POWERING AN INCLUSIVE GROWTH
A Glimpse Into The Report

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At Dalmia Bharat Foundation, we believe opportunities and promise of a better future should be accessible to all. We are committed to ensure that the more vulnerable are not left behind on the journey towards the future.

Through our unique sustainable model and specially-designed initiatives, we aim to improve the well-being of people, enable financial inclusion and create opportunities for them to improve their lives and livelihoods and reach their full potential.

Our objective is to bridge the divide that exists between people and help them contribute equally and fully to the society. Through our initiatives and activities, we work closely with the local communities, enabling lakhs of individuals to progress in life. We are providing the beneficiaries with the right opportunities to lead productive lives, and powering an inclusive future for all.

Every single day, we push ourselves to do better through our holistic sustainable solutions and on-ground initiatives that have scalable value. Together with our partners, we aim to make a positive and sustainable difference in the society.
Dear Reader,

As we prepare this year’s annual letter, the world continues to face an unprecedented situation with the COVID-19 crisis having a far-reaching socio-economic impact. Our thoughts have been with the frontline health and essential services workers who are at most risk as they battle it out to control the outbreak. We would like to express our due respects to them. Together, we will emerge stronger from the crisis.

With a legacy of 80 years, at the Dalmia Bharat Group we understand the obligation we have to leave the world a better place for our future generations. Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF) aims to improve the quality of life of people across India, and ensure that it is both sustainable and responsible. And this has been aptly covered in the Report.

Tenets of our strategy

Our strategy for social responsibility has been rolled out at every level – from across India to the local communities. Through our wide-ranging community initiatives in Livelihood, Climate Action and Social Infrastructure, we are continually working to enhance the income of people and quality of their lives, tackling important issues of the society, contributing to farmer prosperity and ensuring women empowerment.

We also engage with our stakeholders to develop action plans designed to address specific societal challenges. In addition to coordinating our primary initiatives and ensuring that we fulfill all our responsibilities, the Foundation raises awareness on other significant issues, promotes good practices and keeps the stakeholders regularly informed about the activities.

Tackling society issues

Today, we take respite in the fact that every moment of the day, there is a DBF associate working to ensure quality of lives for people in the society. Our key objective remains to improve the economic, physical and social well-being of the people around us. We humbly share that till date we have created real impact on 10 lakh people in 23 locations.

Key partnerships

We continue to deepen and strengthen our partnerships to fulfill our objectives for each initiative planned. During the year, we added more partnerships, in alignment with our long-standing model of inclusive growth. With this, we contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to increase access to the basic needs through our key focus areas in livelihood, clean energy and water and better social infrastructure.

Responding with agility during COVID-19

As a responsible entity, the Foundation is doing its bit to contribute towards facilitating people in battling the health and economic crisis that struck the world in 2020. Under the cloud of the COVID-19 pandemic, we battled the challenges with speed and agility. This Report covers in brief how the Foundation extended its support by providing face masks, hand sanitisers, dry ration, food packets and other essential items. Under this difficult situation in the past year, we take this opportunity to thank our team for the real test of resilience.

In Conclusion

Every Foundation’s journey is defined by milestones and leadership that make those milestones possible. Through our initiatives, we continue to build trust in the society and remain true to our key purpose and vision. We also renew our commitment to serve the needs of people and collaborate for the benefit of all our stakeholders and for the great nation. Through our concerted efforts, our primary aim is to develop villages that will become the new norms and enable people with sustainable livelihoods.

In closing, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those who made the Foundation’s progress possible. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all our partners, collaborators, and other stakeholders for their support.

We also take this opportunity to share that we are extremely proud of our people. With their support, will ensure we continue to do better year after year. We look forward to driving even greater momentum to create further value for all our stakeholders.

Best Wishes.

Gautam Dalmia and Puneet Dalmia
Dear Reader,

We welcome you to the Annual Report of Dalmia Bharat Foundation for the fiscal year 2020-21. Designed for all stakeholders, the Report systematically presents the social responsibility initiatives we have undertaken during the year. The Foundation has always taken a long view – grounding our strategies in values that endure change and guide our work to responsible stewardship.

The Foundation practices strategic and inclusive development guided by its roadmap, with the prime aim of building a more sustainable world.

Through the Report, we invite you to get better acquainted with the Foundation and its activities. It provides glimpses of our progress in key categories. We would like to share with you that all our initiatives are strategically designed and monitored for tangible progress and achievement of targeted outcomes.

DBF’s vision
Our vision indicates the Foundation’s endeavour to deliver community-centric solutions to challenges that the world faces and balance them with sustainability. These challenges include lack of livelihood opportunities, climate change, water scarcity, resource depletion and lack of social infrastructure.

To ensure that we meet the needs and close the gaps, we concentrate our focus on where we have the most experience to create the biggest impact – sustaining livelihoods through skill development, improved agricultural practices, exploring additional livelihood opportunities and making the communities empowered to explore these growth and development opportunities. This year has been no different, as we continued to demonstrate our fruitful efforts towards the key focus areas.

Our approach
Since the Foundation was set up in 2009, we have come a long way. Our approach has been designed to bring about holistic development of communities that we operate within and to bring about societal transformation. The Foundation outlines the world as envisioned in our Vision and Missions as well as challenges that must be undertaken to meet our goals.

The COVID-19 impact
As we speak, it is also important to make a mention of the severe crisis that mankind has been dealing with since last year. However, we are optimistic on our resilience to bounce back in the face of any adversity. We will continue to work on providing an unflinching support to our societies, including for COVID-19, and tread on the path of value creation. The Report also shares details about the initiatives we have been undertaking to enable the country come out of the crisis as fast as possible.

Change is constant
As we worked hard and achieved our goals set for 2020, we also realigned our focus areas. Today, we are proud to share that through our continued efforts, we provide fortification to the work on Livelihood, Climate Action (Soil & Water Conservation and Access to Clean Energy), and Social Infrastructure.

We have renewed and strengthened our commitment to our Intent 2030, as described in our roadmap by adopting them as Goal 2030 and setting up yearly and location-wise targets for ourselves for each of our focus areas. We are constantly contributing to this by creating new value through innovative ideas, and developing pragmatic and innovative responses to the challenges faced by the society.

Further, in continuation to our ongoing approach of assessing the impact of each project, we engaged Ernst & Young to assess two of our key projects. We conducted “Impact Assessment Studies” on DIKSHA (Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing) and Soil & Water Conservation. The impact of our initiatives and key findings of these studies have been briefly presented in the Report.

Key objectives
Our dedication to make a real difference in the lives of people is fundamental in the way we operate. Internally, any decision we take is driven by strong ethical and social principles to ensure that we protect and serve populations that we aim to support, as well as the environment. We continue to live by our ambition of playing a wider role in enabling individuals take control of their lives.

As an example, through DIKSHA, the Foundation has been engaged in skilling the youth by providing high-quality training and facilitating the addition of skilled workforce to India and enabling them to contribute to the society at large. We also demonstrate our efforts on climate action strategies by ensuring environmental conservation with improved availability of water and sustainable/renewable solutions for everyday cooking and lighting needs of the community.

We are also happy that by developing villages in harmony with nature and minimising environmental load, we are creating a mechanism to protect the local ecology. We are creating a profound effect on fulfilling the basic needs of the society through our projects in health & sanitation, education and rural infrastructure.

Moving forward
Our role at DBF is gradually changing from being just a “resource provider” to being a “key enabler” for positive change in the society. Despite all our efforts, there is so much more to be accomplished still. We are working on it to ensure we meet the needs and close the gaps as much as possible. With 2030 being the decade of action, we will continue to work towards our vision and achieve our goals.

