

CSR AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2017-18



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Sembcorp Energy India Limited

COLLABORATING TO MAKE SUSTAINABILITY POSSIBLE

At Sembcorp, we strive to achieve business success on the foundation of achieving environment, social and governance sustainability. We remain committed to the principles of sustainability that is embedded our investment framework across our operations.

Our power generation assets are situated across seven states, some at remote locations. As a leading IPP, SEIL is committed to conducting its business in a sustainable manner. We believe in actively contributing to the economic development of the communities in places we operate. It is an integral part of how we conduct our business and build a sustainable ecosystem that benefits all our stakeholders.

We focus on empowering our communities through various interventions and programmes around education, health and skill development. Our aim is to improve the quality of life of local communities through these social investments.

36,250

beneficiaries



Partners in progress

We create value by implementing planned interventions in the identified areas and bring a positive difference to the lives of the people. Our focus areas constitute:



Education



Agriculture



Livelihood & skill development



Education 

We continue to support young kids in order to help them achieve their dreams. As strong believers in a well-educated society forming the bedrock of a better future, we at Sembcorp have undertaken the following initiatives to empower children in the areas where we operate.

38

schools benefited

~7470

children benefited

1. Build and renovate infrastructure

During the year, we conducted several studies within the areas of our Operation, which made us aware of the high dropout rates in schools. Among several reasons, the key ones were poor infrastructure and inaccessibility, which discouraged children, especially girls, from attending school. At Sembcorp, we bridged that gap by providing dedicated school buses for the children. Thanks to the

government's vision of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyan', there has been a visible increase in girls going to school.

We contributed towards several school renovations, renovation of library, setting up computer laboratories, providing safe drinking water, constructing toilets, conducting medical camps and planted trees in the school vicinity. We also provided electrical fittings,

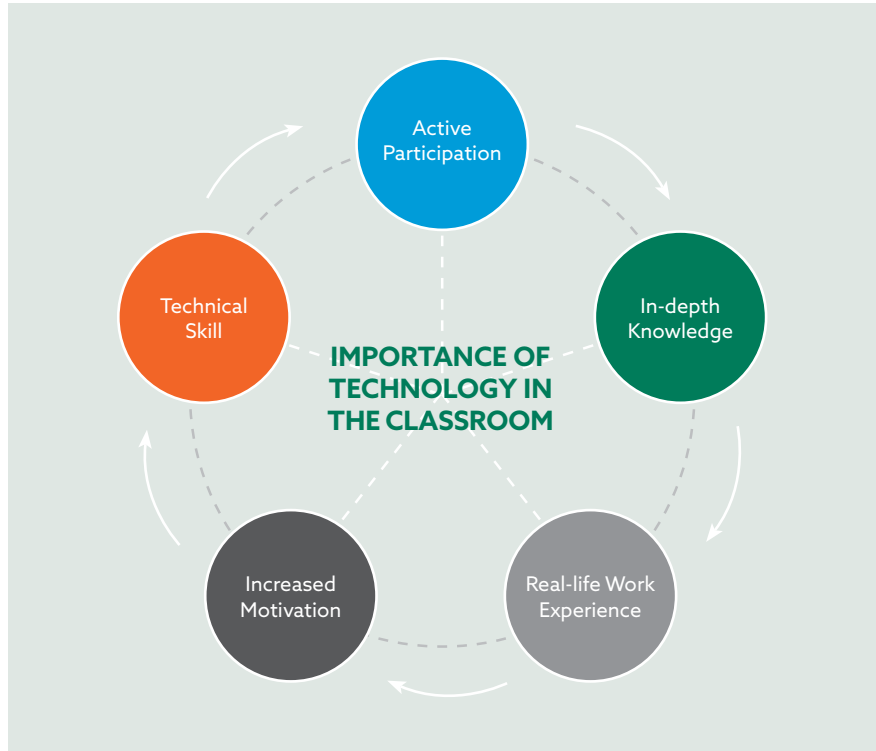
benches, desks and other basic infrastructure in these class rooms. To encourage children living far away to come to school, we have continued facilitating transportation to schools in and around our Nellore operational site. These efforts have resulted in more youngsters gaining access to better education.

2. Digital education

'Akshardaan is a unique initiative to build an enabling learning environment for children in the neighbouring village schools. Our team has contributed effectively towards empowering the children through digital education. Computers and other necessary infrastructure have been made available to classrooms in several schools in and around our areas of operation. These digital classrooms have encouraged students and teachers to engage fruitfully in their pursuit of knowledge, helping them take a step towards a blended learning environment.

3. Scholarships

Affordability continues to be a hurdle in rural areas for students to pursue an education. Low disposable income of parents prevents deserving students from pursuing higher education. A survey undertaken by our team in Nellore identified 52 such meritorious students from Nelaturu Palem village who have financial constraints. These students were given scholarships to pursue higher studies in reputed educational institutes in the academic years 2015-16 and 2016-17. The impact is as follows.¹



Trained in the following areas	Before 2015	Present status
Engineering	2 students	8 students
Bachelor's Degree in Science or Arts	3 students	12 students
Post-graduation	1 students	5 students
ITI industrial trade	4 students	11 students
Plus 2, nursing and other vocational courses	4 students	16 students

¹Source: Data collected by CSR team from FGDs in Nelaturu Palem

Agriculture 

Considering the needs of the society, we at Sembcorp Energy India have implemented focused engagements through our implementing partners to help local farmers in an around our areas of operation. We equipped them with agricultural solutions that are sustainable and climate resilient. The project also aims at setting up small-scale livelihood generation centres and mobilise the community to uplift the existing levels of education, health, sanitation, and drinking and irrigation water management activities.

3

districts covered

7,496

farmers benefitted



Livelihood and skill development 

SGIL, SEIL's 100% subsidiary in the renewable space, has initiated a skill development project in two villages of the Davangere district of Karnataka, i.e., at Ananthanahalli and Yaradettinahalli. Considering the needs of the community, the project focuses on empowering women by upgrading their skills so as to help them earn, save and manage their finances better. To attain these goals, the project team is focusing on capacity-building within the community through several planned engagements.

The programme, which has benefited 80 women, empowering them with livelihood skills and financial literacy, is linked to the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana. During the project period, 20 women were helped to open savings bank accounts. By training the women and exploring income-generating opportunities for them, the project reached out to as many as 400 family members who would be directly or indirectly benefiting from the skill development programme.

2

functional training centres

400

beneficiaries





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