

United Breweries Limited Launches 2015-16 Corporate Responsibility Report

INDIA, Sep. 15 /CSRwire/ - At United Breweries Limited, we firmly believe in sustainable development, which is interpreted as growing business in a socially and environmentally responsible way, while meeting the legitimate interests of our stakeholders.

Building and Transforming communities requires focus, time, commitment and resources. The thematic areas for CSR have been carefully chosen to maximize output of the corporate social responsibility initiatives. The programmes have been solidified with the participation of business units, employees and the community that we work with and focus areas have emerged as:

1. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
2. Education
3. Primary Health
4. Environmental sustainability

We implement our CSR programs either directly or through partnerships with reputed non-profits having expertise in selected thematic areas. Emanating from the belief that our co-communities deserve attention on priority, the CSR implementation area has been defined as 10 kms radius of UBL operations and manufacturing facilities.

In the last year, we continued to make great advances— from evolving our approach to larger CSR programs, to taking community along in our water stewardship efforts and striving towards usage of renewable energy and replacement of fossil fuels with agricultural waste. We celebrate that progress and share our collective aspirations for a sustainable future in our 2015-16 Corporate Responsibility Report.

- Safe Drinking Water Programme—In 2015, we launched an ambitious safe drinking water programme with a commitment of providing safe drinking water to 600,000 people by 2020. In collaboration with non-profit partners, we have touched the lives of over 54000 people in the states of Karnataka, Telangana and Maharashtra.
- Primary Education— Through our education initiative, we have supported over 10,000 children in 13 states. We have specifically focussed on a region with poor human development indicators for a larger primary education intervention directed at improvement of quality of education in government schools in a public private partnership mode.
- Primary Health—In the last year, we have provided health care service and free medicines to over 35000 people in ten states through health centres and mobile medical units run by our manufacturing units.
- Reduction of fresh water consumption—Over the last decade, the fresh water (Litre / Litre of beer) consumption has been reduced by more than 50% across all our breweries. As part of the journey towards becoming a water positive organisation, waste water is recycled through sophisticated tertiary treatment systems and used in auxiliary functions in the plant. As of March 31, 2016, the average fresh water consumption is about 3.52 litres /litre of beer.
- Water Conservation—11 out of the 22 company owned breweries have got rainwater harvesting systems installed within the brewery premises, thereby effectively improving the water table. Rainwater harvesting projects have also been installed outside the brewery premises in four states to help the local community derive benefit from this hitherto run-off water, by either collecting the same in ponds or diverting it to rainwater harvesting structures that feed into the ground water table. As of March 31, 2016, total harvested recharge water quantity is 17% of the

total fresh water consumption. The mission is to move towards becoming a water positive organisation by the year 2025.

- Use of agricultural waste instead of fossil fuels—At the end of the last year, 85% of the total fuel used was from agricultural waste.
- Use of renewable energy sources- To leverage the potential of solar energy available in our country, UBL has tied up with solar power producers and three of our breweries would largely be operated on solar power from August 2016 onwards.

We invite you to know more about these results in our Corporate Responsibility Report that details our 2015-16 activities at <http://unitedbreweries.com/csr>

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