And as we gear up to achieve this, we look forward to your continued and whole-hearted support and commitment.

Thanks for believing in us and being our companion in this exciting and fulfilling journey!

Happy Reading!

With warm regards.

Vishal Bhardwaj

Letter From The CEO
About Dalmia Bharat Foundation

Registered on 31st December 2009, Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF) is a registered not-for-profit organization set up under the Indian Trust Act, 1882.

The Foundation was set up to expand the programmes and projects of the Dalmia Bharat Group’s CSR division. With this independent entity, we re-affirmed our determination to be an aware and effective corporate citizen. We believe in the limitless potential of the human being and focus on community driven, beneficiary centric development programmes. It is our conviction that progress and sustainable development depend greatly on partnerships and shared values.

An uncompromising commitment

DBF’s approach is to make a significant and sustainable difference in the lives of the beneficiaries through our programmes. Today, we are among the leaders in terms of the depth of our work and our ability to scale higher. Our initiatives in our three focus areas of Livelihood, Climate Action (Water and Energy) and Social Infrastructure are aligned to National and International guidelines and frameworks like national policies of Government of India, MCA guidelines and the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals.

A flexible, multi-intervention and sustained approach

Our approach enables programmers and people to grow together and sustain each other. The approach encompasses four key areas of focus derived from the community and its evolving needs.

Our Footprint

- 13 States and 21 Districts
- 130 development professionals
- 23 locations across South, North, East, North-East and West regions in India
- 1.2 Million Total outreach population

Our Vision

Creating an opportunity for stakeholders to reach their full potential.

Our Mission

To facilitate stakeholders to hasten their social, economic and environmental progress through effective management of human and natural capital.
Societal issues being tackled

- Need for Better Livelihood Opportunities
- Need for Water for Productive Use
- Need for Clean Energy
- Need for Better Social Infrastructure

Creating A Better Tomorrow

Facilitating communities to solve challenges
With projects spanning across India, we make intensified efforts to understand the local conditions and customize our approach accordingly.

Acting as a trustee
We leverage the Foundation’s role in the society for doing good, and combine that with Mahatma Gandhi’s philosophy of Trusteeship, i.e., acting for the welfare of others. We are actively working to participate in solutions to the complex and pressing issues of enabling livelihoods, providing energy solutions and tackling social inequality.

Building Partnerships
We continue to contribute towards the upliftment of the society by building enduring partnerships with companies, non-profits and governments.
We support the National Campaigns and Action plans of Development

**Livelihood**
- National Skill Development Mission
- National Rural Livelihood Mission

**Climate Action (Water and Energy)**
- More Crop per Drop program
- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana
- Har Khet ko Paani Yojana
- National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture
- National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)
- NABARDs Progression Adaptation Action
- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana
- Ujwal Bharat

**Social Infrastructure**
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan
- Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
- Khelo India
- National Health Mission
- Adarsh Gram Yojana
- Pradhan Mantri Kusum Yojana

**We support the Universal Goals on Sustainable Development**

1. **No Poverty**
2. **Zero Hunger**
3. **Good Health and Well-Being**
4. **Quality Education**
5. **Gender Equality**
6. **Clean Water and Sanitation**
7. **Affordable and Clean Energy**
8. **Decent Work and Economic Growth**
9. **Sustainable Cities and Communities**
10. **Climate Action**
11. **Life on Land**
12. **Partnerships for the Goals**
New Partnerships during the year

- MOU with Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) for setting up the Centre of Excellence in Construction Skills.

- MOU with National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) to impart training to youth from the backward classes at the DIKSHA Centre.

- MOU with India Climate Collaborative (ICC) to work on the first India-focussed collaborative that seeks direct funding and visibility towards climate action in India.

- MOU with CSRBOX to form India Livelihood Collective, a collaborative platform for companies, CSR foundations, philanthropic organisations, non-profits, technology service providers and innovators to come together and explore mutual synergies and leverage cross-sectoral expertise.

- Partnered with IBM for SkillsBuild Country Partner CSRBox to build industry-relevant skillsets and enhance employability prospects of trainees through Dalmia Group’s marketing network, stockists and dealers.

- MOU with NAB Foundation for Project North East Region Entrepreneurs’ World (NEW), a project on developing a web portal to map skill profiling of unemployed youth in the eight states in North East region.

- MOU with Bosch for training of youth in the health sector at DIKSHA.

- Partnership with 2030 Water Resources Group (2030WRG) for Project Pragati, aimed at developing a multi-stakeholder platform to ensure water security in Gondlamau block at Sitapur district in Uttar Pradesh.
A Sustainable Approach

PEOPLE

Livelihood

- 55,000 People directly benefitted
- 1,179 Self Help Groups set up with 33,556 women members
- 12 DIKSHA training centres
- 16 Collaborating partners for Livelihood Projects

Social Infrastructure

- 9 Centres providing e-literacy, citizen and health services
- 1 Lakh+ Beneficiaries of COVID-19 relief and prevention initiatives (in FY21)
- 1,300 Villages reached through Social Infrastructure Projects
- 65,000 People benefitted through Rural Infrastructure Projects (in FY21)

PLANET

Climate Action - Water

- 290 Lakh KL Water saved and conserved
- 2,140 Acres Land brought under drip irrigation
- 1,401 Water Harvesting structures constructed
- 9,200 Hectares Land being treated under watershed projects

Climate Action – Energy

- 6,149 LPG connections provided to households
- 145 Villages converted into Clean Cooking Villages
- 27,000 Solar Lanterns and Solar Street Lights promoted
- 167 Villages converted into Clean Lighting Villages

Cumulative figures till 31st March 2021
Building on our long tradition of promoting health and well-being of our communities, and being firmly committed to build a healthier world, we adopted several key measures to combat the crisis on all fronts, with an agile and resilient mindset.

In a population of more than 1.3 billion, the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic led to far-reaching consequences. At Dalmia Bharat Foundation, we continue to work with several NGOs and Government departments to support affected communities across locations.

Besides supplying the daily essentials, masks and other items, we also engaged in prevention, awareness and sanitisation campaigns. While the nation continued its fight against COVID-19 with preventive and curative measures, the Foundation also actively engaged in creating awareness in its operational areas on the novel virus. Disinfecting villages and extending relief support were also part of the measures taken to combat virus in these testing times.
Preventive and Curative Measures

- Over 100 Awareness, Sanitisation, Prevention and Relief Campaigns reached out to 22,500 villagers across programme locations.
- Distributed 1.25 lakh face masks made by DIKSHa trainees.
- Distributed masks to 10,000 school children across 90 government schools in Gaganbawada town in Kolhapur.
- Distributed 50,000 N-95 masks to frontline warriors under ‘Breathesafe’ campaign, in partnership with ACT grant.
- Provided COVID-19 pandemic relief (face masks, hand sanitisers, dry ration and food packets) to 10,000 school children across 90 Government Schools in Gaganbawada in Kolhapur.
- Provided immunity booster supplements to 10 villages in Ninai Devi, in partnership with Primary Health Care Centres.
- Reached out to several rural households directly to create awareness on efficacy of India’s vaccination drive and busting myths about vaccines.
- Under COVID-19 pandemic relief, immunity booster supplements were provided in 10 villages in Ninai Devi in partnership with Primary Health Care Centre.

Women joining India’s fight against COVID-19

With its strong membership base of 13,555 women, the Foundation mapped their existing skills to manufacture face masks. The women collectives realised this was a good opportunity to ensure their contribution and join the nation’s fight against COVID. Women swung into action as the Foundation ensured arrangement of mask designs, pattern and materials for the stitching. Within a short span of time, they stitched 85,000+ face masks across 8 states.

