

## **WRITE UP FOR CSR ACTIVITIES**

UJVNL (formerly known as Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited) is a forward looking wholly owned Government of Uttarakhand undertaking situated at Dehradun, incorporated primarily to promote and develop hydro power potential in Uttarakhand, after bifurcation of State of erstwhile Uttar Pradesh into Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. This company came in to existence on 12th February, 2001 to run the existing hydro power generation stations and development and promotion of new hydro power stations.

State of Uttarakhand is also known as 'Urja Pradesh' and is well known for its picturesque beauty and origin of pious rivers such as Ganga, Yamuna, Bhagirathi, Alaknanda, Mandakini Tons, Kaliganga, Asiganga etc. and their tributaries giving abundant opportunities for generation of the hydro power. These rivers which are supported by small rivers, canals and tributaries offer great potential for development of small hydro projects.

Today, UJVNL while giving stimulus to the power sector operates hydro power plants ranging in the capacity of 0.2 MW to 376MW, totaling up to 1284.85 MW. In order to cater the demand of the people of Uttarakhand and to provide them green fuel at an affordable cost and to honour the commitment of the nation towards environmental protection, the Company is constantly committed to develop the State's huge power resources at an early and efficient manner.

Though the presence of holy Ganga and other holy rivers is bliss to State, but that has been badly hit by environmentalist's movement and several projects like Lohari-Nagpala, Bhairoghathi etc. those were under construction duly approved by the relevant ministries have been closed.

By the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 13-08-2013 State of Uttarakhand and Ministry of Environment have been directed not to give any environmental clearance till further orders and MoEF has been directed to constitute an expert body to make detailed study as to whether the existing

hydroelectric projects as well as future projects under construction have contributed to environmental degradation. Moreover, Ministry of Water Resource, Rural Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India have filed an affidavit on 31-05-2016 before Hon'ble Supreme Court mentioning that no Hydro Electric Project will come up in the main stream of Ganga i.e. Alaknanda, Mandakini and Bhagirathi and further in Ganga river right from Dev Prayag downward till Gangasagar.

Because of the stalled projects in Uttarakhand, total of 6062 MW of electricity will not be available to the State which is not only a great loss to power deficit State but is a very severe dent in the power security of the country because hydro power is a renewable and clean source of energy at affordable cost.

Despite of odds, Company continued its pursuit of excellence under the abled leadership of Mrs. Radhika Jha, the bureaucrat and Secretary (Energy), Government of Uttarakhand and Chairperson, UJVNL and Shri S.N. Verma, a technocrat having variety of experiences in hydro power sector as well as thermal sector in the capacity of Chairman, Electricity Board, Managing Director and other senior positions. They are supported by a dedicated team of professional and bureaucrats who are stalwarts in their respective fields.

With the battery of dedicated staff and their entire efforts, UJVNL became the first Government Company in the State of Uttarakhand who had not only earned profit but have paid dividend to the Government of Uttarakhand. The Company has paid a total dividend of Rs. 14 per share in the financial year 2015-16 and Rs. 14.5 per share in 2016-17, amounting to Rs. 19.29 Crores and representing 25.34% of the profit after tax. Myth has been broken as 100% State Government Undertaking is paying Dividend.

UJVNL is successfully running the old power plants that have outlived their designed life and with the efficient preventive maintenance policy and timely maintenance of the machines have been able to achieve the target and even

surpass them with earning of profits. Due to the constraints of new projects, as per the decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and other movements of the environmentalists, the Company utilized this bottleneck into an opportunity by concentrating on existing plants. The Company had done successful renovation, modernization and up-gradation (RMU) of 04 No. of existing running plants of capacity 74 MW in a phased manner and RMU of other 02 projects of capacity 141mw is in progress at Tiloth and Dhalipur. This will result into saving of cost of installing fresh projects and capacities are increased due to RMU at a comparative lesser cost.

The Company is accelerating the progress of construction of existing Power Stations. Vyasi Hydro Power Station construction has crossed 70% completion milestone. On completion, this will add up to 120MW capacity.

During this period, Dunao, Small Hydro Project of 1.5 MW capacity has been commissioned on 10-12-2017 and Urgam, Small Hydro Project that had been damaged due to floods have been reconstructed and restarted on 24-03-2018.

The Company is taking all possible steps to accelerate the clearance processes for those projects that are not stalled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. In this connection, all approvals of Lakhwar Multipurpose project (300MW) has been granted by Government of India and work will be started soon and all the clearances of Bowala-Nand Prayag (300MW) are available with the Company. Only TEC is pending in CEA. Kishau Corporation Ltd. has been incorporated for Kishau Multipurpose Project (660MW) on 16-01-2017.

Company is quite sensitive in the preservation of their heritage. We are the proud owners of 3 MW of Hydro Power Station at Galogi near Mussoorie and are still running it at 3 MW capacity. Constructed in 1906-1907, this power plant was catering to needs of Mussoorie and was 2<sup>nd</sup> power plant in India next to Darjeeling.

