

Social Responsibility and Community Development

RIL has a long and strong tradition of supporting the larger communities that it connects with - from education, health, drinking water, large-scale development of employable skills, to assistance during natural calamities such as earthquakes and cyclones.

"I strongly believe that we can, and should do, much more. I also believe that this effort has to bring into play RIL's strengths of strategic planning, meticulous detailing and flawless execution on a large format". With this perspective in mind, Shri Mukesh D. Ambani announced the launch of 'The Reliance Foundation' in November 2009.

The Reliance Foundation would address social development imperatives of India, specifically quality, formal and vocational education, affordable high-quality health care, meaningful rural development and urban renewal, and protection and promotion of India's priceless heritage of arts and culture.

Education

Education continues to be one of the major thrust areas of RIL's CSR interventions. A network of 10 schools caters to over 14,000 students spread across geographies in India. RIL's CSR cells of its manufacturing divisions and E&P blocks work zealously, round the year to support the educational requirement of the surrounding community and schools in the neighbouring region benefiting thousands of students from the underprivileged section of the society.

RIL's project for physically challenged children at Surat, near the Hazira Manufacturing Division, is fast emerging as a global model of public-private partnership, supporting physically challenged children's education with a local NGO. A hostel for physically challenged female students from the underprivileged segment of the society has also been constructed. With the support of state government of Gujarat, the school has been upgraded to Standard XII, thus becoming first such school in India.

Project 'Jagruti', the project to tackle dyslexia in Surat, is yet another public-private partnership based successful CSR programme being run by RIL. This project is based on the Linda Bell Model for diagnosis of dyslexia. The project is fully piloted at RIL's J. H. Ambani School in Surat. The success of this programme has inspired many schools in Surat to replicate the model. The Reliance Jagruti project for dyslexia is setting the pace for the business world's response to the social stigma of the mentally underprivileged children. Spouses of RIL employees from the Hazira Manufacturing Division are also supporting this activity. National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) registration has been initiated for the Academic Year (AY) 2010-11.

RIL has established an 'Early Intervention & Rehabilitation Centre for Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities' at Tallarevu to cater to the needs of such children and others living in Tallarevu Mandal and Yanam Union Territory.

The J. H. Ambani School near Patalganga Manufacturing Division continues to strengthen the support network for the disadvantaged and the physically challenged through participation in initiatives being undertaken by National Society for Equal Opportunities for the Handicapped (NASEOH), Blind Association and Cancer Society. The school has been awarded the King - Queen Runner-up trophy for the AY 2009-10 by NASEOH for its contribution to this social cause. The school has been placed in the outstanding category amongst all Dayanand Anglo Vedic (DAV) Public schools across the country and has been awarded "Pride of DAV Award" for meritorious achievements in class X and XII of the CBSE Examination AY 2009-10.

"Reliance Dhirubhai Ambani Protsaham" programme continues to support poor and brilliant students in pursuing higher studies. Continuous monitoring is being done to improve the performance of the students by conducting special classes in English and other subjects. Regular counselling sessions are also being arranged with experts in personality development and psychologists for motivating the children to achieve better results.

Further, RIL supplied notebooks, uniforms and bags to students from Gadimoga and Bhairavapalem panchayats and provided furniture to many schools to enable the children to have a better learning environment. To bring better results in high schools, RIL provides 'vidya volunteers' for the subjects where there are no regular class teachers.

RIL supports academics and education at all levels. The highlight of the year was the construction of additional classrooms and equipping them with furniture for the school at the Air Force Station, Jamnagar and also at schools of neighboring villages at Kanachikari and Moti Khavdi. Additionally, RIL extended financial support to academic and cultural programmes of many educational institutions. Further, RIL plays a pivotal role in the education of the girl child especially in rural regions. At many locations near its manufacturing divisions, the Company sponsors female students from the economically underprivileged segment of the society.

The Mumbai Indians' (the Indian Premier League's franchise for Mumbai) 'Education for All' initiative is a movement to support efforts to provide quality education to all children. The initiative is the brainchild of Smt. Nita M. Ambani, a passionate advocate for the cause of education. All proceeds from wristband sales go to support partner organisations: Akanksha, Nanhi Kali, Pratham, Teach for India and Ummeed. All these organisations have taken on the challenge of giving children in Mumbai and across India the opportunity to receive a great education. They refused to accept the status quo and have done path breaking work in changing how children study, learn and grow.