As a token of motivation for their noble effort, stitching charges were paid to the women. Going forward, the Women’s collective intends to capitalise upon their skill of stitching face masks and convert into a socially responsible business venture to meet their basic needs.
Setting the Context

India, with its population of 1.3 billion, has approximately 6 lakh villages and 70% of its population live in rural areas. The youth in these villages often have to leave the villages and their prime occupation of agriculture in search of livelihoods. There is an urgent and immediate need to provide vocational and skill-based training and development to India’s youth. Providing skills for economic growth and inclusive development results in sustainable livelihood.

Overview

Through the livelihood programmes, the Foundation is facilitating the marginalised communities to secure livelihood opportunities, enhance related skills and increase income in rural and urban India, and generate sustainable livelihoods.

DIKSHA (Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing) is a skill training program which aims at boosting the livelihood conditions of local communities living in and around the locations. The Foundation provides small-duration skill courses that help build capacity, foster community links and promote small businesses. The primary focus is on rural youth who are unemployed or employed only during specific part of the year. DIKSHA has been working with continuous passion to skill India’s youth and set them on a path to a brighter future.

The Foundation also enables women to be financially independent and secure their lives through setting up Self-Help Groups (SHGS) and opportunities. Its key objective behind this initiative is to reach out to more and more communities and help women take up income generating activities and enhance their household incomes.

The Foundation has been working on improving the skills of the neighbouring communities to ensure better livelihoods. Its key focus has been to make the surrounding communities more resilient and sustainable and enable them to have more avenues of income. To ensure this, the Foundation has been actively imparting skill trainings in the farm and non-farm sectors, building community-based organisations and enabling easier access to finance.

In the areas of skills training, the Foundation partnered with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NIRFCDC), National Scheduled Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), Schneider, Bosch, NABARD and State Skill Missions of Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.
Non-Farm Based Projects
Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing (DIKSHA)

Enrolled in training

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In FY2021

Training of Youths Completed

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Gainful employment received*

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*100 percent trainees were offered jobs

Initiatives on creating livelihood opportunities through skill training and credit linkage facilitated the youth in several ways. The skill development programmes enabled them to undergo smooth absorption and positive reinforcement by employers or leverage the opportunity to establish their own enterprise and also generate gainful employment. The skill-building projects also focus on women with potential to harness the right opportunities.

### Key Outcomes, 2020-21

**DIKSHA’s Growing Presence**

- Uttar Pradesh: Sitapur, Shahjahanpur
- Karnataka: Belagavi, Yadwad
- Tamil Nadu: Tiruchirapalli
- West Bengal: Coochbehar, Deogarh
- Jharkhand: Jharkhand, Rourkela
- Odisha: Rourkela, Jajpur
- Assam: Guwahati, Tinsukia
- Kerala: Trivandrum, Kollam

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### Key Outcomes

- **Enrolled in training**
  - 2,302 in FY2021
  - 6,797 cumulative

- **Training of Youths Completed**
  - 1,307 in FY2021
  - 5,095 cumulative

- **Gainful employment received**
  - 805 in FY2021
  - 3,418 cumulative

*100 percent trainees were offered jobs*
STORIES THAT INSPIRE

Meena Harekar, Belgaum

SHEROES_PRIDE

From a job seeker to herself to employing others

With the loss of her husband, Meena faced the issue of raising her three children all alone. She once gathered enough courage to visit a DIKSHa centre in Belgavi and overcame her hesitation to pursue skilling at the age of 41 years. She then enrolled herself into a beauty and wellness course and began working at the Orchid Salon, marking the beginning of life’s new chapter. She gained enough confidence to set up her own beauty parlour, resulting in great financial security for herself and for the future of her children. Not only this, she also employed more people to work at the parlour, thus resulting in gainful employment of job opportunities.

DIKSHa – IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY

Key Findings

Scope of the Report
The Impact Assessment Report of DIKSHa encompasses an assessment of the social impact that the DIKSHa initiative created in the past four years. The assessment period is confined to start of the initiative till March 31st, 2020. DIKSHa centers covered under the Report are Rourkela, Rajgangpur, Deogarh, Jajpur, Cuttack, Jharsuguda, Belgaum, Dalmiapuram, Shahjahanpur and Sitapur.

Purpose of the Study
The purpose of the Report is to analyse the performance of DIKSHa training with respect to several key economic indicators. The Study gauges the performance of each of the 11 DIKSHa centers and suggests the ways in which their performance can be further improvised.

Fostering communities with DIKSHa

- Ratio of individuals working and earning increased from 3% to 73%
- Average monthly salary of trainees increased 47%
- Average monthly spend on food items increased 53%
- Ratio of people living in pucca houses increased from 60% to 96%
- Digital connectivity increased from 37% to 79%
- Two-wheeler ownership increased from 23% to 46%
BUILDING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS

Farmer Producer Organisations

The Foundation supports 6 Farmer Producer Companies (FPC) in Ariyalur and Kadapa for farmers growing Cotton, Paddy, Vegetables, Bengal Gram and Dairy. These FPCs facilitate the farmers in working together to get better crop prices and access to equipment and loans.

The FPCs help its members through collective purchase of agricultural inputs as well as sale of agricultural produce, thereby increasing the profit margin by reaching economies of scale and elimination of the role of the middleman. Along with this, FPCs also get access to credit as loans from financial institutions, and government grants enabling them to explore bulk purchase of inputs, setting up value-centres and exploring other agri-related income opportunities. Our Cotton and Dairy FPCs have set up Value Addition Centres and are now involved in processing of their produce and sale of the value-added products. A Seed Processing Centre is also being set up by Paddy FPC, with support from Small Farmers’ Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC).

During the year, a total of 3,282 shareholders belonging to 6 FPCs were engaged in the sale of inputs and value of agricultural and dairy produce.

| Shareholders | 3,282 |
| Farmer Producer Companies | 6 |
| Turnover (In INR Lakh in FY21) | 27.17 |

Self-Help Groups

Forming self-help groups to avail loans for income-generating activities and financing own households.

The Foundation’s key and continuous endeavour is to upgrade the skills of communities, both in the farm and non-farm sector, with skillling of women being a major focus area. It enables women to take up income-generating activities and increase their household incomes. By setting up Self-Help Groups for women, the Foundation reaches out to communities. Women are trained as a part of this initiative to help them sustain better livelihoods, upgrade their quality of life and enable long-term income sustainability.

During the year, nearly 1,745 women were organised into 153 Self-Help Groups, increasing the total number of SHGs promoted and supported by the Foundation to 1,179. More than 13,500 women members are regularly supported through trainings on SHG formation and management, Savings, Credit Linkage and awareness on exploring Income Generating Initiatives.

These SHGs have a corpus of INR 1,574 lakh and are actively involved in internal lending. Along with inter-loaning, the capacity of SHGs have been built to help them avail loans from financial institutions for income-generating opportunities and household needs. This year, 3,799 SHG members availed loans, out of which 2,790 used the loan amount to explore livelihood opportunities, while the remaining used the money for domestic purposes.
I. INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

A key thrust of development activities is to assist the rural individuals in establishment of income generating activities. This has also been one of the key objectives of the formation of SHGs for women through the reinforcement of group promotion activities. This is done by providing livelihood enhancement training and enabling access to credit to support the women in starting their income generating initiatives.

About 986 villagers benefitted from livelihood enhancement training programmes, this year. The SHG members were given training on poultry, bee-keeping, carpet-making, moonj, broom making, mushroom cultivation and many other fields.