This Company not only produces energy but is quite sensitive for the conservation of energy also. The Conventional street lights and flood lights and fans have been replaced with energy efficient LED lights and energy saving fans with 5 Star rating in various Dams, Barrages, Power House Buildings, Office Buildings, Residential Colonies but is in a constant process to cover all the projects that are spread along the length and breadth of State of Uttarakhand.

Considering the embargo of development of hydro projects, the Company have amended its Article which enable them to venture in alternate sources of energy. Towards the commitment of environmental friendly environment, headquarter of the Company situated at 'Ujjwal' Maharani Bagh, Dehradun is a building that is running completely on solar power. The Company has developed solar power facilities in PPP mode at Dhakrani also.

The Company has signed a MoU with Sugar Mill at Bazpur and Nadehi, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand for development of 22 MW Co-generation bagas based project at Bazpur and 16 MW at Nadehi which will not only provide power to the State but with the help of Company these two Co-operative Sugar Mills will be modernized and achieve more efficiency in the production of Sugar and optimum use of bagas for production of energy. The projects are likely to be completed in the year 2018.

Being a forward looking Organization, the Company believes in Standardization and quality. As a first step forward, Company has received ISO 9001 : 2008 Certification for its offices in Dehradun and other offices/large and medium Power Houses. Company gives importance to integrated MIS and quick and efficient decision making and therefore Company is in process of implementation of ERP Solutions which may become Go-Live in 2018-19.

The Company is committed towards its social responsibilities and had been contributing to the society on a constant basis much before the compulsory allocation of CSR came in the force. The Company has its own CSR policy that

has been framed in lines with policy prescribed under The Companies Act, 2013. All the items that are permitted under The Companies Act, 2013 have been incorporated in the policy. The Detailed policy is available at our web site: <http://www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com> and link: <http://uttarakhandjalvidyut.com/documents/CSR%20Policy.pdf>

The Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) as per the provisions of The Companies Act, 2013 are being discharged by a High Level Committee comprising of the following members:-

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| 1. Shri J.L. Bajaj, Independent Director –   | Retired IAS Officer |
| 2. Shri C.M. Vasudev, Independent Director - | Retired IAS Officer |
| 3. Shri. B. P Pandey-                        | Retired IAS officer |
| 4. Shri S.N. Verma, Managing Director -      | Technocrat          |

The day to day affairs of CSR are managed by the Company Secretary of the Organization who is hard core professional along with legal and managerial background and has assisted as per the directions of the Managing Director.

In place of putting entire money in one project, the Company has a policy to diversify and help the most needy people who are living in the vicinity of the projects and who were at one point of time project affected, by giving them hand holding support in sanitation, schools, sports and other activities on the recommendation of the management of that project.

Uttarakhand is rich in cultural heritage and in order to conserve and promote the cultural heritage of Uttarakhand, the Company has sponsored the winter Carnivals controlled by the District Collector at Mussoorie. The Company has also promoted the un-conventional support like W.W.F.

Some of the areas that are covered by the Company under the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy since inception are:-

- Promotion and training of conventional and un-conventional sports activities like badminton, cricket, water sports etc through talent and competition programs.
- Renovation and development of primary schools by providing furniture, learning materials and stationary etc for imparting better child education and update them with latest technologies through distributing laptops for improved education.
- To assist and promote programs undertaken for conservation and promotion of art and culture of the State of Uttarakhand and making efforts towards protection of its environment, flora & fauna etc.
- Providing sanitation facilities like safe drinking water, building public toilets, for the local inhabitants of project affected regions in Uttarakhand and awareness towards hygiene and cleanliness in slum areas.
- Promoting gender equality forums for women empowerment to stop discrimination against women and support aware education for girl child under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan through awareness programs and talent concerts.
- Promoting health care measures including preventive care by organizing blood donation camps and awareness against drug addiction and conducting various workshops and providing free medical aid to poor and needy people of Uttarakhand.
- Promotional of Vocational training and skill development programs classical music, dance and singing and painting competitions etc. through cultural fairs.

The Company is in process of undertaking CSR activities on a continuous basis. The latest works that are carried out include Repair & Maintenance of brittle path from Silon to Madarsu via Bhaila, Adiyakhait, Pharsil, Nakod and other works related to storage and supply of drinking water in Bhadogi Village for the local villagers near Lakhwar Vyasi HEP, in Hariyari with joint collaboration of Yamuna Swachhata Samiti, Katapathar, Dehradun. This gesture will not only provide

better connectivity between villages but will also give them safe drinking water. The native villagers in the vicinity will also be employed as manpower resources so that the benefits reaches directly to them and it will also increase community participation and belongingness to the Vyasi Hydro-electric Project.