



ReNew POWER

Annual CSR Report 2020-21

ReNew India Initiative

BUILDING BACK SUSTAINABLY

TO CREATE A CARBON FREE WORLD BY
ACCELERATING THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

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Foreword from
THE CHIEF
SUSTAINABILITY
& CSR OFFICER

Vaishali Nigam Sinha

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 7th edition of the Annual Corporate Social Responsibility report of ReNew Power, chronicling our efforts to make an impactful transformation in and around the communities where we operate, as we continued to focus on the UNSDGs and Agenda 2030 to drive our ethos of inclusiveness and sustainability towards the society at large.

In a year, where the normal way of life was largely disrupted by the pandemic, our social responsibility agenda was a testament to our unfettered will towards creating value and improving lives of the people in close proximity to our areas of operation. As we emerge out of a difficult year, we focus on the theme of “Building Back Sustainably”, being cognizant of the increased relevance of social responsibility and sustainability in the context of a post-pandemic recovery.

Our ever-increasing CSR footprint, which now spans 200+ villages, across 70 sites in 9 states, was complemented by our efforts to provide COVID relief across these areas, while supporting the government in their relief efforts. Contributing to the Prime Minister’s Fund as well as the Chief Minister’s Funds of 5 states, we also distributed dry ration to communities and health kits to front line workers, fed the migrant workforce, adopted a village in Haryana, improved health services and infrastructure and scaled up our volunteering efforts.

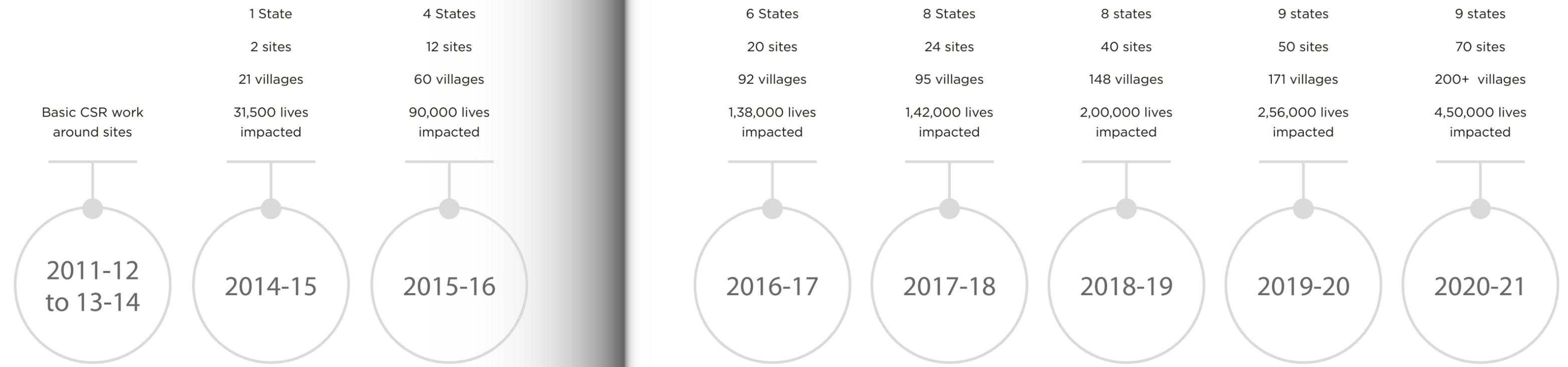
We also continued to run our flagship programs across providing clean energy access to schools devoid of electricity to improve modern education, empowering women through entrepreneurship training and skills upgradation, accelerating digital literacy (which became increasingly important with the rise of remote learning), distributing blankets among other programs.

Under the ReNew Foundation banner, we also advanced our thought-leadership and advocacy agenda by organizing numerous webinars with globally recognized stalwarts, on topics like the impact of covid-19 on global businesses, the green recovery in a post-pandemic planet, industry-academia partnership for a fossil-free future, driving the next phase of RE growth in Rajasthan and realizing the vision of a women-led self-reliant India.

As we emerge out of the pandemic, although not unscathed, we hope to continue advancing our mission to improve lives, and increase the resilience of vulnerable communities, which have been hit worst by the pandemic, and are at the highest risk from the future threat of climate change. We will ensure that the recovery ahead is aligned to the ideals of social responsibility and sustainability, as we endeavour to build an inclusive and sustainable future.

Our JOURNEY

Our social responsibility journey began in the year 2011 through our engagement with communities around our project locations. Ever since, we have endeavoured to transform lives at the bottom of the pyramid through focussed community interventions which are scalable and sustainable in nature.



