

OIL's Commitment to sustainable development

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## OIL'S CSR VISION STATEMENT

"Oil India is a responsible corporate citizen deeply committed to socio-economic development in its areas of operations"

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“Our commitment to the future of our properties and their communities includes a significant effort to preserve the environment as a whole.”



## OIL SHIKSHYA RATNA PURASKAR 2016

Oil India Ltd. under its educational CSR initiatives has been awarding “OIL Shikshya Ratna Puraskar” honoring the exemplary service of In-service teachers of all provincialized schools (Elementary to Secondary) of Government of Assam and all affiliated non-technical undergraduate colleges under state universities of Assam since 2013.



OIL awarded OIL Shikshya Ratna Puraskar, 2016 to 6 (six) teachers at an award ceremony held on 26th September 2016 at Duliagian Club followed by a Teachers' Workshop. The Shikshya Ratna Puraskar consisted of cash incentive of Rupees One Lakh, a silver salver and mementoes to each of the awardees.

The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest, Shri Utpal Bora, CMD, OIL and Guest of Honour, Dr. Indra Kumar Bhattacharya, eminent educationist and former Principal, Cotton College, Shri S Mahapatra, Director (E&D), Shri P K Sharma, Director (Operations), Shri Jayanta Kumar Borgohain, Resident Chief Executive,



OIL.

The six teachers whom the OIL Shikshya Ratna Puraskar-2016 was conferred were:

- Mr. Swapan Bezbarua, Alengmara Sonari Gaon MV School, Alengmara, Jorhat
- Mr. Mukul Borkotoky, Duwara Pather Prathamik Vidyalaya, Dibrugarh
- Ms Juri Saikia, Amguri Hindi LP School, Amguri, Sivsagar
- Mr. Bharat Rajkhowa, Kadam High School, Kadam, Boginadi, Lakhimpur
- Ms Meenakshi Goswami, CNS Higher Secondary School, Pithakhowa, Sonitpur
- Dr. Manjit Gogoi, Jhanji Hemnath Sharma College, Sivasagar



Shri Utpal Bora, CMD, OIL congratulated the six recipients of the OIL Shikshya Ratna Puraskar and extolled their commendable contribution towards imparting quality education to the children. While stating about the objective behind the award, Shri Bora talked about how the award will inspire and motivate teaching fraternity.

Dr. Indra Kumar Bhattacharya in his speech acknowledged the exemplary contribution of teachers in nation building. While congratulating the recipients of the award, he also talked about their responsibility they have to uphold and set an example among the teaching fraternity.



Shri S Mahapatra, Director (E&D) and Shri P K Sharma, Director (Operations) congratulated the awardees and reiterated about the CSR initiatives of OIL in various sectors that promises to continue the development work for people residing in its operational areas. Shri J K Borgohain, RCE, OIL in his speech cited the role of teachers in nation building, their

passion to nurture knowledge and to generate the spirit of inquisitiveness among the students.

It may be noted that the names of the recipients of OIL Shikshya Ratna Puraskar 2016 were announced through press advertisement on Teachers' Day, 5th September, 2016. Earlier the teachers had submitted their self-nomination for the award against a press advertisement released by OIL. IL&FS Education was entrusted with the task of scrutinizing the entries and conducting the selection process through an independent Jury comprising of distinguished members from education fraternity and representatives from Dibrugarh and Guwahati Universities.

The award ceremony was followed by a Teachers' Workshop conducted by resource persons of IL&FS Education. Around 300 teachers from OIL's operational areas participated in the workshop.



## OIL provides post training assistance under HTPC

As a part of the ongoing CSR Project under Oil India Rural Development Society (OIRDS), trainees of Handicraft Training & Production Centre (HTPC) were provided with post training assistance at a ceremonious event held at HTPC complex, Duliajan on 19th August, 2016. Post training assistance like sewing machine, fly shuttle handloom sets and weaving & embroidery accessories along with certificate were provided to 50 successfully passed out trainees for the year 2014 and 2015 to encourage them for self-employment.