Community Health Care

RIL has developed Community Medical Centres (CMCs) near most of its manufacturing divisions. These CMCs provide comprehensive health services covering preventive, promotive and curative health care to the communities from neighbouring villages. Manufacturing divisions conduct regular health checkups for children in schools of their respective neighbouring regions. Doctors advise children and their parents on various health care issues and personal hygiene. RIL-sponsored Moti Khavdi Medical Centre caters to patients of surrounding villages with free medical services for needy patients. Further, RIL has also donated wheel-chairs and stretchers to a government-run hospital in Jamnagar.

Annually, RIL employees organise and participate in blood donation camps across manufacturing divisions and offices.

The 'Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital' at Lodhivali, near RIL's Patalganga Manufacturing Division provides quality medical care to the surrounding community. It extends prompt and specialised services to accident victims on the Mumbai-Pune highway. Trauma patients are provided free life-saving treatment. Further, the hospital continues to provide poor patients and senior citizens with free or highly subsidised treatment.

A unique joint initiative of RIL and the National Association of Blind (NAB), 'Project Drishti' has undertaken over 8,000 free corneal graft surgeries for the visually challenged from the underprivileged segment of the society. It is the largest corneal grafting surgery project enabled by a single corporate entity in India. Additionally, many manufacturing divisions regularly conduct blindness control programmes, comprising free cataract surgeries as well as distribution of prescription glasses and free medication like Vitamin A capsules and drops to underprivileged children of neighbouring villages.

Further, RIL has initiated a project for the development of cost effective and user friendly plastic cane. A plastic cane identical to an aluminium cane has been developed and NAB found it meeting the functional requirements during trials. As per an initial estimate, the plastic cane will cost about 60% less than an aluminium cane. The team is also working on weight reduction of the plastic cane.

'The initiative to combat TB, HIV/AIDS' is a unique publicprivate partnership programme between the Government, NGOs, several agencies and RIL. It extends from creating awareness to providing care, support and treatment including free of cost treatment to those who cannot afford the same. The Hazira Manufacturing Division's DOTS HIV/AIDS Centre is one of the largest Anti-Retroviral Treatment Centre (ART Centre) in the country. Manufacturing divisions in Jamnagar and Patalganga too have ART Centre facilities. This initiative has been expanded to other manufacturing divisions where activities are largely in the areas of advocacy and awareness.

Under 'Project Balkalyan', which is being run by RIL at its Jamnagar Manufacturing Division, every month, 55 children afflicted with HIV/AIDS are provided with nutritional support. Further, more than 100 HIV+ children have been adopted by the Reliance Ladies Club - an initiative of spouses of RIL executives from the Hazira Manufacturing Division, for educational and nutritional support.

The 'Primary Health Centre (PHC)' at Dahej, Gujarat adopted by RIL in FY 2006-07, continues its patronage and renders exemplary service in the region. Through the PHC, the Company has not only achieved its objective of providing medical services and facilities to the surrounding villages but has also conducted numerous programmes of national importance such as the pulse polio programme, malaria surveillance programme and health checkups for schools etc. The PHC is one of the few centres that has achieved a 100% target for conducting family planning operations in FY 2009-10. Further, RIL has contributed through the Rotary Welfare Trust, Bharuch, Gujarat for establishing a CT Scan Centre and Cardiac Disorder Diagnostic Centre in Bharuch. The PHC at Gadimoga, established in FY 2004-05, caters to the needs of the surrounding village communities. The two sub centres of this PHC at Bhairavapalem and Laxmipathipuram villages benefit about 6,000 families living in this region.

Manufacturing divisions offer free medical, diagnostic and therapeutic services including free medicines to neighbouring villages. Mobile Van Clinics - 'Health-On- Wheels' which are specially designed mobile dispensaries equipped with a doctor accompanied by a nurse, move to neighbouring villages on a scheduled basis all through the week.

Community's Safety

The Road Safety System is the most advanced, cost effective and easy to use tool for improving public safety and reducing operating economic costs. RIL has institutionalised road safety training across its numerous manufacturing divisions. The Company reaches out to over a lakh tanker and truck drivers annually, who visit the premises for receipt and dispatch of feedstock and finished goods. Further, road shows and training sessions for tanker drivers transporting chemicals and hazardous goods are organised at truckers' plazas. For the first time in the state of Gujarat, the Road Traffic Office (RTO) near Hazira is being supported by a multimedia based training facility to render safety awareness to all new license aspirants.