Our PRESENCE

ReNew's CSR footprint

States **9**

Sites **70**

200+
Villages



Haryana/Delhi
Bhond
Faridabad
Gurugram
New Delhi

Rajasthan
Jaisalmer
Jodhpur
Devgarh
Bikaner

Gujarat
Kutch

Maharashtra
Jath
Vaspeta
Welturi
Bhud

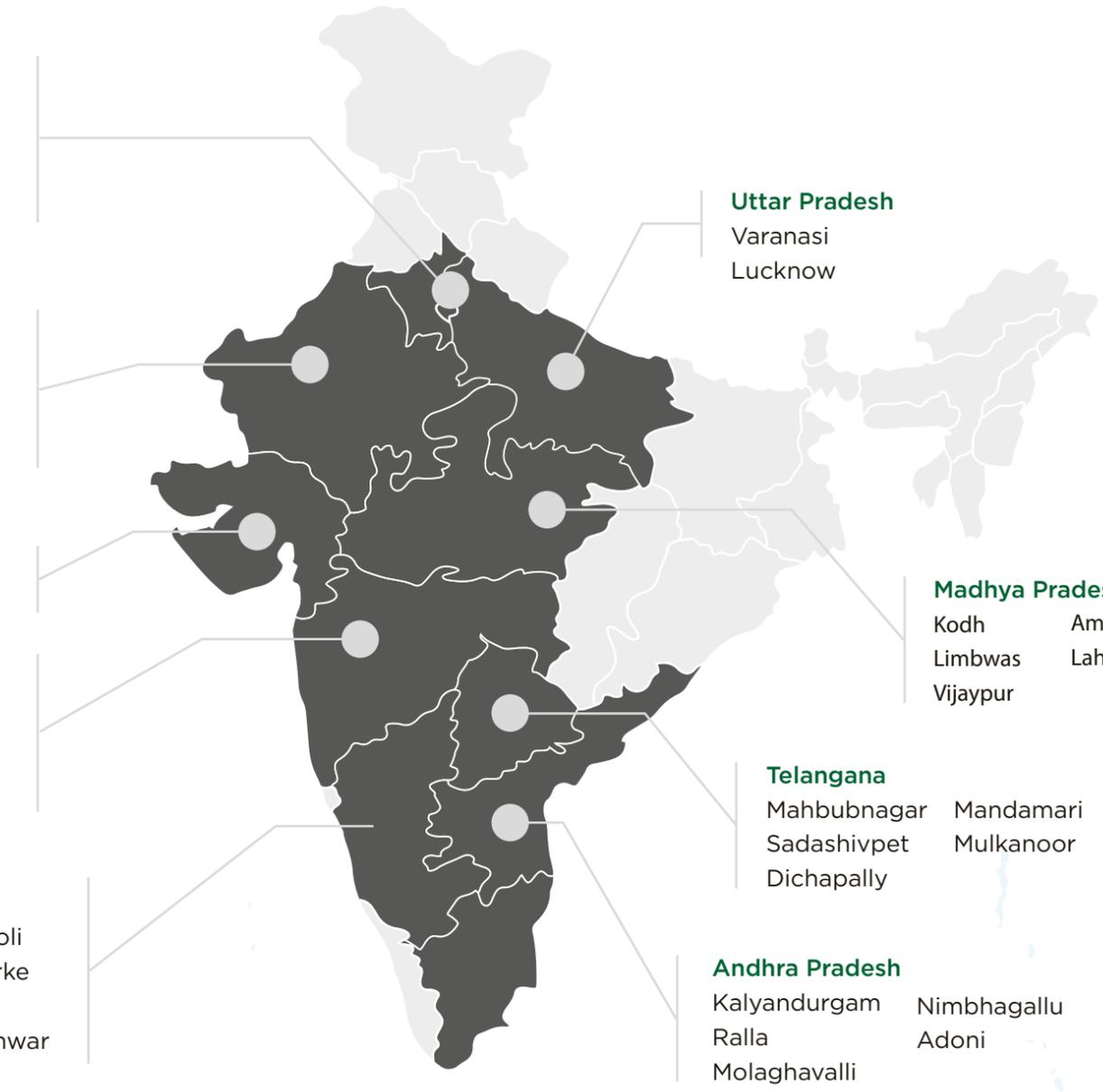
Karnataka
Ittigi Chincholi
Pavagada Turuverke
Taralkatti Tadas
Sattigiri Bableshtar

Uttar Pradesh
Varanasi
Lucknow

Madhya Pradesh
Kodh Amba
Limbwas Lahori
Vijaypur

Telangana
Mahbubnagar Mandamari
Sadashivpet Mulkanoor
Dichapally

Andhra Pradesh
Kalyandurgam Nimbhagallu
Ralla Adoni
Molaghavalli



2020 THE YEAR GONE BY

Embracing of
New Normal



It would be naïve and highly misinformed to categorize the year 2020 as normal. With the pandemic ravaging lives, livelihoods, economies and the society at large, the world struggled to usher in the era of the 'new normal', endeavouring to adapt almost every aspect of life and work to the presence of a life-threatening virus.

