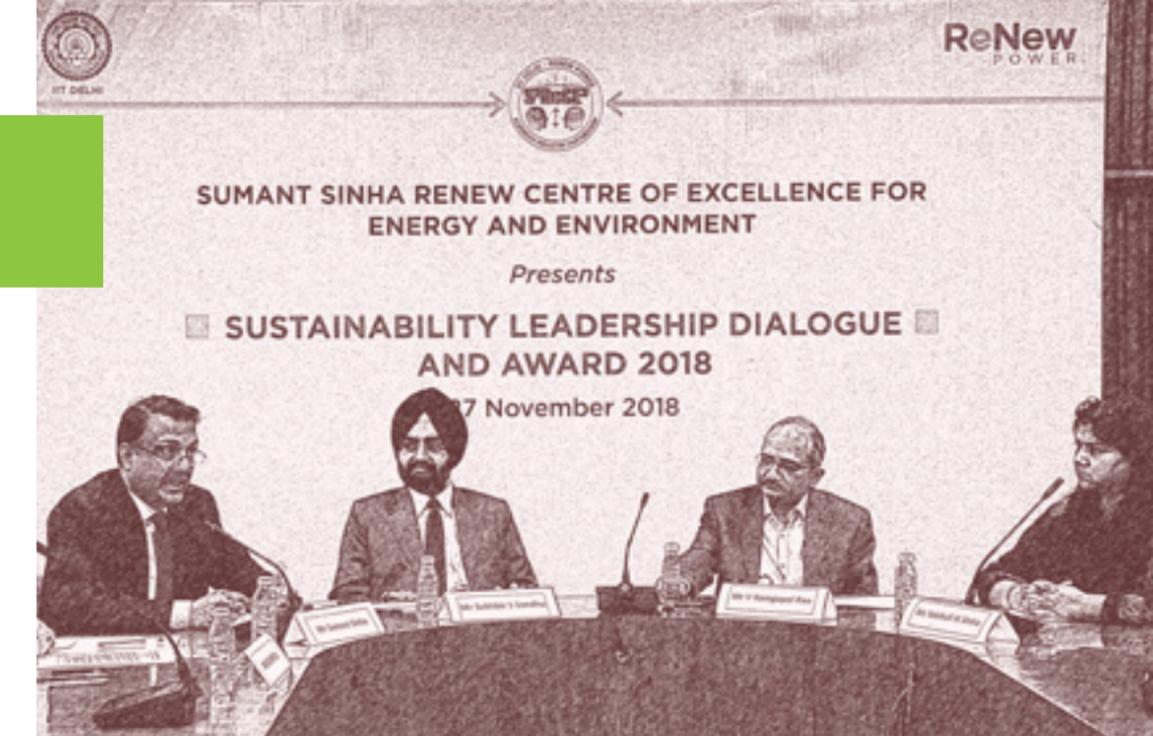
Source: CII Foundation



## SUMANT SINHA RENEW CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

To promote and lead industry academia partnership, ReNew Power in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, established a centre of excellence (CoE) - 'Sumant Sinha ReNew Centre of Excellence for Energy and Environment'. The objective of the centre is to foster exchange of ideas, promote research on latest technology and help develop renewable energy applications suited to the Indian context. Under the CoE, ReNew is currently focussing on research projects in the domain of storage, grid integration, and electric vehicles.

To promote the cause of sustainability and inculcate a culture of environmental responsibility, the centre of excellence in the year 2018 instituted the 'Sumant Sinha Sustainability Leadership Award'. The award recognizes demonstrated action and exemplary leadership by students of IIT Delhi with respect to climate change/sustainability/environmental issues - with a view to enhancing awareness and interest amongst students about this key issue. The winners of the 2018 edition were felicitated in a ceremony held at the IIT Delhi campus on 27th November, 2018. To mark this occasion, ReNew Power and IIT Delhi organized a Sustainability Leadership Dialogue wherein the Chief Guest, Mr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, Additional Secretary (Technical Education) and Chief Vigilance Officer, Ministry of Human Resource Development gave way the award to the winners. Post evaluation of a total 20 nominations, by a selection committee comprising of senior Professors from IIT Delhi and representatives from ReNew Power Ltd., two teams of IITD students - the Green Warriors and the Climate Crusaders were declared winners. The Green Warriors were chosen for excellent work done in the area of segregation, management and efficient use of waste while the Climate Crusaders were recognized for their efforts in raising awareness about different types of pollution and steps taken to curb this. The winners were felicitated with a cash prize of Rs. 75,000 and a trophy for their contributions.