About 23 SHG members received training on Carpet weaving from RSETI, along with a starter kit valuing INR 8,000 on completion of the training. The trained members have set up carpet-making cottage units at Jawaharpur and Ramgarh, Uttar Pradesh. Each woman is expected to earn a monthly income of INR 4,000 from the initiative.

30 women were trained in Poultry Farming under Micro-Enterprise Development Programme of NABARD in Umrongso, Assam. Out of these women, 3 SHGs have been linked to credit to set up their business units and Common Incubation Unit.

Along with training, SHGs are also linked to financial institutions and National Rural Livelihood Mission for getting credit for setting up micro-enterprises. 286 SHGs have been provided support towards convergence with the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), as a part of which they received INR 537 Lakh as credit support. Along with this, these SHGs also received credit support from other localised banks, financial institutions and NABARD.

64 SHG members from locations in Uttar Pradesh are engaged in activities leading to income generation such as stitching of uniforms, running of Panchayat ration shops, supplying precast cement information boards and sculpting clay products. These activities are expected to result in a monthly income of Rs 3,000 for each SHG member.

II. MOONJ CRAFT

The Foundation has been working with rural women at Ramgarh in Uttar Pradesh to promote the traditional Moonj craft and enable these women to generate income from it. Furthering progress on this initiative, the Foundation entered into an MOU with MonAmi Foundation to enhance the skillsets of Moonj artisans in Uttar Pradesh by providing them training on capacity building, product design implementation and the ability to building market linkages. The women were adequately trained in designing, pattern and packaging. Besides the local handicraft or related fairs, the artisans from Moonj participated in the handicraft festival Shilp Kumbh, which gave them an opportunity to showcase their skills and further strengthen their network.

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The 100 trained women will be supported to form an Off Farmers Producer Organisation.
During the year, a special project was launched with the aim of encouraging 100 SHGs in undertaking Income Generating Activities and setting up 100 Micro-enterprises.

80 SHGs, comprising 846 members, were trained in Goat Rearing, Poultry, Mushroom Cultivation, Moonj Craft, Palm Leaf, Mat Weaving and Tailoring. Of these, nearly 67 SHGs kick-started their projects, and on an average, each member is expected to earn around INR 40,000 per annum.

Initiatives on creating livelihood opportunities through skill training and credit linkage facilitated the youth in several ways. The skill development programmes enabled them to undergo smooth absorption and positive reinforcement by employers or leverage the opportunity to establish their own enterprise and also generate gainful employment. The skill-building projects also focus on women with potential to harness the right opportunities.

### III. MICRO ENTERPRISES

#### Activities trained in

- Goat Rearing
- Mat Weaving
- Poultry
- Tailoring
- Palm Leaf
- Mushroom Cultivation
- Moonj Craft

#### Key Outcomes, 2020-21

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**STORIES THAT INSPIRE**

**Aparna Patra, Paschim Medinipur**

**SHEROES PRIDE**

*Weaving her own destiny*

Aparna Patra, a single mother to a five-year old daughter, earlier worked as a seasonal agricultural labourer. With the help of the Foundation, she got enrolled in mat grass craft training. She was among the first 60 women to have completed the three-month training. She now works at the DBF-promoted mat grass production centre. She is financially independent and well supports her daughter and dependent parents with her earnings.

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**Saraswati Devi Das**

*Becoming an entrepreneur with a small tailoring unit*

The Foundation implemented a Silai School Program in Lanka, Assam, in partnership with Usha International Limited. About 30 women from neighbouring villages were identified and imparted training on stitching and sewing on a sewing machine. Once training was completed, the women were given a sewing machine, a guidebook in local language and marketing tools to help them set up their own sewing venture.

Saraswati Devi Das participated in the training and set up an independent tailoring class within the premises of her house, once her training was completed. Within a month, three students expressed interest in enrolling in her class. She now takes up regular stitching orders for lehenga, uniforms, skirt top, blouse, sari (Sari), mekhela, petticoat, and other stuff. Her nascent venture and entrepreneurship helped her earn an additional income of INR 10,000 a month.
FARM-BASED PROJECTS

Tribal Development Project

In partnership with NABARD, the Foundation has been working with local communities to work on the Wadi model of tribal development. The core of the programme is a Wadi or a small orchard of 1-2 acres.

Two or more tree crops are selected in the ‘Wadi’ model to minimise the climatic, biological and marketing risks. Tribal families with less than 5 acres of land are encouraged to create a 1-acre wadi. The project increases production, processing and marketing of the product, amongst other support activities.

Growing of horticulture plants

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Access to Welfare Schemes

Through its initiatives and programmes, DBF facilitated credit linkages of INR 575 lakhs during the year towards Self Help Groups (SHG), Farmers and Farmer Interest Groups (FIG). During the year, about 160 families availed total loans of INR 100 lakh for investing in farm and non-farm-based activities. Besides, DBF supported another 546 small and marginal farmers to avail various Government schemes.

Impact Till Date

585 families shifted to Sustainable Agriculture
30,000 Average Increase in Income (per family in INR)

The Wadi project has been initiated in Medinipur, West Bengal which has facilitated planting of 9,735 horticulture saplings in 85 wadis on 85 acres of land. Several activities are undertaken as part of this, such as providing seeds, training farmers on manure application and providing necessary fertilisers. Exposure visits were organised to the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Farmer Producer Organisation.

Other initiatives in TDF Project Villages

Along with wadi development, the project also focussed on other development issues of the community like education, health, access to clean energy, drinking water and women development, among others. With our initiatives in past three years, we have converted 8 villages into Clean Cooking and Clean Lighting villages, and four villages have been turned free from open defecation. There are 16 ring wells and 6 spring chambers that have been constructed to suffice the drinking water needs of the community. Regular health check-up camps are organised providing free consultation and medicines for the common diseases in these camps, with focus on COVID-19 relief and preventive measures in this year. Nearly 32 SHGs have also ensured participation by women in the development process.
In line with the Prime Minister’s vision of “Doubling the Farmer’s Income by 2022”, the Foundation sees an immense opportunity to create large-scale impact on ground. This is being facilitated by ensuring access of Government schemes to the right beneficiaries through intervention at the household level. The Gram Parivartan project, set up three years ago, aims to enhance their access to government welfare schemes and development programs and ensure sustainable and holistic village development.

The Project, initiated in 11 states covering 19 districts, helps access the potential of every household, and provide last-mile support and enhanced incomes. The initiative is targeted at enabling rural communities benefit by providing support to farmers unable to understand these schemes.

**Gram Parivartan Project**

6,746 Families Identified
8,765 Interventions Planned
5,912 Interventions Started
3,964 Interventions Completed

**Guiding Principles**

- Ensure last mile support
- Ensure income enhancement
- Ensure mapping of 100% of the households

Gram Parivartan’s reach in FY 2021
The Foundation aims to ensure sustainable sugarcane production to create value for farmers and the community. It aims to maximise farmers' income from sugarcane cultivation, while minimising environmental footprint. The project is targeted at building capacities of sugarcane growers by way of training and exposure visits, and interface with like-minded organisations for their active involvement.

The Foundation is working on a pilot project with 100 small and marginal farmers in 20 villages on new technologies and methodologies on cane cultivation in partnership with NABARD. Inter-cropping and drip irrigation has been taken up on 20 acres of land. In a single season, these farmers expected an increase of 15-20% increase in cane production. Potatoes and mustard were encouraged to grow as inter-cropping. Farmers earned an additional income of Rs 21,000 from inter-crop per acre of land (maximum from potato cultivation). Further, as part of this project, drip irrigation is being promoted in 20 acres of land as a model plot to achieve better water management practices.