As relief efforts scaled up from ReNew Power, the government and other entities and remote working became the 'new normal', the world increasingly became aware of the great degree of vulnerability of disadvantaged communities to health and social risks brought upon by the pandemic, and the need to increase their resilience became of paramount importance.

With our social responsibility and relief efforts focussed towards these communities primarily, in the past year, we tried our level best to ensure that the burden of the pandemic is not as aggravating, through provision of the proverbial safety nets to shield them from devastation.

While we may have dampened some of the blows suffered due to the pandemic, they were certainly not enough, as vulnerable communities continue to be severely impacted, especially the marginalized, the women and the children, who are also at the greatest degree of exposure to future risks like climate change.

In that context, the path to recovery from this year has to be interspersed with sustainability and inclusiveness, as we hope to usher in the post-pandemic era. Social responsibility has to remain the cornerstone of every corporate, and initiatives need to be scaled up to build community resilience.

ReNew India Initiative, the CSR programme at ReNew Power, in the year 2020-21 focussed on implementing programmes by mobilizing its employees across the country. COVID relief initiatives such as distribution of dry ration, medical kits, the Gift Warmth campaign, the Rice Bucket Challenge, were spearheaded by ReNewers who despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, executed these programmes with passion and excellence.

We also continued with our other flagship programmes such as the Lighting Lives and the ReNew Women India Initiative (ReWIN) amongst communities surrounding our areas of operations, keeping in mind all the safety protocols, norms of social distancing, and innovative ways of engaging with people on the ground.

Our Annual CSR Report for 2020-21 highlights our efforts in the social responsibility domain in the past year, across our various flagship programs. We hope to continue to scale up our initiatives and increase our CSR footprint, and focus towards building back sustainably in an inclusive manner.

ReNew's Response to COVID-19

We are in this together, we will get through this together

Antonio Guterres,
Secretary General,
United Nations



India is still grappling with a crisis of unprecedented magnitude in the form of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has spread rapidly across the globe taking lives and bringing economies to a standstill. Even as we combat the virus, our economy has been severely dented, with several enterprises shutting down and thousands losing their means of livelihood. Under such challenging circumstances, given the scale of this crisis, we at ReNew felt a national obligation to partner with the Government both at the central level and the State level to amplify relief and rehabilitation efforts.

We as India's premier clean energy IPP, made a significant contribution by keeping all its 100+ sites operational across the country, during the lockdown and beyond, ensured uninterrupted supply of electricity. However, in order to accelerate recovery, we realized the importance of going beyond business and pitching in with funds and infrastructure support besides addressing the basic needs of those worst affected.

A total of INR 200 million was pledged towards this initiative. The COVID relief programme was initiated in the month of March, 2020. The activities under this initiative were directly implemented by ReNew employees across its areas of operations. Following relief activities were carried

1. Contribution towards government established funds

- INR 100 million was contributed towards the 'PM Cares Fund' established by the Honourable Prime Minister of India and support the central government's endeavours towards fighting the pandemic.
- INR 25 million has been contributed towards 'Chief Minister's Fund' across 5 states- Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana helping the state machinery in their efforts.

2. Welfare measures across wind/solar sites

- INR 18 million was contributed towards undertaking welfare activities across our areas of operation covering more than 140 villages across Rajasthan, AP, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka.
- The welfare activities included supplying dry ration to the underprivileged and daily wage earners across the communities surrounding our sites.
- A total of 24,000 packets of dry ration across 64 sites covering 2,00,000 people were distributed.
- 6000 basic health kits to frontline workers were also distributed.

3. Supporting hospitals for PPEs and medical equipment

- INR 17.5 million was pledged towards supporting hospitals in Gurugram by providing ventilators, PPEs, other medical equipment.
- A hospital was converted into a specialised COVID 19 facility through our efforts.