## **GENDER & SUSTAINABILITY** **- A Global and Cross-Sectoral Perspective**

ReNew Foundation, as part of its 'Thought Leadership Series', organized a round table on "Gender & Sustainability: A Global and Cross-Sectoral Perspective". The roundtable was chaired by Dr. Paula Johnson, President, Wellesley College. Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog participated in the roundtable discussion as the chief guest. The roundtable was attended by policy makers, industry captains, academia and gender experts from development agencies who put forward very interesting pointers. All the speakers agreed that women are most vulnerable to the threat posed by climate change due to their socio-economic status. Gender parity and sustainability is intertwined and there were calls for action from all segments of the society to work towards addressing these twin goals. Mr. Amitabh Kant highlighted that the Government of India is working towards creating a conducive environment to encourage women entrepreneurs with enhanced access to finance and training besides helpful policy reforms.

## VOICE OF

# RENEWERS



Our company's CSR work gives me great pride as it touches people at a level where the best is not available to them. We make a difference.

Ravi Parmeshwar  
Chief Human Resource Officer  
ReNew.Hub, Gurgaon



Renew Power has expanded its business footprint across the country with more than 100 Solar and Wind project sites. The company has been regularly contributing towards sustainability and local area development, especially in rural, backward remote areas in and around our project sites under CSR. Unlike other corporate houses, at ReNew we assess the need through experts and implement CSR projects in the vicinity of the projects so that the investment does not go waste and these projects remain truly helpful to the community in the long run. Projects like installing RO drinking water units, solar street lights, renovation of school buildings, providing electricity through rooftop installations to rural schools deprived of electricity connection, smart class rooms, women empowerment program like stitching training by providing sewing machine etc., have brought smiles to the faces of our stake holders. This makes me a proud ReNewer and encourages me to actively participate in identification of need and implementation of CSR projects.

CSR projects have helped rural communities and brought changes in lives of rural population. In addition, these CSR projects have helped us in connecting with people to establish good bonding and rapport which in turn helped us resolve some complex local issues as well. I wish the CSR team the very best and look forward to remaining associated with more future projects.

KS Viswanatha  
State Head, Execution Support  
Karnataka

## VOICE OF RENEWERS



In my one-year tenure with ReNew, I have found ReNew working on CSR and sustainability in both letter and spirit. ReWIN is a unique (and successful) initiative which empowers women. It gave me immense pride to meet these women entrepreneurs when they came to ReNew.Hub and shared their life experiences. Apart from this, engagements like Gift Warmth and Rice Bucket Challenge help us in being a part of the CSR initiatives and contribute in our own small way. For me, ReNew's focus on environment and sustainability has been extremely inspiring.

Parul Jain  
Talent Acquisition  
Human Resources, ReNew.Hub, Gurgaon



Being a part of ReNew Power's CSR initiatives, it gives me and the team in Maharashtra, an opportunity to transcend the routine business boundaries. Volunteering and devoting time for social responsibility gives us immense satisfaction as we actively contribute towards sustainable development by delivering economic, social, and environmental benefits to the communities. Slowly and steadily, ReNew's CSR is trying to change the face of communities in Maharashtra. From abject poverty to meeting the necessities of life, from reliance to freedom, from backwardness to progress, in more ways than one, we have witnessed change at the community level. The villagers, especially the women folk, now seem self-assured and confident. They are happy at being able to move towards sustainable livelihood opportunities. Many CSR projects have been implemented in Maharashtra. From constructing toilets in schools, to formation of VDCs and SHGs, and the pilot project under ReNew Women India Initiative (ReWIN), the projects have impacted the communities at a large scale. Most of our project villages are in the drought prone region, and ReNew has been taking care of the water crisis though installing solar powered bore-wells. The villages have also been lit with solar street lights, bringing light in hours of darkness. Every CSR project brings a humble sense of belonging, community connect and happiness as we work in our small way and capacity. We know that much more needs to be done for the rural community for which we stand at the forefront to shoulder the challenging tasks.