Shri Anup Kumar Gogoi, Resident Chief Executive (i/c), OIL graced the function as Chief Guest while Shri M C Nihalani, GM (R&D) and President OIRDS, Shri Pranjit Deka, GM (PA) and Advisor (OIRDS), Shri D K Das, DGM (CSR) & Vice President (OIRDS), Shri Nripen Kumar Sarma, CE (FE) & Secretary (OIRDS) and other senior officials of OIL were present on the occasion.

OIL's flagship social welfare project Handicraft Training and Production Centre was instituted in 1984 as a Silver Jubilee Project of the company. This institute is run by Oil India Rural Development Society (OIRDS) under direct patronage of Oil India Limited. Young girls from OIL's operational areas are imparted 11 months free training in cutting, knitting, embroidery



and weaving in this center along with a monthly stipend. Three decades ago OIL took initiative to imbibe sense of self sufficiency among rural women folk and is still pursuing it with same zeal and enthusiasm. Till date more than 1000 women completed training from this institute.



## OIL signs MoU under Project Swabalamban

As part of its endeavor to skill more youths, under Project Swabalamban OIL signed another MoU with four reputed organizations working in the areas of Skill and Capacity Building for partnering in OIL's CSR activities in Skill and Capacity Building in its operational areas in NE India. The placement linked skill training MoUs were signed between OIL and the four parties viz. Pragati Edutech Pvt Ltd, Downtown Charitable Trust, Gram Tarang Employability Training Services and Gyanjyoti Foundation on 12th August 2016. The

MoU signing ceremony held at its Field Headquarter Duliajan was graced by Shri J K Borgohain, RCE, OIL, Shri C Pal, GM (F&A), Shri Pranjit Deka, GM (Public Affairs) and other officials of OIL along with the project implementing partners.

The parties will be imparting skill training to youths from OIL's operational areas in North East India in trades like House Keeping & Hospitality, General Duty Assistant, Fitter CTC, Fitter, BPO (V/Non V) and CRM Domestic Voice.



## OIL adopted three orphaned rhino calves in Kaziranga

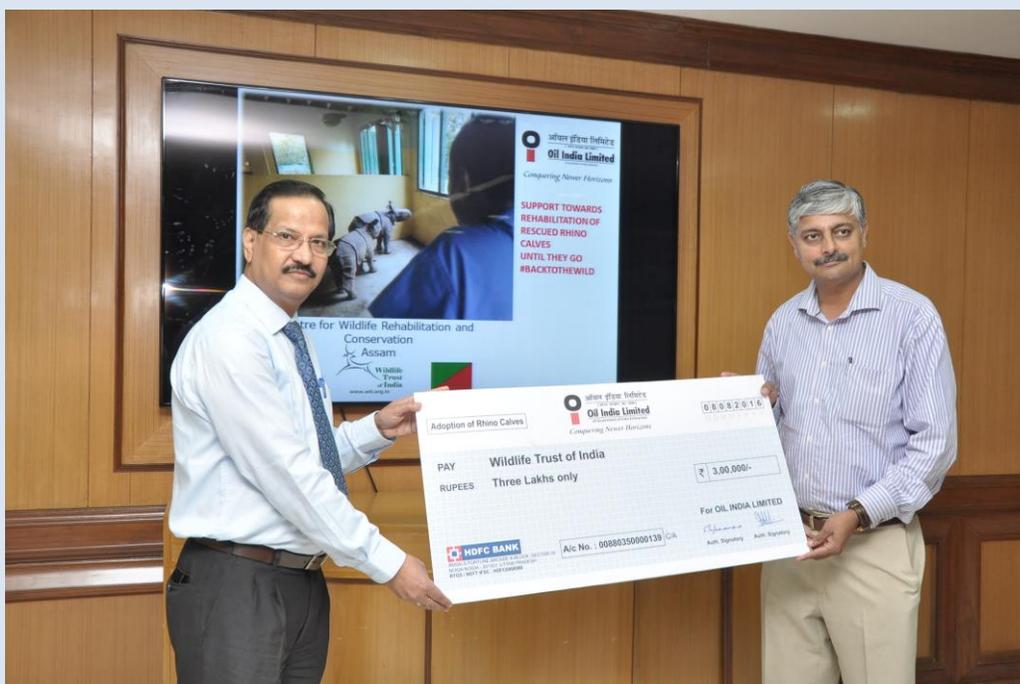
Oil India Limited under its Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives has adopted three orphaned Rhino calves which are being looked after by Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)'s, Centre for Wild Life Rehabilitation and Conservation located near Kaziranga in Panbari Borguri, Bokakhat, under Golaghat District in Assam. In the recent devastating floods in Assam, Kaziranga National Park has been severely affected and a lot of wild animals have lost their lives, while quite a few have been rescued by local people, NGOs and Forest officials.