4. Supporting daily wage earners through community kitchen in Gurugram

- INR 10 million has been committed towards establishing a community kitchen for daily wage earners in the city of Gurugram. In phase I, 22,000 meals were provided to the needy through the kitchen.

5. Village adoption in Haryana

- INR 7.5 million was pledged towards adopting a cluster of villages in 'Nuh', the most backward district of Haryana. ReNew provided dry ration and basic medical kits to a cluster of villages covering a population of 25,000.

6. Employee contribution

- Led by the CMD and the senior leadership, ReNewers contributed a part of their salary (voluntarily) towards COVID-19 relief activities.

7. Mask manufacturing unit

- ReNew entered into a partnership with the UP government to set up a mask manufacturing unit in Lucknow supporting livelihood opportunities for 200 women. A total of 5 lac masks are being manufactured and every woman employee will get a share of INR 5 per unit for each mask sold. These masks are being sold across different marketing channels targeting frontline workers- traffic police, hospitals, government departments, and the general public of Uttar Pradesh.



Lighting LIVES

Energy is essential for development, and sustainable energy is essential for sustainable development



The effects of lack of electricity are widely known around the world. Electricity inaccessibility acts as a disruption in the day to day lives of people. It affects businesses, healthcare systems, schools, and the general productivity of a person's life. Minimal or zero access to electricity stifles the average productivity of a normal person. The effects are more prominent in rural areas which are still devoid of consistent supply of electricity. While households in India at the village level have been electrified, schools especially at the rural level remain largely uncovered. As per the Parliamentary Standing Committee Report on HRD (march 2020), 44% of government schools in India do not have access to electricity which also means no access to computer education or the internet.

The on-going pandemic has already had a disproportionate impact across societies. The rural-urban divide has only increased and will continue to do so if the education system is not strengthened. In our efforts to build back sustainably, ReNew Power through its Lighting Lives programme has continued to improve the infrastructure of government schools across its areas of operation. The programme aligned to the SDG 7- access to clean and affordable energy, focusses on last mile electrification of schools with less than 3 hours of electricity through solar energy. Access to energy also provides the school with an opportunity to access digital education which is one of the primary objectives of the programme.

Under this programme, ReNew follows the following approach-

- Identifying schools with 0-3 hours of electricity in and around its areas of operations
- Electrifying schools through decentralized solar energy solutions
- Establishing digital labs for enhancement of digital education
- Creating green ambassadors through advocacy on energy and environment; sensitizing the youth on the need for a clean and green planet

In the year 2020-21, 16 schools were electrified across ReNew's areas of operations in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

As on date, ReNew Power has electrified 76 schools, directly impacting the lives of around 35000 students by the following:

- Facilitating better learning environment through access to electricity
- Enhancing digital knowledge through establishing computer labs
- Boosting learning levels and contributing towards increasing student enrolments. This is corroborated by actual data showing better academic scores and lower dropout rates in these schools

ReNew WOMEN INDIA INITIATIVE



Empowered Women
Empower Women

The COVID-19 pandemic unleashed one of the greatest human tragedies of the contemporary era, demonstrating our fragility and laying bare severe and systemic inequalities at all levels. The current pandemic has accentuated the already high and persistent gender inequality and disparities in rural areas, especially in developing countries like India.

According to a survey conducted by Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI) covering 4500 women respondents in rural areas of 20 states, nearly 74% of the respondents were dependent on farming-related activities for their livelihood while 36% were involved in non-farm activities. In this group, around 56% of the respondents did not get any work during the pandemic. The countrywide lockdown resulted in a loss of employment avenues for these women.

Under the aegis of its flagship programme, ReNew Women India Initiative (ReWIN), during the pandemic times, efforts were made to engage with SHG members around our sites to create health awareness about COVID and also work with them to develop an alternate source of livelihood opportunities.

ReNew Power continued to engage with 6 model entrepreneurs around Jath in Maharashtra. During the lockdown phase, regular telephonic sessions were organized to keep them motivated. In the latter half of the year, when the lockdown was partially lifted, the beneficiaries were counselled to restart their business. At the same time, ReNew also engaged with 10 potential women entrepreneurs to help them prepare their business plan for their entrepreneurial units. After ensuring security of their business plans and proposals, a grant from the revolving fund was released to the entrepreneurs to establish their units.

In Welturi (Maharashtra), a general “Entrepreneurship Awareness” programme was organized in consultation with Maharashtra Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (MCED) for SHG members. From the pool of 250 SHG members, a group of 50 potential model women entrepreneurs were identified who will undergo an intensive entrepreneurship development programme next year.

