

# Adani Foundation bags 3rd Annual Greentech CSR 2013 Award

**Nagpur 2 Feb:** Adani Foundation, the CSR arm of Adani group, India's leading infrastructure player, announced that it has bagged the 3rd Annual Greentech CSR 2013 Award. The foundation was awarded for its exemplary activities in the education sector under its CSR program, showcased through the Adani Vidya Mandir School at Ahmedabad.

The prestigious award presented by Chief Guest Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, IAS (Retd.), DG & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. Of India was received by Dr. Bhadrayu Vachhrajani, Director-Education, Adani Foundation in the presence of distinguished gathering of business leaders, jurists, academics, environmentalists, economists, legislators and policy makers. The eminent jurists followed stringent procedures at all levels of screenings of applications, presentations and discussions, before declaring the award.

Commenting on the occasion, Dr. Priti G Adani, Managing Trustee, Adani Foundation said: "We are delighted to receive this award recognizing the efforts of the Adani Group and the Foundation as a responsible corporate citizen. We adopt a holistic approach while addressing key issues and ensure that the most marginalized sections of the society in rural and urban areas are covered under the ambit of our social initiatives. At Adani Foundation, we have a mission to accomplish through pas-



sionate commitment towards fostering sustainable and integrated development of communities, thus improving quality of human life in and around the neighbouring communities of our sites in the seven states where we operate. We believe in tackling challenges of poverty alleviation through achieving growth for society at large against traditional giving."

The Adani Group is an organization with a conscience and believes that companies do not function in isolation from the society around them and modern businesses depends more on employee time and talent. The Group spends more than three percent of its annual profits on CSR on a voluntary basis. Through Adani Foundation, the group encourages social, environmental and financial successes - the triple bottom line, with an ultimate goal of

bringing about a positive impact in the overall society, and at the same climbing higher echelons in its core businesses.

Education is at the forefront of the foundation's activities as it can be true catalyst to usher in a change not just in an individual but the entire community as a whole. Dr. Vachhrajani, while receiving the award, emphasized on the role & importance of education-related activities in the community development program of the foundation. He said:

"Education is the key to sustainable development of any society as it not only elevates the present generation to better standards of living but also reflects the subsequent generations. Under the various initiatives of the Adani Foundation, more than 1.5 lakh students have been covered for improving quality of education through various activities/programmes with guidance and assistance from the UNICEF."

The showcase infrastructure of the education-related activities of the foundation is Adani Vidya Mandir - a progressive initiative, acknowledged across the world for its unique set-up laid by providing the cost-free learning to bring out the best in the students whose family income is less than Rs. One lakh per annum. The best-in-class education provided by the school works towards bringing out the best in the meritorious students, coming from challenging economic background.