A cheque of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs (Rupees Three Lakhs) only was ceremoniously handed by Mr Bhaskar Khaund, ED (HR), OIL to Mr Vivek Menon, Founder & CEO, WTI, at OIL's Corporate Office in Noida, Uttar Pradesh as an initial amount to take care of immediate needs of the three Rhino calves. Subsequently, the Company will be releasing the financial assistance periodically. A team from OIL's Public Affairs Department based in OIL's Field Headquarters in Duliajan, Assam visited Centre for Wild Life Rehabilitation and Conservation in Kaziranga on 8th August, 2016 to take a firsthand view of the Centre, the rescued Rhinos calves and had detailed discussion with the officials of WTI.

Responding to a news report published in a local Assamese daily on 2nd August 2016 regarding need of willing benefactors to adopt 8 (eight) numbers of rhino calves orphaned due to the floods, OIL Management



readily offered to adopt three Rhino calves, each around one month old, till the age of around three years after which they can be released from their captivity into the forest and monitored for a brief period as per norms. In the initial months, around Rs.40,000.00 to Rs.50,000.00 (Rupees Forty to Rupees Fifty Thousand) only will be the monthly expenses of looking after one Rhino calf which essentially involves the cost of milk (Lactogen).



## IN FOCUS

### OIL ORGANISES MEDICAL CAMPS UNDER PROJECT 'SPARSHA' IN FLOOD AFFECTED AREA OF MAJULI

As part of its CSR initiative, Oil India Ltd in collaboration with Srimanta Foundation for Culture and Society under Project SPARSHA had organised free health camps on 27th and 28th August 2016 in flood affected areas at Koritipar, Samuguri, Bilotiya villages in Majuli.

The health camps were jointly implemented by OIL Hospital and Piramal Swasthya (OIL's Project Implementing partner). The team from OIL Hospital was represented by Dr B K Sarmah, Dr D Duarah, and Dr. Nihar Deka.

The team had to outdo the river and bad road condition to reach to the ailing villagers. The team had to carry medicines in boat, motorcycle, on foot and in bullock cart as the roads were damaged due to recent floods.

On 27th August a total of 435 villagers were administered health check up in the camp, i.e. 289 at Kortipar, Majuli and 146 at Namoni Samoguri, Majuli. On 28th August, a total of 229 patients were given medical assistance at Sikali Chapori.

#### **About the Camps**

- Total 3 Camps were organized in 2 days.
- Number of patients administered health check-up - 664.
- Covered all age group
- Common ailments the villagers were suffering from :
  - Chronic Sub Clinical Gastroenteritis
  - Malnutrition
  - Anemia
  - Respiratory Tract Infections
  - Skin infections
  - Osteoarthritis
  - Backache with neurological manifestations



# GUIDING COMMANDMENTS

## Companies' Act 2013

The excerpt has been taken from FAQs released by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India with regard to CSR under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013

General Circular No. 01/2016

No. 05/19/2015- CSR  
Government of India  
Ministry of Corporate Affairs

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 'A' Wing,  
Shastri Bhawan, Dr. R. P. Marg  
New Delhi - 110 001  
Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

To,

All Regional Director,  
All Registrar of Companies,  
All Stakeholders

**Subject: - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) with regard to Corporate Social Responsibility under section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013.**

Sir,

Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, Schedule VII of the Act and Companies CSR Policy Rules, 2014 read with General Circular dated 18.06.2014 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, provide the broad contour within which eligible Companies are required to formulate their CSR policies including activities to be undertaken and implement the same in the right earnest. While complying with the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) provisions of the Act, Board of the eligible companies are empowered to appraise and approve their CSR policy including CSR projects or programmes or activities to be undertaken. In this connection, Ministry has been receiving several queries and references seeking further clarifications on various issues relating to CSR provision of the Act.