To provide emergency and trauma care to victims of highway accidents, at Hazira, RIL has tied up with an NGO and adopted a 110 kms stretch on the state highway in Gujarat starting from Sachin to Bharuch and the state highway via Hazira-Olpad-Hansot-Ankleshwar. The Hoshiarpur Manufacturing Division, Punjab, provides round-the-clock free ambulance services on the National Highway - 70 (a 20 kms stretch from Punjab to Himachal Pradesh).

Rural Infrastructure Development

Reliance Rural Development Trust (RRDT) as a Corporate NGO, continued its activities under the Gokul Gram Yojana of the state government of Gujarat. In FY 2009-10, RRDT undertook development of 1,390 village infrastructure facilities in 1,243 villages of 166 talukas across all 25 districts of the state of Gujarat. Of these, construction of 971 facilities aggregating expenditure of Rs 36.58 crore, were completed in FY 2009-10 and the same were handed over to the respective village authorities. The 971 facilities include 879 anganwadi buildings pre-nursery schools), 61 cement-concrete roads, 21 underground RCC sumps of capacities varying from 50,000 litres to 2.5 lakh litres waterstorage capacity and 9 check dams with total water storage capacity of 12.58 (million cubic feet (mcft) capable of catering to the irrigation needs of about 1,750 hectares surrounding agricultural land. The sumps and check-dams constructed are in areas of perennial water scarcity. Since its inception in 2001 till March 2010, RRDT, under Gokul Gram Yojana of the state government of Gujarat, has constructed 6,698 village infrastructure facilities with an aggregate expenditure of Rs 261.30 crore. The RRDT initiative, spanning over a decade, has set an example for sustainable community development work in India by a unique synergy of a corporate NGO (RRDT) and the state government of Gujarat.

RIL continues to develop rural infrastructure facilities and temples near the surrounding villages of many of its manufacturing divisions. RIL completed the Mandal Development Road of 10 kms length connecting Tallarevu to Bairopalem improving transport infrastructure. The road was dedicated to the nation by the Hon' Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Further, a fish drying platform cum jetty at Yanam was brought into operation this year. It will benefit about 2,000 fisher folk living in Darialathippa village providing them smooth transit facility to villages that are on the other side of the Godavari river.

Livelihood Support Programmes

RIL sponsored Self-Help Groups (SHGs) continue to empower women and youth from the underprivileged segment through various employment oriented training and skill development programmes. These include dress making, health care, helpers for hospitals, nursing, jewellery making, mobile phone repairing, electrician training, bamboo article making, light motor vehicle driving training etc.

RIL organised a livelihood workshop mainly focusing on fishermen involving different stakeholders like farmers, NGOs, research organisations and government agencies working with fisher folk. The outcome of the workshop was followed up with the agencies involved. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) will modernise the fishing harbour at Kakinada and also develop fish outlets. Further, RIL has promoted organic aqua culture for the benefit farmers in the Kakinada region.

Seeing the popularity of Polypropylene Non-Woven (PPNW) for various packaging solutions across the southern part of India, RIL took the initiative to create a 'handloom' like excitement in the field of the PPNW bag. This initiative has helped create an opportunity for housewives to earn from home apart from giving them financial independence and a sense of pride. RIL identified few bag making units, manufacturing non-woven bags in small towns like Madurai, Bhavani, Belgharia and Pune. Units in these regions were persuaded to give bag making operations on job work basis to housewives or a group working on a cooperative basis. The housewife collects cut pieces from the converters, stitches them and supplies it back to the converter.

Relief Operations

RIL's time tested disaster management and calamity relief operations were put to use yet again in FY 2009-10. In addition to extending donations, the RIL team from Jamnagar and Andhra Pradesh worked zealously in flood affected areas of Krishna, Andhra Pradesh, in October 2009.

Cyclone 'AILA' hit West Bengal's 24 North & South parganas in May 2009. RIL reached out to the state government of West Bengal on a war footing to facilitate speedy construction of a long-lasting embankment, stretching 778 kms, in the cyclone AILA affected region. A proposal to use various types of Polypropylene (PP) Geosynthetics was made and all technical inputs were provided to the officials to restore the embankment.

Wildlife and Animal Care

Parapets were constructed on open wells in the Gir forest in Gujarat, through FY 2009-10, considerably reducing deaths amongst lion cubs.