The key purpose of the project is to increase awareness about agri-business among the farmers and to help them switch over for sustenance farming to commercial farming.

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Dairy Development

Overview
The Foundation supports three livestock development centres in the districts of Sitapur and Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh. Through this project, the Foundation assists farmers in increasing their milk production and, thus, their household incomes. The Centres, operated by trained technicians, provide doorstep services to farmers for artificial insemination, pregnancy diagnosis and calf care. Nearly 1,557 families have been benefitted through Dairy Development Project.

Setting the Context
The key objective of this project is to develop dairy as a sustainable livelihood by improving the breed of livestock, and thus the milk yield, leading to an increase in the income of the beneficiaries. This is a five-year project being implemented in 42 villages at three locations in Uttar Pradesh, in partnership with BAIF Development Research Foundation.

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Initiatives in FY2021
The Dairy Development Project in Uttar Pradesh catered to milch animals with improved breeding techniques and artificial insemination. During the year, 2,488 animals were artificially inseminated, of which 660 were inseminated through sorted semen. A total of 1,010 cows got pregnant during the year, of which 901 new calves were born through artificial insemination, taking the total number to 1,679 till date.

Impact Till Date
- 49 Infertility camps organised
- 6,523 Cows and Buffaloes artificially inseminated
- 1,370 Cows and Buffaloes inseminated through Sorted Semen
- 5,123 Cows and Buffaloes inseminated through Conventional Artificial Insemination
- 2,632 Cows pregnant
- 1,679 New calves born (795 Males, 884 Females)

Improving the genetic potential in Progenies
The average milk yield of animals before the project stood at 2.5 litres per day for cattle and 4.3 litres per day for buffaloes. The genetic potential of calves born with the use of artificial insemination techniques using sorted semen is much higher. The average milk yield of such cattle amounts to 8-10 litres per day, while that of buffaloes is in the range of 6-8 litres per day.

In Summary
- Return on Investment
  - INR 3.21 Crore: Value of livestock assets created for community
  - INR 52.67 Lakh: Potential monthly income from sale of milk

Animal Husbandry
- 47 Health camps organised
- 5,000 Number of Dairy Animals to whom dewormer and micro-nutrient support was provided
- 22,117 Number of doses of dewormer provided to animals
- 3.5 Tons Mineral Mixtures provided to animals
Animal Husbandry

The Animal Husbandry project is aimed at providing better animal husbandry practices to farmers. The Foundation supports farmers in availing Pashu Kisan Credit Card scheme, helping them meet their working capital requirements. The farmers are linked to avail the Pashu Kisan Credit Card Scheme of the Animal Husbandry Department and also with MGNREGA to avail the benefits of cattle-shed construction. Cattle sheds are constructed to provide the much-needed covered shelter to milch animals and to support the villagers. Moving forward, the Foundation has plans to tie up with the District Veterinary Department and invite State Dairy Federations to set up a milk collection centre in the area.

Fodder Development

Green fodder is a good source of nutrients for livestock. With the limited land available for fodder cultivation, we focus on improved productivity of fodder crops and common grazing lands. We demonstrate to conserve surplus green fodder and to enhance its availability during the lean period.

The Asset and Sustainability Fund created during the project is expected to help in continuing the programme during the post-project period. Demonstrations made during the project period will help in farmers adopting improved practices in the post-project period.

Key Outcomes, 2020-21

Artificial Insemination

- 1,200 Total beneficiaries
- 2 Infertility camps organised
- 83 Animals treated
- 2,488 Cows artificially inseminated
- 1,010 Cows and heifers pregnant
- 1,828 Cows inseminated through conventional Artificial Insemination
- 901 Calf born

Animal Husbandry

- 185 Farmers linked to avail Pashu Kisan Credit Card Scheme
- 16 Beneficiaries linked to MGNREGA to avail benefit of cattle-shed construction
- 1,088 Number of families surveyed post animal husbandry practices
- 90% Share of families reporting health improvement, reproductive efficiency and increased production in animals

Rajendra Singh, who belonged to Faraha village, under CDC Jawaharpur in Sitapur district, had three cows. While an HF female calf was born to one of the cows, the other two failed to conceive. He had no option but to sell the cows as the animals were becoming a financial burden on the family. However, upon contacting AIT CDC Jawaharpur set up by Dalmia Bharat Foundation, he learnt about the technique of sorted semen used in artificial insemination. He requested for the Centre’s services. Within three months, the cow became pregnant and delivered a female calf. As the cow provides 16 litres milk per day, the surplus milk of 10 litres was sold in the market at INR 25 per litre. This also encouraged other dairy farmers in the village to adopt this technique for their respective cows. The farmers are extremely happy to have received the Foundation’s support, which facilitated them in livestock development and in enhancing their family income.

Raghuveer Singh, a resident of village Jihuri, block Kharibad in Sitapur district, had a HF crossbred cow. Earlier, he availed the artificial insemination services from local paravet and was struggling with poor conception rate. Owing to unavailability of quality breeding services, he was persistent in selling off the cows. As he contacted AIT of CDC Jawaharpur, he learnt about micronutrients and dewormer for his cows and they were inseminated at the centre. Within three months, the cows were pregnant and a female calf was born. The cow started producing 8 litres of milk per day, of which 5 litres milk was sold off in the market. In the last six months, Raghuveer has sold off milk worth over INR 20,000. He is extremely happy with the services of BISLD and Dalmia Bharat Foundation, and has been motivating other farmers to access the centre’s quality services.

Rajendra Singh, Fariha
Sitapur District
Benefiting in livestock development

Raghuveer Singh, Jihuri
Sitapur District
Gaining from quality breeding
Setting the Context

India is seriously water stressed, and on the brink of an acute water crisis. India is likely to be in the global hotspot for ‘water insecurity’ by 2050. Water conservation needs to become a mass movement to improve crop productivity and to prevent degradation of the natural ecosystems. There is a need to focus on viable and sustainable water conservation practices, and innovative and localised efforts to generate water through rainwater harvesting.

Overview

The key objective of the Foundation is to enable Indian farmers improve the quality of soil, and provide water for productive use like agriculture and for milch animals. We work towards solving the soil and water issues in our project areas. We are working extensively on integrated watershed management, construction and maintenance of water harvesting structures in farm areas, increasing storage capacities, promoting micro-irrigation practices such as drip irrigation, and sustainable and productive agriculture practices.

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People Benefitted: 24,305
Total Amount Spent (in INR Lakh): 740

*Including spend on energy
Key Initiatives of Soil & Water

Integrated Watershed Management projects

The integrated watershed management project is aimed at soil and water conservation and use, afforestation, agriculture and pasture development, regeneration, rural energy and livestock management and judicious use of natural resources (land, water, plants and animals) and watershed areas. The Foundation works extensively in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Assam on watershed development projects, supported by NABARD. It covers an aggregate area of 9,200 ha. During heavy rains, these projects control floods, soil erosion and minimise loss to infrastructure and life. Watershed management also plays an important role in mitigating weather-induced risks.

Water Harvesting Initiatives

Climate change leads to depleting water resources and excess rainfall, reiterating the importance of water conservation. The average rainfall of 1,170 mm in India is higher than the global average of 850 mm, but rainfall happens at short spells of high intensity and most of it tends to flow away rapidly with less scope for groundwater recharge. Hence, conservation of water is critical. There is water scarcity in most parts of India even for domestic uses.