2. In continuation to this Ministry's General Circular dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 and 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, a set of FAQs along with response of the Ministry is provided for facilitating effective implementation of CSR :



5.	<b>Can the CSR expenditure be spent on the activities beyond Schedule VII?</b> General Circular No. 21/2014 dated June 18, 2014 of MCA has clarified that the statutory provision and provisions of CSR Rules, 2014, is to ensure that activities undertaken in pursuance of the CSR policy must be relatable to Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013. The entries in the said Schedule VII must be interpreted
	liberally so as to capture the essence of the subjects enumerated in the said Schedule. The items enlisted in the Schedule VII of the Act, are broad-based and are intended to cover a wide range of activities. The General Circular also provides an illustrative list of activities that can be covered under CSR. In a similar way many more can be covered. It is for the Board of the company to take a call on this.
6.	<b>What tax benefits can be availed under CSR?</b> No specific tax exemptions have been extended to CSR expenditure per se. The finance Act, 2014 also clarifies that expenditure on CSR does not form part of business expenditure. While no specific tax exemption has been extended to expenditure incurred on CSR, spending on several activities like contributions to Prime Minister's Relief Fund, scientific research, rural development projects, skill development projects, agricultural extension projects, etc., which find place in Schedule VII, already enjoy exemptions under different sections of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
7.	<b>Which activities would not qualify as CSR?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The CSR projects or programs or activities that benefit only the employees of the company and their families.</li><li>• One-off events such as marathons/ awards/ charitable contribution/ advertisement/sponsorships of TV programmes etc.</li><li>• Expenses incurred by companies for the fulfillment of any other Act/ Statute of regulations (such as Labour Laws, Land Acquisition Act, 2013, Apprentice Act, 1961 etc.)</li><li>• Contribution of any amount directly or indirectly to any political party.</li><li>• Activities undertaken by the company in pursuance of its normal course of business.</li><li>• The project or programmes or activities undertaken outside India.</li></ul>

Others FAQs will be covered in next issue of Pragati

## CSR brain Bite

OIL recently provided free of cost \_\_\_\_\_ for 131 households which were below the poverty line at Innao Village Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

Fill in the blanks.

## PhotoSpeak



**Give a caption to this photograph**

Send your answers to  
to  
[jayant\\_bormudoi@oilindia.in](mailto:jayant_bormudoi@oilindia.in) by 10<sup>th</sup>  
November, 2016

Also mention your  
Name, Deptt. and  
Phone number

For any feedback,  
queries or suggestion  
please feel free to  
email us at  
[jayant\\_bormudoi@oilindia.in](mailto:jayant_bormudoi@oilindia.in)

**Attractive prizes** are in store. Name of the winners will be published in next issue of the e-bulletin.

# CONTESTS

## Brain Bite Winners

1<sup>st</sup>. Subhadeep Chakraborty, Geophysics Deptt.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Kunal Borah, OGPS Deptt.

3<sup>rd</sup>. R. Maharaj, Vigilance Deptt Deptt., Jodhpur

## PhotoSpeak

Manash Protim Goswami, Electrical Engineering Deptt.

Caption- *'Together We Grow'*



## Answer to last issue of Brain Bite-

**Q-**Under OIL's CSR Project Dikhya, OIL has been distributing a gadget for smart class education in schools in OIL's operational areas. Name the gadget from list below

**Ans-** K-Yan

Winners are requested to contact PR Department for their prizes.

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