Heritage Conservation

Keeping in view the plurality of our society with multiple cultures, traditions and backgrounds, RIL has initiated various activities to consolidate the Indian ethos of unity in multiplicity.

RIL continues to support and develop the heritage temple and town of Dwarka. In FY 2009-10, RIL carpeted the bypass road leading to the temple and also continued the upkeep of the temple and the adjoining areas. In November 2009, under the state government of Gujarat's Pavitra Yatradham Vikas Board, RIL commenced development work in the temple square area.

Supporting Indian Culture

Under the aegis of the Gujarat Industries Navratri Festival Society (GINFS), in FY 2009-10, RIL supported more than a dozen garba troupes and organisations in Jamnagar, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar etc. Besides nine days of traditional garbas, depiction of culture, history, handicrafts, eateries and specialties of Gujarat through exhibitions, displays and stalls were part of the special attractions.

RIL continues to support 'Homage to Abbaji', a musical fiesta designed 10 years ago by the noted musician, Zakir Hussain, in memory of his father and guru, Late Ustad Allarakha. This unique musical event, held in Mumbai once a year, offers a platform to national and international artistes of repute to come on a common stage thus fostering camaraderie, cultural juxtaposition and harmony.

Supporting Professional Organisations and NGOs

RIL continues to support professional organisations, NGOs and events with the aim to develop professionalism in the country. Additionally, RIL is also aiding the development of the Jamnagar Chamber of Commerce and Industry's (JCCI) new office building to be called the 'Dhirubhai Ambani Vanijya Bhavan'.

RIL continues to support and work with Society for Village Development in Petrochemicals Area (SVADES), an NGO that binds the industry and the rural community for socioeconomic development. SVADES works in surrounding villages near Vadodra Manufacturing Division. SVADES focuses on skill development training and education. HIV AIDS awareness, hygiene and sanitation are some of the initiatives that SVADES undertook during the year.

Promoting Sports and Sportspersons

Besides promoting cricket on the global front, RIL actively nurtures young and talented cricketers and sports bodies. In FY 2009-10, Shri Parimal Nathwani, Group President (Corporate Affairs) was elected as the Vice President of the Gujarat Cricket Association.

The Indian Premier League (IPL) offered yet another opportunity to support and sponsor cricket. Mumbai Indians (MI), the IPL franchise for the city of Mumbai, is amongst the most followed cricket teams in the IPL. This is yet another step to help India achieve world class excellence in sports. This effort, which will foster talent scouting and development of cricket, is RIL's contribution to creating a healthy sporting ecosystem.

RIL and IMG have entered into an equal joint venture in FY 2009-10 to develop, market and manage sports and entertainment in India. The venture will have parallel complementary strategies: to provide and operate world class infrastructure and coaching facilities in the country to unlock India's sporting potential and create and operate major sports and entertainment assets in the country.

Acknowledging and Supporting Talent

'Real Heroes' is an initiative of CNN-IBN in partnership with RIL to honour the silent warriors of change, the ordinary people who have rendered extraordinary services for the betterment of others. For their contributions, all 24 Real Heroes are honoured and felicitated at a grand event in Mumbai with a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh each.

Along with the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), RIL instituted 'NASI-Reliance Industries Platinum Jubilee Awards Covering Both Physical and Biological Sciences' by allocating dedicated funds amounting to Rs. 1 crore in 2006. The annual award to scientists is in recognition of their significant contribution for application-oriented innovations and research. The award carries cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh and a citation.

RIL and the Stanford Graduate School of Business announced the creation of the 'Reliance Dhirubhai India Education Fund' in April 2008 to enable promising Indian students with financial need to obtain an MBA from Stanford. Each year, the Stanford Business School may award up to five Reliance Dhirubhai Fellowships. Reliance Dhirubhai Fellows will receive full financial support for the two-year Stanford MBA Programme. In December 2006, jointly with UDCT Alumni Association (UAA), RIL instituted 'UAA-Dhirubhai Ambani Lifetime Achievement Award' for innovative and outstanding contributions in the field of chemical sciences.

Dhirubhai Ambani Foundation

Dhirubhai Ambani Foundation (DAF) has Education and Public Healthcare as its focus areas. Under its SSC Merit Reward and Undergraduate Scholarship Schemes instituted in 1996, DAF recognises and assists students who top the merit lists of Std X and Std XII Board exams. The schemes also take care of the physically challenged meritorious students of the State Education Boards. Till date, the schemes have benefited 7,281 students, 1,056 of whom are physically challenged.