The Foundation supports construction and deepening of water harvesting structures like farm ponds, village ponds, check dams, borewell recharging and roof water harvesting. These structures enable year-round availability of water for irrigation by improving the water table and soil moisture.

As part of the project, deepening and interlinking of village ponds was initiated at Ramgarh and Nigohi to enhance the green cover. Further, 75 defunct borewells were identified for converting them into recharged wells. As a result of all these efforts, rainfed land has been brought under complete or partial irrigation, the uncultivated land can be cultivated and farm yields have enhanced.

Micro Irrigation

A Micro / Drip Irrigation system is built, which is more efficient than surface irrigation or sprinkler irrigation. It saves water and nutrients by allowing water to drip slowly to the roots of plants. It functions through a network of pipes and valves. 142 Acres of land has been brought under system of Drip Irrigation benefitting 96 Farmers. This will help in conserving 52 crore litres of water annually.
**WATER – IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY**

**Key Findings**

**Scope of the Report**

The Impact Assessment Report encompasses an assessment of the soil and water conservation initiatives undertaken by DBF for the past 10 years. The assessment period is confined to the construction of initiatives till March 31st, 2020. Water and soil projects covered under the Report are located at Dalmiapuram, Ariyalur (including Sendurai), Kadapa, Belgaum, Umrangso, Cuttack, Ramgarh, Jawaharpur and Nigohi.

**Purpose of the Study**

The purpose of this Report is to analyse the performance of water and soil projects with respect to indicators such as improvement in water table level of the impact zones, change in green cover and other environmental impacts, availability of water for productive uses leading to improvement in agricultural yield and milk production, and hence better income, impact of watershed projects as well as sustainability and maintenance of structures.

**Impact on local communities**

**STORIES THAT INSPIRE**

**Mary**

**MADHAVAPURAM VILLAGE, KADAPA DISTRICT**

Treating barren land and making it fit for cultivation

Through a scheme meant for backward communities, the State Government allotted 2 acres of land to Ms. Mary, aged 40 years, living at Madhavapuram village in Mylavaram Mandal, Kadapa district.

Being barren and full of bushes and stones, and not being usable for agriculture, the land remained idle for several months till the Watershed team approached her for treating it. The team educated the beneficiary on measures to start cultivation on the allotted land and also extended technical support and funding of INR 15,000 to make it fit for cultivation.

Mary was advised to remove all stones for making pebble bund for her field. This was followed by transporting silt from nearby ponds. Silt has a mixture of sand and clay particles to make it fit for cultivation. Proper landscaping and levelling were done to control flow of rain water and make sowing easier. As a result, Mary took a good yield of cotton, a rain-fed crop common in that area, and has been using it for agriculture since the past three years. Today, she earns around Rs 15,000 from the field every year.

**Muruganantham**

**ARIYALUR, TAMIL NADU**

Benefiting from crop diversification

Muruganantham owns a 5-acre farm at Ariyalur district in Tamil Nadu and does farming under rain-fed conditions. Farmers here continued to face multiple challenges of crop failure due to water scarcity, increasing pest attacks and rising input cost, and hence, they earned meagre amount from agriculture. With the help of the Foundation, he practised local technology with new farming solutions, and also received inputs on crop diversification methods. Owing to the check dam overflowing, he followed the changing crop pattern and shifted to paddy cultivation on 2 acres of land. He earned a lumpsum income of Rs 30,000 per acre by practising organic methods and was happy for his family too. He not only purchased two cows from the income received, but also used fewer chemical pesticides, thus saving on money.

**Upon implementation of Water Conservation projects**

- 83% noticed increase in water level in surrounding water bodies
- 19% were able to farm on barren land
- 94% noticed increase in water level in wells; while 33% noticed recharging of dry wells
- 23% used village ponds, resulting in increased access to additional source of income and food

**Upon increase in agricultural yield of crops**

- 18% used mixed cropping, resulting in enhanced income
- 28% increased number of crops grown per cycle
- Average increase of milk production by milch animals to more than 100 litres per month
- Sustainability of water structures – village ponds maintained
CLIMATE ACTION

Setting the Context

A large part of India’s population, the vast majority of whom live in poorer rural areas, lack an electricity connection. The primary objective of deploying renewable energy in India is to improve energy security and access to energy, mitigate climate change and advance economic development. This is possible with the use of sustainable energy and ensuring access to affordable, reliable and modern energy for all.

Overview

The Foundation is well established for providing renewable energy solutions to the vulnerable rural communities. Our clean energy solutions (clean cooking and lighting) in rural areas include fuel-efficient cookstoves, liquified petroleum gas (LPG) connections, biogas plants, and solar lighting systems such as lanterns, street lights, study lamps and home lighting systems.

The Clean Cooking programme is aimed towards providing access to cleaner cooking solutions. The Foundation has been improving the quality of life of the under-privileged sections of the society by promoting the shift to biogas or LPG. It is promoting the Government’s Ujjwala scheme with the aim of providing LPG connections. The Clean Lighting programme is aimed at providing access to clean and green energy by making use of solar lighting products including solar pump-sets, street lamps, home lighting system and grids.

Key Outcomes, 2021

**Towards Clean Cooking Solutions**

- 326 Clean Cooking Solutions promoted
- 4 Clean Cooking Villages created

**Towards Clean Lighting Solutions**

- 314 Clean Lighting Solutions promoted
- 6 Clean Lighting Villages created
- 10 Solar Pump-sets installed under Agricultural Department Scheme

7,459 People Benefitted
740* Total Amount Spent (in INR Lakh)

*Including spend on Water

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Key Initiatives

Installation of solar powered pump-sets
The Foundation partnered the Government Agriculture and Engineering department for farmers to install solar-based irrigation systems for crop cultivation at Dalmiapuram. During the year, 55 solar pumpsets were set up. Solar-based irrigation provides an effective and reliable source of energy for farmers residing in villages with erratic power supply. This automatic irrigation system uses solar power to pump water from the well to the irrigation field. This also enables the use of micro-irrigation solutions such as drip irrigation or sprinkler irrigation. With the Government Agriculture and Engineering Department, the Foundation installed solar-based irrigation systems for farmers and made them use micro-irrigation techniques for vegetable cultivation.

Clean cooking solutions
The use of biogas or LPG results in the elimination of smoke from burning firewood, the inhalation of which affects the health of women and children. Besides, this prevents the degradation of forest land and helps the women save on cooking time, which indirectly results in the family benefiting from an alternative source of income.

Installation of biogas plants
The Foundation also encourages the use of micro-irrigation techniques and biogas plant for crop cultivation at Dalmiapuram. The Foundation is working with the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) for installation of biogas plants. Biogas is a mixture of gases (mostly methane and carbon dioxide) produced upon the breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen. Biogas can be used as a fuel for heating and cooking purposes. It is produced from raw materials such as agricultural waste, manure, municipal waste, plant material, sewage, green waste or food waste. During the year, two Biogas plants were promoted, which will help in eliminating 20 tonnes of carbon emissions annually.

Impact Till Date

Towards Clean Cooking Solutions

12,000 Clean Cooking Solutions promoted
145 Clean Cooking Villages created

Towards Clean Lighting Solutions

27,000 Clean lighting solutions promoted
167 Clean Lighting Villages created
269 Solar Pump-sets Installed

Enhancing resource efficiency

Benefits of Clean Cooking Solutions
During the year, we converted 326 kitchens to cleaner cooking methods, thereby reducing the consumption of wood and reducing 1,956 tonnes of carbon emissions. The foundation promotes Biogas plants, fuel efficient cookstoves and LPG connections leading to the conversion of villages into Clean Cooking Villages, with every single household using cleaner cooking fuel. Till date, the Foundation has transformed 145 villages into Clean Cooking Villages.

