



RAGHAVENDRA CHARITABLE TRUST
CSR ELIGIBILITY

Why Should You Associate with Raghavendra Charitable Trust?

Sivadevuni Chikkala is a village consisting of 3,000 families with (7) hamlets. The village lacks qualified doctors. The people are compelled to depend on RMP doctors, who are not qualified to the standards. Effective healthcare is, by far, out of a poor man's reach. About 75% of healthcare resources are concentrated in urban areas, where only 27% of the total population resides. 31% of the rural population in India has to travel over to nearest cities/towns to get the most vital and critical medical treatment. Poverty obliges them to afford the treatment of potentially life-threatening diseases, which they are not capable of. Mal-nourishment prevailing in the villages makes their situation even more vulnerable. These circumstances due to inadequate health facilities in rural areas leave the economically weaker classes helpless.

Primary education/elementary education in elementary schools is typically the most essential stage of education. The villagers are being deprived of the most basic primary education due to a shortage of efficient teachers, books, basic facilities and insufficient public funds to cover education costs. This inadequacy in facilities is the biggest challenge in obtaining basic education for the children in rural villages.

According to a study, more than 30% of educational funds are allocated towards higher education, leaving primary education in sway. Mostly, the agricultural labour are not able to educate their children as they cannot afford the basic facilities required for a student. The rate of school drop-outs amongst students is very high and one of the main reasons behind this is poverty. When earning a livelihood and taking care of the members of the family becomes a primary matter of concern in one's life, education stands a little or, very often, no chance of pursuance and it is assumed to be a high-priced luxury.

Nowadays, most of the families who are at the edge of the poverty line are sending their children to private schools i.e., convents etc., even at the cost of their day to day livelihood, aiming and expecting that the gain from private is more profitable for their children in facing the challenges in life. Keeping all these issues in view, we have been undertaking various Philanthropic Activities in the following three primary needs: Healthcare, Drinking water, Education.

What is Companies Act 2013?

The Companies Act 2013 has taken a bold step to introduce the culture of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) amidst Indian corporates by giving a minimum expenditure towards social activities.

According to the Section 135 of Companies Act 2013, every company with net worth of INR 500 crores or more or a turnover of INR 1000 crores or more, or a net profit of INR five crores or more, would be mandated to spend at least 2 percent of the net-profits (before tax) of the immediately preceding three years on CSR activities.

The accounting firm Ernst & Young estimates that the law would cover over 2,500 companies in India and generate over U.S. \$2 billion of CSR spending in local communities.

Activities eligible for CSR spend are –

1. Poverty reduction and eradicating hunger
2. Education
3. Empowering women and promoting gender equality
4. Environment Sustainability
5. Social Business Projects
6. Reducing child mortality and improving maternal health
7. Improvement of health
8. Imparting of vocational skills
9. Contribution towards Central and State Government funds for socio-economic development

Alignment with Clause 135, Companies Act 2013?

<p>The new Companies Act 2013 states that a company may conduct/implement its CSR activities through registered Trusts/Societies which have an established track record of at least three years in carrying on activities in the specified areas.</p>	<p>The trust has been established in 2015 and has been actively serving people since then.</p>
<p>The Companies Act, 2013 encourages companies to target their CSR interventions in their local region/area around where it operates.</p>	<p>The Trust actively serves people in Villages that Belong to West Godavari of Andhra Pradesh.</p>
<p>The Companies Act states that CSR funding should not be considered as a one-time philanthropy but rather focus on activities which have large scale impact and are effectively managed.</p>	<p>The trust is Directly and Indirectly impacting several people that live in the neighbouring villages through its Healthcare and Educational Activities.</p>
<p>The New Companies Act largely recommends activities that support the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).</p>	<p>Healthcare and Educational Activities are the main goals of the Trust since its establishment. The trust-run hospital treats several patients and several students and schools are getting benefited by the Trust.</p>
<p>The act defines CSR as activities that promote poverty reduction, eradication of hunger, education, health, environmental sustainability, gender equality, and vocational skills development.</p>	<p>The trust undertakes charitable activities that include Medical Camps, Primary Healthcare Center, Empowering School Children with Essentials, Taking care of School Infrastructure.</p>
<p>Since most of the development requires long-term commitments and their impact often takes a while to accrue, a good CSR practice requires that a company that is serious about its CSR should develop a long-term (three to five years) vision and strategy which is reviewed annually and the activities and budgets are planned on an annual basis.</p>	<p>We have several effective plans to take care of the above mentioned Causes. We constantly come up with ideas to solve several issues in the surrounding villages. Our vision is to take care of treatment for more economically weaker patients and empower more school children.</p>

Alignment with activities eligible for CSR Spend

Activities	Alignment
<p>Education</p>	<p>To help and support the primary/secondary school students, the charity distributed note books and bags to around 2000 economically weaker students in SivadevuniChikkala, Veeravasram and Koderu schools in the first year. Computer training assistance was provided to the local secondary schools where there is no faculty for computer training. Two workshops on communication skills were conducted for the secondary school students and English dictionaries were distributed for the 9th and 10th standard students of Sivadevuni Chikkala secondary school to help improve their vocabulary.</p> <p>Free purified drinking water has been arranged (24/7) for the Sivadevuni Chikkala secondary school on the request of the head teacher. Also, snacks allowance has been granted to the S.chikkala secondary school for the 10th standard students who are attending extra classes outside the school hours for the preparation of the final board exams.</p> <p>In addition to this, the secondary school students are examined by the charity doctor periodically and vitamin supplements are distributed to the students who are underweight and suffering from vitamin deficiency related problem. The students are also advised on eating healthy and nutritious food.</p>
<p>Improvement of Health</p>	<p>There are several remote places in our country that lack access to healthcare. The healthcare facility established under the trust treats patients and issues medicines for free while also organizing medical camps wherever possible.</p>

	<p>Around 30 out-patients are getting treatment free of charge at the medical facility organised by the charity. The hospital is headed by Dr. Poduru Krishna Murthy, MBBS (1970), one RMP Doctor and a Lady Assistant. This service runs 6 days a week and free medicines as per the requirement are being distributed to the patients.</p>
Environment Sustainability	<p>The Trust Actively undertakes initiatives like Swach Bharat Frequently.</p>



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