Colonel Prakash Surve  
State Head, Execution Support  
Maharashtra

# COMMUNITIES

I'd like to thank ReNew Power from the bottom of my heart for making our school a green school. The solar power installation has made us one of the most progressive schools in the village and our students are extremely delighted. I wish every government school gets an opportunity like ours as this will really help us improve the learning environment for children. I sincerely hope ReNew will continue its efforts in this area and will lead by example in electrifying schools. The selfless blessings of our children are always there with ReNew. Thank you.

Uma.R.  
Head Mistress  
GHPS, Vallur  
Pavagada Site, Karnataka



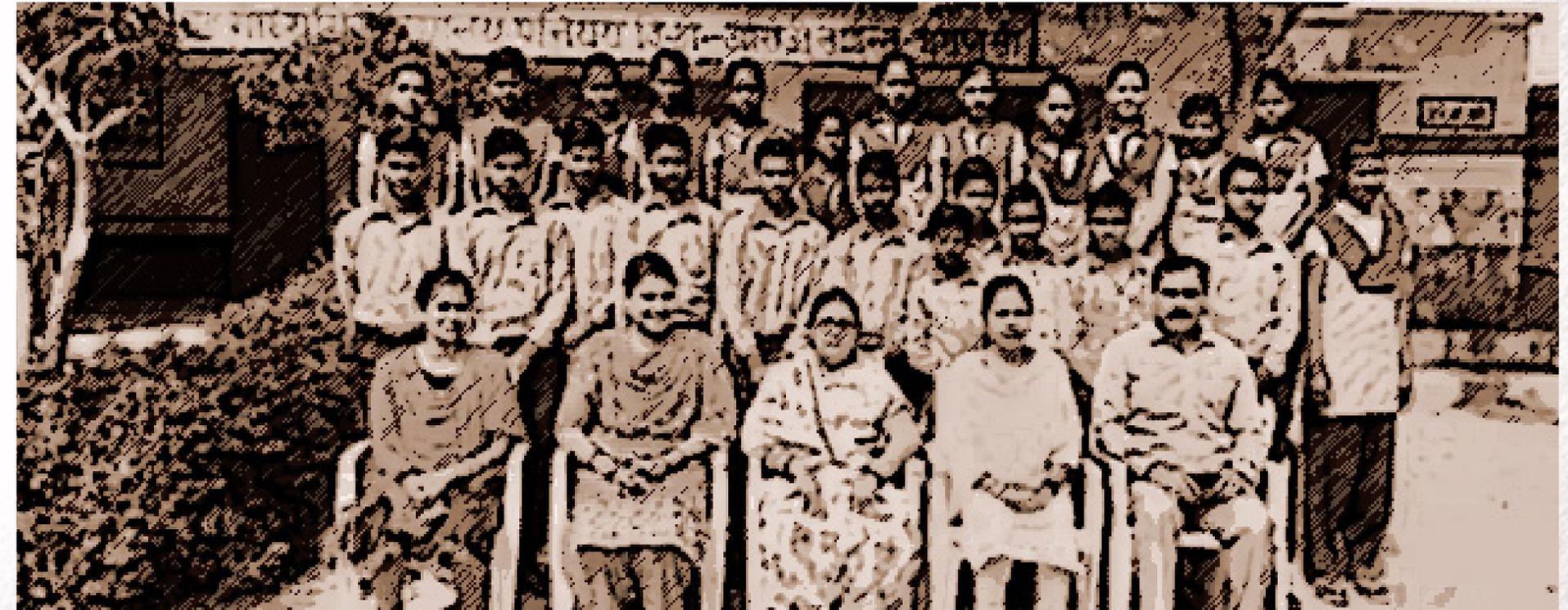
During the 'joy of giving' week or the Daan Utsav, the noble team from ReNew Power blessed the residents of Omashram trust old age care, Bengaluru, with a generous contribution of 100 kgs of rice. The residents, staff, volunteers, and management are extremely grateful to the team for their kind gesture towards the elderly. Our blessings are always there with you.

Geeta Shankar  
Founder & Managing Trustee  
Omashram Trust-Old Age Care-Bangalore  
Karnataka



A lot has changed after the arrival of ReNew Power in our village. As a pioneer of education, we were trying our best to provide quality education to our children/ students. But, lack of drinking water and electricity was making it worthless. ReNew provided the basic amenities improving the school's atmosphere. Now, we are able to compete with the private schools at intellectual as well as structural level. We are thankful to ReNew Power for helping us in the best way possible.

All Teachers and staff  
Kanya Purva Madhyamic Vidhyalaya  
Arajilines, Varanasi



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# AWARDS



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