Benefits of Clean Lighting Solutions
DBF’s Clean Lighting Programme aims to provide access to clean and green energy in areas with erratic power supply to satisfy their everyday needs through solar lighting products. These include solar lanterns, study lamps, home lighting systems, grids and street lights. Today, several villages are Clean Lighting villages, with no kerosene being used for lighting purposes. Use of solar products facilitates in reducing carbon emissions, including the Kusum Solar Scheme. The products have helped the villagers in making their lives easier and also take care of the safety aspects. Till date, 167 villages have been converted into Clean Lighting Villages.
Celebrating World Environment Day

World Environment Day was observed on 5th June by the Foundation across locations, along with participation from the local communities. On this day, 5,000 saplings were planted by the employees and the communities across locations.

STORIES THAT INSPIRE

Raja Manikam
DALMIAPURAM, TAMIL NADU

Increasing productivity, doubling income

Raja Manikam, aged 48 years, was earlier living in a remote area with no electricity for his small farmhouse where he cultivated vegetables. He burnt kerosene daily to light his house. The Foundation reached out to him and made him aware of the potential health hazards of kerosene and was motivated to shift to solar lanterns. The unused space in front of his house was utilised to promote biogas for cooking in the farmhouse instead of firewood for lighting chulla. He constructed the biogas plant and used cow dung for producing biogas. With this, his house became a clean cooking house.

He was further motivated to double his income by increasing the number of cows for dairy business and increasing crop productivity through organic farming using dairy waste. The Foundation also helped him avail a cow loan from an agriculture co-operative society, helping him add two more cows to the dairy shed. He doubled the sale of milk, his biogas plant also became stronger as he received soil-friendly bio-sludge from the biogas plant, and also moved towards organic farming. From the poultry of 50-250 chickens, he had a profitable sale of birds and eggs and a good quantity of poultry waste.

Today, he is a proud owner of 10 cows, a poultry unit and 3 acres of irrigated farm producing healthy vegetables, pulses and nuts. His income has increased multi-fold, crossing Rs 30,000 per month from his dairy, poultry and farm assets. His children too are getting well educated and his quality of life has been drastically upgraded.
Setting the Context

Besides economic infrastructure, human capabilities also play an important role in economic development, which depends upon the existence of an integrated infrastructure. Human capabilities depend upon basic education, health services, ownership pattern and the opportunity of social co-operation and generate positive externalities.

Overview

The Foundation’s multi-faceted approach enables rural communities in finding their footing in a rapidly evolving world. The Foundation’s interventions and initiatives in health, sanitation, education, rural infrastructure and awareness generation are conducted with support from the communities, local Government departments as well as from our partners in the corporate world.

Key Initiatives

Health & Sanitation

The Foundation works with the communities around and facilitates them in the construction of Individual Sanitary Latrines (ISLs). It also conducts awareness programmes in schools and campaigns to help mobilise communities. This not only makes villages Open Defecation Free (ODF), it also saves the expenses on medication. During the year, two sanitary complexes and 15 ISLs have been constructed in Rohtas and 236 ISLs were constructed in Chirawa location as well. An exclusive School Sanitation Block was also constructed for girl students in Lanka, Assam.

We reached out to 37,000 villagers through our health initiatives. Along with that through our Covid-19 initiatives we reached out to more than 1 Lakh people. Three Primary Healthcare Centres were face-lifted, which benefited 7,000 villagers. About 11,271 villagers were benefitted cumulatively during the fiscal year through the Help-Age India healthcare project at Cuttack.

Education

Seven Anganwadis and 2 schools were supported under the Happy School project, benefitting 1,255 children. As part of the Happy School project, infrastructure support was provided to 19 schools in 18 villages; 9 Anganwadis in 9 villages; benefitting total of 3,676 children. We facilitated 40 Anganwadis with nutrition essentials, in tie-up with ICDS.

We took initiatives on sensitising 243 beneficiaries on digital literacy. About 6 e-learning facilities have been set up at Ninaidevi, benefitting 1,921 school children of 6 Government-aided high schools. The roofs of the New English School, Porle Tharf Thane, Kolhapur was re-laid, which benefitted 210 children.

People Benefitted: 1,18,143
Total Amount Spent (in INR Lakh): 1,071

During the year
I. World On Wheels

As a joint initiative with HP India, the Foundation is imparting digital literacy, digital education, awareness and Common Services Centre facilities to villagers through a hi-tech mobile van called HP World on Wheels (WoW) called Common Service Lab (CSL Labs). The services are aimed at helping children, youth, Self Help Group Women, farmers and other community members. The facilities have been instrumental in creating awareness on issues like orienting farmers on improved cultivation practices and sharing relevant schemes with the local communities. Currently, 7 WoW units are being operated across 7 states in India.

II. Common Service Lab

We have also set up 2 Common Service Laboratories (CSL) at Lumshonong in Meghalaya, and Ramgarh in Uttar Pradesh, in partnership with HP India. As part of the project, a container equipped with a computer and internet connection is utilised to conduct online classes for children. It has an add-on function to provide tele-medicine services and screen basic health ailments of the villagers. Local doctors provide basic testing facilities and medical services at the clinic. Fitted with a computer and internet connection, these CSLs also enable villagers to use the system for various other purposes such as applying for government schemes, new Aadhaar Cards and passports, among such other services.

Seekho Sikhao Project

The Seekho Sikhao project is a pilot project undertaken in partnership with the Seekho Sikhao Foundation to transform education in Sitapur district, Uttar Pradesh, India. Its vision is to “nurture an environment of learning” and enable children to realise their potential and dreams. The project has engaged with 14,071 students across 19 villages. During the year, when students were at home during the pandemic, with only 10% of the rural population having internet access, we used this method to ensure continued learning from home. Over a period of eight months, we developed and distributed more than 29,000 competency-based worksheets, which resulted in a 30% increase in the competencies of these children.

HP e-literacy, citizen & health Project
Rural Infrastructure

Infrastructure works such as construction of community halls, Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plants, drinking water pipelines, concrete roads, compound walls, rural haat are undertaken to improve the rural infrastructure of The Foundation’s programme villages. 14 community-owned RO plants were set up in Kolhapur, Kadappa and Belgaum, catering to 18,500 villagers. Currently, around 73,000 litres of water is being sold from these plants every month. Concrete roads, compound walls and repairing of sub-health centres was taken up, benefitting 22,000 villagers. A foundation stone was also laid for the construction of a Rural Haat in Medinipur. A multi-purpose community hall was constructed at Jagiroad in Assam and Dr. Ambedkar Club was renovated in Raigangpur.

Community Development

The Foundation has taken several initiatives on community development on serving the needs of the communities it operates in, such as enabling linkage with Government Schemes, arranging veterinary camps, setting up kitchen gardens, among others. About 1,227 villagers in Uttar Pradesh were enrolled under various Government welfare schemes including Kisan Saman Nidhi, Migrant labour, and Widow Pension, among others. During the year, 15 Veterinary Camps were conducted to reach out to 1,707 milch animal population. The Foundation also organised special events on the occasion of World Environment Day, Children’s Day, Independence Day and Republic Day at schools, colleges and SHG meetings. The events witness participation from villagers in huge numbers.