'Sir Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas Hospital & Research Centre (HNRHC)' is a renowned institution in South Mumbai, having rendered quality healthcare to the society for more than 85 years. It has a 328 bed multi-specialty tertiary care hospital with some rare specialties like Oro-facial Surgery, Onco-Surgery, Paediatric Hematology and Paediatric Endocrinology. It is one of the most renowned institutes for transplant surgeries and eye donations.

Sir Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas Medical Research Society (HNMRS), a non-profit research organisation based in Mumbai and established in 1974 with the sole aim of undertaking scientific research in the area of biomedical sciences and allied disciplines. The HNMRS has undertaken over 150 research projects on a wide range of topics, most of which are of national importance in the areas of the preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitative aspects of health. Several high-budgeted research projects, of considerable medical and

scientific relevance to the community, have been completed and are also on hand currently at the HNMRS. Most of the studies done at this institute have the potential for translation into tangible benefits for humanity, and several of them have already found expression in terms of new inventions or innovations which have empowered doctors in the difficult task of decreasing the mortality and morbidity of disease.

Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS)

Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS), founded in 2003, is the fruition of a dream to offer educational opportunities to children that make learning a joy and help bring out the best in them. The academic accomplishments and the all-round development of children from class LKG to 12 is a fitting tribute to this noble aspiration.

In examinations of all the three streams - the ICSE, the IGCSE and the IB Diploma held in 2009, the school's children have given an impressive performance, surpassing that of all the previous years. As against the average score of 36 (out of the maximum possible score of 45) achieved by the first four batches of IB students, the fifth batch, the Class of 2009, attained an average score of 37, compared to the world average of 29.5. In an even greater accomplishment, 3 of the students earned the perfect score of 45 points, a score that was achieved only by 86 children worldwide in 2009. For the fourth year in a row, the ICSE batch has achieved excellent results - earning an average score of 91%, with 29% of them scoring 95% and above and the topper scoring 96.1%. 87.1% of all IGCSE grades achieved were A* and A grades, as compared to the world average of 33% and the Indian average of 38%. Some of the children have even topped globally in several subjects while some of them are national toppers. For the fourth year in a row, one of the students received the 'Best IGCSE Student in India' award from Cambridge International Examinations.

The school's performance at the level of university placement continues to be exemplary. The IB Class of 2010 has earned admission offers from the world's top universities. 3 students were accepted at Oxbridge, 7 at Imperial, 32 at Warwick, 21 at University College London, 9 at King's College and 9 at the London School of Economics, amongst others. Amongst the Ivy League and other leading universities, Brown has accepted 2 students, Columbia 1, Cornell 2, U-Penn 5, Princeton 2, Yale 1, Stanford 2, MIT 2, Northwestern 3, Carnegie Mellon 5, Michigan 7, University of California LA 11, UC Berkeley 6 and New York University 11. Other reputable universities that have offered admission to the students include Duke, McGill, British Columbia, University of Toronto and University of Hong Kong. Students who applied to universities in Singapore as well as those who plan to continue their studies in India are expected to do equally well when their admissions are finalised.

Apart from academics, the school's students also work with a number of NGOs which include Advitya, Akanksha, Committed Communities Development Trust (CCDT), Muktangan, Pratham, Goonj and Habitat for Humanity. This year, the IB Diploma students have taken up the initiative to construct houses and roads in the village Hassachipatti (near Matheran) as well as provide educational opportunities to children in that area. To fund this project, students organised a fete in 2010 in which substantial funds were raised.

The academic year 2009-10 also earmarked several other notable and innovative initiatives. These include the 'Paigaam' Peace Conference which fosters a harmonious relationship with people from across the border, the

Annual DAIMUN (Dhirubhai Ambani International School Model United Nations) Conference which promotes children's leadership potential and commitment to civic engagement, participation in IAYP (International Award for Young People) which facilitates overall development of children by challenging them in areas of physical recreation, skills, service and expeditions; and the celebration of the Annual Day on the theme 'I am Mumbai', depicting the indomitable spirit of Mumbai and an awakening to address the daunting challenges it faces.

In a fitting tribute to what it has accomplished in taking forward the Round Square IDEALS, since receiving the Regional Membership in 2008, the Dhirubhai Ambani International School has received the prestigious Global Membership of Round Square in 2010. This stature will provide opportunities to further the ethos of Round Square through broad-based activities and exchanges that the global member schools fraternity provides.