In Paniyara, near Varanasi, ReNew supported 40 women who wanted to get into agri-based ventures. As the surrounding area of Paniyara is known as the local “vegetable basket”, getting into the vegetable business had a significant market potential. With technical inputs from the local Krishi Vigyan Kendra on season vegetables and Seed support from ReNew Power, these beneficiaries were able to start their business and earn additional income for their families during the pandemic.

Employee VOLUNTEERING



Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference

Gift Warmth

Every year, in Northern India, more than 1 lakh homeless people are exposed to the increasingly harsh winters. They are left to battle the bitter cold without access to any shelter, warm clothing or firewood, with rising pollution further compounding their woes and posing a huge threat to their health. 2020 was even more challenging for the disadvantaged who had to face loss of livelihoods and deal with the threat of the pandemic. As a responsible corporate, we at ReNew endeavoured to ensure that the most vulnerable are provided with adequate relief measures. One such program that we scaled up in the past year was our annual Gift Warmth campaign- an initiative where we distribute blankets to the needy in order to bring about a little comfort to their lives during the blistering winters. The initiative is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 13 - Climate Action, and focusses on building resilience in vulnerable communities in their battle against climate change.

While distribution drives were being organized since the last five years, this year it was necessary to improve resilience amongst communities which were most hit by the pandemic. The 6th edition of the Gift Warmth campaign began on the festival of Diwali, and saw us scale up our outreach to 55,000 beneficiaries spanning across 6 states and 26 of our project sites. The locations were identified through a secondary research taking into account critical factors such as HDI value, extent of cold, deaths due to cold, and number of people living below the poverty line. The distribution drives were organised in collaboration with the district administration who not only helped identify vulnerable populations, but also helped in maintaining social distancing norms.

Till date, 1,45,000 blankets have been donated through employees and concerned citizens across India, who have joined hands with us to equip the needy in their fight against extreme cold. The programme is being scaled up and targets to impact over a million lives over the next 5 years.

Rice Bucket Challenge

The reeling effects of the pandemic hit the labour force at the bottom of the pyramid in a devastating manner. With loss of livelihoods, hunger was one of the main concerns for a large part of population in India. Hunger is also one of the top 3 causes of deaths in the country. The 'Rice Bucket Challenge' in a small way tries to contribute towards this cause- ensuring people do not stay hungry on the streets.

The 6th edition of the Rice Bucket Challenge was a special one. Despite the on-going pandemic and 'work from home' challenges, employees at ReNew rose to the occasion to contribute towards this annual campaign. A total of 260 ReNewers from our offices and sites throughout India participated in the campaign by donating rice which was distributed amongst daily wage earners across India. The quantity of rice donated by the employees was matched by ReNew management and a total of 22,804 Kgs of rice was donated to the underprivileged through employee distribution drives. Till date, a total of 90,000 Kgs of rice has been donated to the needy pan India.

Advocacy & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Driving conversations for building back sustainably in collaboration with leaders from the government, academia, industry, think tanks, and civil society



Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India

Additional Member - Finance, Ministry of Railways, Government of India

United Nations India Resident Coordinator

Executive Director, Aspen Institute's Energy and Environment Programme

Senior Correspondent, TIME

CEO, NITI Aayog

At ReNew, we have always gone beyond business and acted as a thought leader, striving to advance climate change, sustainability and address pressing problems across the globe, especially India. For us, thought-leadership and advocacy are the prime drivers which help us expand our mission and connect with like-minded stakeholders and amplify our efforts to bring visible changes in the ecosystem. The quality conversations and discussions help us to be updated with the latest knowledge which we also share with others through post event reports. At the same time, we learn from the best practices and apply them prudently for better action on ground. We are determined to transform the current narrative of climate change and be the leading voice in this ecosystem. We have always been at the forefront of organizing roundtables, conferences, information sessions and dialogues for facilitating constructive conversations. In 2020, considering the pandemic, we organised some quality and substance driven webinars which saw the participation of ministers, industry leaders and sectoral experts. In order to maximize the impact of these events, we share post-event reports with our stakeholders to help them accelerate their actions and strategize interventions at the grass-root and systemic level. At the heart of these activities, we equally focus on advocacy where we engage children, youth and women from marginalised communities through capacity building programmes under our CSR initiatives.

RENEW FOUNDATION THOUGHT LEADERSHIP SERIES

ReNew Foundation works with leading national and multilateral institutions in sectors like energy, sustainability, social responsibility and so on, to organize thought-leadership events. We also work with educational institutes for advocacy related to these topics, and provide grass-root interventions to involve the youth in building a better, climate friendly future through awareness and education. At the same time, we firmly believe in the power of meaningful dialogues to achieve common goals. We will continue to curate discussions on pertinent and concerning themes related to sustainability, gender equality, access to quality education and the areas we care about and work to build a blue print for action which can be disseminated amongst key stakeholders.