Providing access to safe drinking water

About 30 households of Bihabandh village in the Lanjiberna area had been facing acute water shortage over the years. To get safe water for drinking purposes, they had to travel about 1 km every day to collect even as single pot of water from a tube well. As about 50 households from the village depended on this tube well, the villagers had to stand in long queues to meet their daily requirement for water. The villagers faced greater difficulty during summer when the tube well dried up due to depletion of water table. The Foundation dug a tube well within the village to provide the villagers access to safe drinking water all through the year. The villagers were truly happy and strongly endorsed the kind and thoughtful endeavour of the Foundation.
Mrs. Nubitha Naiding belongs to a non-descript village of Bhimrazi, Umrongso. Like other women in the area, her major task during the day is to fetch water for her household from nearby spring. She had to travel around 1 km on one-side to fetch water from the nearest spring in jungle and that too 3-4 times in a single day. Responding to the needs of the community, The Foundation constructed a Spring Water Harvesting Tank in her village leading to 24/7 availability of water at the doorstep. This has reduced the drudgery of women in the villages leading to better health, removed safety concerns of going into jungle for water and has also given them more time for productive activities. Along with reaping these benefits, Nubitha is now devoting the extra hours on hand to attend to her backyard Poultry unit and grow the micro-enterprise for additional income.
AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- Dalmia Bharat Limited was felicitated at the 18th FICCI-CSR Awards Virtual Presentation held on Monday, 27th July 2020. Mr. Anurag Thakur, Hon’ble Minister of State for Corporate Finance and Corporate Office Affairs, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

- Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited was felicitated at the 7th Greentech-CSR Awards Virtual Presentation held on Thursday, 1st October 2020. Mr. Dipak Misra, Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

PARTICIPATION IN KNOWLEDGE PLATFORMS

India CSR Summit, 2020
We participated in the “India CSR Summit, 2020”, a virtual event held in December, 2020. At the event, Mr. Gautam Dalmia, Managing Director of Dalmia Bharat Limited, delivered the inaugural keynote address; Mr. Mahendra Singhi, Managing Director & CEO, Dalmia Cement Bharat Limited, shared his views on leadership perspective on creating social impact through business and CSR. Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head – CSR & CEO, Dalmia Bharat Foundation, and Mr. Samir Sharma, Senior General Manager, CSR, Dalmia Bharat Limited, chaired the session on cluster-based approach in CSR and India Skills Forum.

The Economic Times Water Conclave
We participated in “The Economic Times Water Conclave”, where Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head-CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and CEO, Dalmia Bharat Foundation shared his views on how imperative it is for industries to build capacity of the community and facilitate them to become leaders for better management of water resources.

AUDIT

D. P. Kapoor & Co.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
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Phone: 011-46413744; E-mail: dpkcco@yahoo.com

FORM NO. 10B
[See Rule 17B]
Audit Report under section 12A (b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions

We have examined the balance sheet of DALMIA BHARAT FOUNDATION AABT03402A [name and PAN of the trust or institution] as at 31/03/2021 and the income & expenditure account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said trust or institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above-named trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below:

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view:

1. in the case of the balance sheet of the state of affairs of the above-named trust as at 31/03/2021

2. in the case of the profit and loss account, of the profit or loss of its accounting year ending on 31/03/2021

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

D.P. Kapoor
Chartered Accountants

Place: New Delhi
Dated: 24.07.2021
**An Overview of Our Spend**

- **Livelihood**: 51% (2,141 in INR LAKH)
- **Climate Action**: 18% (740 in INR LAKH)
- **Social Infrastructure**: 26% (1,071 in INR LAKH)
- **Programme Execution**: 5% (229 in INR LAKH)

**Total Expenditure**: 4,181 in INR LAKH

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**Sources of Fund**

- **Dalmia Bharat Group**: 27% (1,134 in INR LAKH)
- **Leveraged Funds**: 67% (2,805 in INR LAKH)
- **Other Partners**: 6% (242 in INR LAKH)

**Total Contribution**: 4,181 in INR LAKH

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**Year On Year Expenditure**

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LOCATION-WISE CONTACTS

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS
Quantum Building, 2nd Floor
C-3, Sector 3, Noida
Uttar Pradesh- 201 301

REGIONAL OFFICES
C/o Dalmia Bharat Limited
4th Floor, Fagun Mansion
Commander In Chief Road
Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 105

C/o Dalmia Bharat Limited
3rd and 4th Floor, Anil Plaza II
G.S. Road, Guwahati
Assam- 781 005

LOCATIONS
C/o Dalmia Cement (Bharat)Limited
Chinnakomeresa Village
Mylavaram Mandal,
Jammalamadugu Kadapa District,
Andhra Pradesh - 516 434

C/o Dalmia Cement (Bharat)Limited
SF No: 630, Thamaraikulam Village
Ariyalur (Post), Ariyalur District
Tamil Nadu- 621 705

C/o Dalmia Cement (Bharat)Limited
Dalmiapuram, Laligudi Taluka
District Trichy,
Tamil Nadu- 621 651

C/o Dalmia Cement (Bharat)Limited
R.S. No. 394, Yadwad Village
Gokak Taluk, District Belgaum
Karnataka- 587 301

C/o Dalmia cement Bharat Limited
1st floor, Viswajyothi School
Kalbargi road, Sedam District
Karnataka- 585222

C/o Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
Rajgangpur, District Sundargarh
Odisha- 770 017

C/o Kapillas Cement Manufacturing
Works (a unit of Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited)
Anand Varsa (1st floor)
Ice Factory Road, College Square
Cuttack, Odisha – 753003

C/o Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
Saraswati Block, Sangam Garden
Tangeria, District Medinipur
West Bengal- 721101

C/o Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
Plot No: IV-A-7(P), Bokaro
Industrial Area, Near IOCL Boling
Plant, PO: Balidih, Bokaro,
Jharkhand- 827014

C/o Calcom Cement India Limited
16 Kilo, Jamuna Nagar Post Office
Umrongso, District Dimahasao (N.C. Hills),
Assam- 788 931

C/o Calcom Cement India Limited
Village Pipalpukhuri No – 2
Town Lanka, District Nagaon
Assam- 782 446

C/o Alsthom Industries Limited
Village Baghipur, Morigaon District
Assam- 782 411

C/o Adhunik Cement Meghalaya
Adhunik Cement Limestone Mines
Village, Thangskai, PO – Lumshnong
East Jaina Hills District
Meghalaya- 793 200

C/o Dalmia DSP Ltd
Kalyanpur, PO: Banjari
Rohtas District
Bihar- 821303

Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
C/o Sajan Singh Tiwari
Hanumanganj Rampur Baghelan
Block Rampur Baghelan
Satna District
Madhya Pradesh – 485115

C/o Murli Industries Ltd.
(A subsidiary of Dalmia Cement Bharat Ltd.)
PO: Naranda, Korpana,
Chandrapur District
Maharashtra - 442916

C/o Shree Datta Sakhar Karkhana
Prop. Unit of Dalmia Bharat Sugar & Industries Ltd.
Ajip - Asurle Porle
Taluk – Panhala, Kolhapur District
Maharashtra- 416 005

C/o Nainaidevi Sakhar Karkhana
Prop. Unit of Dalmia Bharat Sugar & Industries Ltd. Gram
Arala – Karanguli, Tehsil Shirala,
Sangli District
Maharashtra- 415 405

C/o Dalmia Chini Mills
Unit – Jawaharpur, Village – Jawaharpur Post Ramkot, Sitapur
District Uttar Pradesh- 261 001

C/o Dalmia Chini Mills
Unit – Ramgarh, Village & Post
Ramgarh, Tehsil- Misrikh
District Sitapur
Uttar Pradesh- 261403

C/o Dalmia Chini Mills
Unit – Nigohi Shahjahanpur District
Uttar Pradesh- 242 001