

Project- S.A.L.T. (Serving and Learning Together)

Team has successfully conducted CSR activities in Little Rann of Kutch (LRK), Gujarat.

Our project S.A.L.T. was focused to uplift the livelihood of Agariya Community (traditional salt farmers).

Around 60% of the people in this community are in below poverty line and they work and live in very harsh conditions in the desert. The aim of our project was to create awareness about education & health in this deprived & conservative community where children start working at an age of 10 and the farmers take toll on their health while working in severe conditions.

Day 1: 8th Jan'20- Community Engagement:

CRISIL team from Mumbai and AHRM Team visited LRK, met few community leaders and locals to get familiar with the Agariyas, salt making process and challenges associated with this occupation.



We then visited few schools ('School on Wheels', popularly called Rann Shala) invited teachers and kids for our planned activities.

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Finally, inspected the location for our next 3 days event, where tent/booth installation work was going on in the middle of the desert.

Day 2: 9th Jan'20- Art & Craft:

Multiple creative activities were organised on this day with the support of volunteers from CN Kala Maha Vidyalaya, Ahmedabad.



Activities like painting, clay modelling ideas, puppet making and chart paper craft were conducted among ~140 Agariya community children. Activities were carried out with an aim of nurturing their artistic skills through creative ideas. Key persons from Gujarat Govt. administration have attended this event.



Day 3: 10th Jan'20- Backyard Science:

Team from Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai Community Science Centre with their Mobile Science Laboratory van has joined us on this day to engage children in presenting & conducting different science experiments.

Volunteers from CRISIL Ahmedabad Office also joined us in carrying out the planned activities of the day. Our emphasis was placed to encourage kids to think & learn while observing various scientific phenomena such as gravity, force, oscillation etc. They were also involved in making a box camera using simple lens and then cutting, pasting, folding the camera template to make box. Kits for making Periscope was also distributed for further science activities in their regular school hours.





Day 4: 11th Jan- Health Hygiene + Kite making Competition:

On this day we have organised a health check-up facility for the salt farmers and their children with the help of HOPS HealthCare, Ahmedabad. A medical van equipped with necessary medical equipment's; pharmacy & kits was mobilized in the LRK region. While families were undergoing with the health check-up, their children were involved in Kite making workshop followed by kite



flying competition. The kids loved flying kites and after this activity they went through necessary health screening tests.

Health check-up for the family and kids included physical

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examination, nutrition level of children, blood tests, BP check, treatment of any prevailing disease (generally skin/eye disorders among farmers due to working in Salt fields) etc.