Some of the thought leadership engagements organised under the ReNew Foundation Thought Leadership in FY2020-21 were:

Impact of COVID-19 on Global Businesses (With Exposure to China)

Last year, China's trade war with the US and escalating border tensions with India added a whole new dimension to global geopolitics and geo-economics. Making it a relevant concern, we discussed what scenarios will a post COVID world throw up and how can India make the most of the changed order. To arrive at the answers to these pertinent questions and agree on a policy roadmap that will see India emerge as a major economic force in post Covid era, on 7th July 2020, we organised and hosted this webinar in association with the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta. The event saw several luminaries such as Mr. Amitabh Kant (CEO NITI Aayog), Dr Anju Seth (Ex-Director IIM, Calcutta), Mr. Sumant Sinha (CMD, ReNew Power),

Dr Mukesh Aghi (President & CEO at USISPF) and Mr. Merit Janow (Dean, SIPA Columbia University) participate in a lively and insightful panel discussion moderated by Mr. R. Sukumar (Chief Editor, Hindustan Times). The hour-long discussion touched upon several critical themes such as the changing geopolitical dynamics, how India can be the next manufacturing hub and the future of globalization.

2. Green Recovery – The Key to a Resilient Post Pandemic Planet

The prevailing pandemic has urged decision-makers around the world to push for carbon neutrality, align global finance behind the Paris Agreement, and invest in climate adaptation and resilience. The policy makers are pointing towards the importance of protecting the world's biodiversity and the potential of nature-based solutions for tackling the climate crisis and creating jobs. We have realised that the next big thing in the post-pandemic recovery will be action towards climate change. We grabbed this opportunity and organised a webinar on 18th August, 2020. The webinar saw the presence of sectoral experts and prominent names from the clean energy sector. We were joined by Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya (Executive Coordinator and Director, Global Environmental Finance, UNDP), Mr. Sumant Sinha (CMD, ReNew Power), Mr. Justin Worland (Senior Correspondent, TIME), Dr Ajay Mathur (Direct General, TERI), Mr. Greg Gershuny (Executive Director - Energy and Environment Program, The Aspen Institute), Mr. Soma Banerjee (Head Policy & Regulatory Affairs, BP Exploration (Alpha) Limited), Mr. Akshat Rathi (Reporter, Bloomberg News). This webinar argued the case for a sustainable, equitable and resilient recovery from the pandemic and urged Governments to place clean energy and technologies at the heart of the recovery strategies and stimulus packages.

3. Industry Academia Partnership for a Fossil Free Future:

In 2019, ReNew Power signed an MoU with The Andlinger Centre for Energy & Environment, Princeton University, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), one of India's foremost academic institutions and we are aiming to foster industry academia collaboration for cutting edge research in clean energy and environmental sustainability and facilitate technology and knowledge transfer. To mark the first anniversary of this partnership on 9th November, 2020 we hosted an hour-long webinar which marked the presence of dignitaries such as Prof V Ramgopal Rao (Director, IIT Delhi), Prof Sally Benson (Co-Director, Precourt Institute for Energy, Stanford) and Mr. Sumant Sinha (CMD, ReNew Power). The session was also moderated by Mr. Vinay Rustagi (MD, Bridge to India). The insightful conversations paved the steps for the corrective measures on how this relationship can be leveraged for powerful outcomes and enable a conducive environment for the budding researchers in the field of clean energy.

4. Rajasthan: Driving the Next Phase of Growth in India's Renewable Energy Sector

In order to deep dive and explore the challenges & opportunities associated with Rajasthan as a key driver of the next phase of growth in India's renewable energy sector, we conducted a webinar on 11th January, 2021 which saw participation of Central and State policymakers, sectoral experts & industry leaders. We were delighted to have Mr. Babul Supriyo (Hon'ble Union Minister of State - Environment, Forests & Climate Change) deliver the keynote address while Mr. B.D Kalla (Hon'ble Minister for Energy - Govt. Of Rajasthan) outlined the state Government's various policies and initiatives in his special address. This was followed by a panel discussion featuring Mr. M.M Ranwa (CEO, Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited), Mr. Vishal Mehta (MD, Partner Boston Consulting Group, India), and Mr. Sanjay Varghese (President and Head of Solar Business, ReNew Power). The session was moderated by Mr. Deepak Gupta (SVP, Regulatory Affairs, ReNew Power). This webinar shed light on the current business environment in Rajasthan and the state's plans for being a leader in adoption of renewable energy. It also highlighted how Rajasthan can realize its potential in clean energy - especially solar, what technologies and innovations it should focus on for future growth and how it can overcome roadblocks in this journey.

5. Realizing the Vision of Women – Led AtmaNirbhar Bharat

While the Indian economy was dealt a big blow by a global pandemic in 2020, one can simply not ignore the role of women, as we embark on this rebuilding journey post Covid. To understand how we can accelerate India's journey towards gender parity and economic mainstreaming of women and also understand how we can strengthen the voice of women in planning and policymaking, we conducted a webinar on 25th February, 2021 in the presence of prominent speakers from the government and industry. We were delighted to have Ms. Smriti Zubin Irani (Hon'ble Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Textiles, Government of India) as the keynote speaker, Ms. Renata Dessallien (Resident Coordinator, UN India), Ms. Dakshita Das (Addl. Member – Finance, Ministry of Railways, Government of India), Ms. Vaishali Nigam Sinha (Chair ReNew Foundation) as panellists and Ms. Kanika Chawla (Programme Manager – UN Energy) as the moderator for the webinar. The webinar brought useful knowledge and insights on the current scenario of women empowerment, how it is critically linked to AtmaNirbhar Bharat and the firm steps needed to be taken to reap greater benefits while keeping women inclusive in this initiative.

Voice of ReNewers



At ReNew Power, several of our CSR initiatives in FY 20 -21 were focused on providing support to central/several state governments and local authorities at district levels in combating the COVID pandemic. In addition to donating to relief funds, we undertook several initiatives ourselves. These included distribution of dry ration and health kits across sites and other places like Nuh in Haryana, feeding daily wage earners through community kitchen in Gurugram and mask manufacturing engaging rural women in the state of UP. The initiatives taken were widely appreciated by government authorities and locals. R.A.D team members felt gratified for having been involved in these initiatives especially the distribution of dry rations and health kits.

Pushkar Prasad

President
Regional Affairs and Development



The dry ration and safety kit distribution by ReNew has given much needed relief to the marginal farmers and migrant labour during lockdown and was well received by the local communities and the administration. This gesture during the pandemic when supply of safety kits and ration was a constraint, has given us value, connect and identity with the administration.”

Jaya Prakash

Vice President
State Head, AP/Telangana



I being Regional Coordinator for Madhya Pradesh have personally felt proud and delighted in taking forward campaigns such as distribution of blankets to needy people during chilling winter under **Gift Warmth Campaign**. Also, handing over rice to the orphanage, old-age homes under **Rice Bucket Challenge** and providing electricity and fans by installing off-grid solar units to the rural students at Government Schools under **Lighting Lives Campaign**. We ensured that our support reaches to the neediest people for whom these were meant.”

Sudhir Ranjan

Execution Support



I wanted to share my experiences on some of the CSR initiatives I have been a part of. I remember participating in the **Gift Warmth campaign** when I went to TESF (The Earth Savior Foundation) for the blanket distribution drive during peak winters in NCR. The experience was overwhelming. The moment we distributed the blankets to people, the joy in their eyes was heart melting. I am thankful to ReNew for giving me this opportunity.

Shweta Rishi

CSR & Corporate Communication



CSR being an integral part of the business has helped us build community relationships which are long lasting. In 2020, our **COVID relief work** really helped the migrant workforce across our communities in Rajasthan. It was heartening to see ReNewers rising to the occasion to help out the vulnerable and the needy.

Harendra Chauhan

Administration & Security



Every year I enthusiastically take part in **Gift Warmth Campaign** and **Rice Bucket Challenge** and look forward to reaching out to more people than the previous year. I am proud to see the impact and scale on which these initiatives are growing and reaching the needy. These initiatives give me a reason to look beyond myself where I am given a chance to share my resources and help the underprivileged people in a humble way.

Shakti Nandan

Digital Technology

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than grandest intention

Voice of COMMUNITY



I am Neelam Pradhan, resident of village Bhawanipur. I worked as a Samuh Sakhi in the Self Help Group. Since we associated with ReNew Power, we have been provided with various types of trainings on best agricultural practices. We have also been provided with seeds which has helped us start a business and earn profits. Women in our group have learnt mask making and rudraksha garland making and have initiated livelihood activities. We are thankful to ReNew Power for all the support.

Neelam Pradhan

Akash Self-Help Group
Bhawanipur, Varanasi



I am Jagvanti, a member of an SHG and resident of Paniyara village, Varanasi. I work on a small farm. Ever since we got the support from ReNew Power through trainings, our income had increased. Women in our village are now self-sufficient and feel empowered.

Jagvanti Devi

Bholenath Self Help Group
Paniyara, Varanasi



Digital literacy is an important tool in a student's life today. Through the digital labs established by ReNew Power, rural students are now able to learn computers. Our school now aims to become a model school in our community. We are thankful for all the support.

Srinivasa Reddy

Head Master
MPHS Gudibanda
Mahabubnagar, Telengana



Our students are excited to learn computer skills. Learning computers will certainly give them additional motivation to study further and compete with students in urban areas. Thank you ReNew Power for upgrading our school and helping our students become better learners.

Rajavardan

Teacher
MPUPS Rachala
Mahabubnagar, Telengana

Times have been really hard for us due to the pandemic. We weren't sure if we would survive the winters on the streets. ReNew has given us blankets which has helped me protect my family from the bitter cold. Thank you ReNew Power!

Ram Prasad

Shajapur
Madhya Pradesh

I lost my livelihood to the pandemic. I wasn't sure if I'd be able to provide for my family. ReNew Power in our village not only helped us provide with dry ration, but also gave blankets to protect us from the winter. I am eternally grateful.

Kanji Bhai

Kutch
Gujarat

AWARDS

2020-2021



Our efforts have been recognized by platforms of repute both globally and nationally in the year 2020

-  S&P Global Platts 'Corporate Social Responsibility Award' 2020
-  Stevie Award 2020 - CSR Program of the year - ReNew India Initiative
-  Stevie Award 2020- COVID 19 Relief Initiative
-  IHW Council Health Impact Award 2020 - COVID Relief Project
-  India CSR Award 2020 under women empowerment category
-  Mahatma Award for Social Good 2020 - Vaishali Nigam Sinha



Message from
**THE CHAIRMAN
 & MANAGING
 DIRECTOR**

Sumant Sinha

2020 was a bittersweet year. With the black swan event which is the pandemic, inducing pandemonium throughout the world, there was hardly anyone left unscathed. With governments, health officials, policy-makers, businesses and the society at large struggling to adapt to the 'new normal', the economic and social losses faced by the world at large were by no means miniscule. The global GDP contracted, deaths increased exponentially, businesses shut down and rampant unemployment plagued almost every sector as countries went into lockdown mode, to prevent a dire health catastrophe.

However, I have called it bittersweet, as ReNew Power, despite all odds, continued to grow in leaps and bounds in this strange year, adapting to the circumstances. Fortunately, the government of India deemed our industry as an essential service, allowing us to operate, albeit partially, but we knew we could not let our guard down. We immediately ushered in the new age of remote working in our corporate office, even before the lockdown was declared, and ensured that our site offices functioned with the utmost health and safety provisions to prevent any contracting of the virus.

We continued to provide clean electricity, which despite lower industrial demand, sustained us. We also managed to make some major announcements and milestones in the past year, including commissioning of new sites, announcing our venture into manufacturing solar cells, being selected to join the World Economic Forum Lighthouse Network for our digital transformation efforts and most recently, going public by being listed on the NASDAQ via SPAC route.

As a socially responsible corporate, we remained cognizant of the larger crises of the society, and contributed heavily to the PM Cares Fund to complement the government's efforts, along with a host of other COVID relief measures including and not limited to, distribution of dry ration and medicines, setting up a mask manufacturing unit, helping feed the migrant workforce, contributing to improving healthcare, adopting a village and encouraging volunteering efforts.

ReNew India Initiative continued to grow this year as well, as despite constraints, our will to empower communities did not deter. We continued to dedicate efforts towards improving human, social and natural capital in a year which required the highest degree of focus towards social responsibility, and even got recognized for these efforts in prestigious national and global platforms.

As we moved into the new year and the situation began settling down, we focussed on getting our employees vaccinated. It is integral that as the world recovers from the pandemic, we do not hinder our will and efforts to ensure that the recovery is green, sustainable and done in a socially responsible manner. CSR has, and will always be one of the primary pillars of what makes ReNew Power unique, as we deeply care about the communities who are integral cogs in our ecosystem. I am confident, that as we traverse the journey ahead fraught with challenges, yet laden with opportunities, we will emerge stronger as a company, as a society and as a planet. The post-pandemic world will usher in a new dawn, as we continue to scale our efforts to deal with the next big threat of climate change.



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