



Enhancing Lives & Livelihoods



About Us

GMR Varalakshmi Foundation is the social responsibility arm of the GMR Group, a global Infrastructure major with interests in Airports, Energy, Highways and Urban Infrastructure.

GMRVF is a Section-25 Company managed by an independent Board chaired by the Group Chairman, GMR Group. It's vision is to make sustainable impact on the human development of under-served communities through initiatives in Education, Health and Livelihoods. It has its own professional staff drawn from top institutions. It works in 23 locations across the country with communities neighboring GMR businesses.



Education



GMRVF believes that quality education must be accessible to all. Towards this it sets up and runs educational institutions of excellence, and works with communities and government schools.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Engineering College -1 Degree College-1 B.Ed College -1 Schools - 5

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY

- Partnering 350 Govt. Schools, impacting 35000 children
- Pre-school initiatives reaching 3800 children
- Focus on 5000 slow learners through after-school tuition
- 26 Kidsmart technology based learning centers for 3000 children
- 17 tent schools catering to 1000 migrant labour children

Dreams come true

In 2008 when Bhimesh was 7 years old, GMRVF and Dept. of Education set up a Tent School (temporary schools for the children of migrant labour) in Bilakahalli settlement in Bangalore where he lives along with parents and a sibling. Bhimesh's parents worked as construction labour, and Bhimesh had to take care of his one-year old sibling while his parents were at work. Hence, going to school was a distant dream for Bhimesh--till the tent school was set up in his locality. Bhimesh attended regularly along with his brother. The tent school enabled him to receive education and at the same time provided care for his young sibling. He studied in the tent school till 2010 and then was mainstreamed into a Govt. school when the GMRVF team convinced the parents to hand over the responsibility of his sibling to an older relative. He is currently studying in Std. V. Education is no more a distant dream for Bhimesh!

Health, Hygiene and Sanitation



Recognizing that health is integral to a good quality of life, the Foundation works to improve quality of and access to healthcare, health awareness and sanitation in its communities.

HEALTH FACILITIES

- 135 bed hospital at Rajam, Srikakulam Dist., Andhra Pradesh with CARE Hospital
- 8 bed day clinic at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh with CARE Hospital
- 30 bed hospital at Kamlanga, Odisha

- Operating 3 ambulances
- Operating 4 Mobile Medical Units
- 28 medical clinics catering to 5000 people per month
- 22 public toilets built for promoting sanitation
- 10 nutrition centers for pregnant and lactating women



DISASTER RESPONSE

Cloud burst and flash floods hit the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand in June 2013. GMR Alakananda Hydro Electric Project and GMRVF responded immediately and supported the affected communities in the wake of this massive disaster.

- 2 Bell Helicopters of GMR Aviation Ltd. operated about 50 sorties, and evacuated 210 stranded people
- All GMR employees donated their one day salary amounting to Rs.90.34 lakhs, and GMR Group gave a matching donation of Rs.1 crore
- Air-dropping of relief material, medical support
- Setting up of information-cum-facilitation centre
- Support to education department to resume classes in damaged schools, financial assistance to BPL students

GMRVF received "Appreciation Award for excellent work in UK Disaster relief by the CM, Uttarakhand" for this work.



Empowerment and Livelihoods



The objective of the livelihoods program is to channelize youth and women towards entrepreneurship and livelihood development, so that they may participate equitably in economic progress. GMRVF also supports rural families through farm and non-farm interventions.

VOCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- Running 8 vocational training centers for skilling unemployed youth
- About 4500 youth are trained every year through these centers, with almost 80% placement
- Industry partnership is the key strategy to make the courses market relevant

- 30000 youth trained with 80% settlement
- Supporting about 300 SHGs
- Initiative to support marketing of products of SHGs
- Livelihood support for farm & allied activities to 1500 rural families
- Life-long learning through community libraries and adult literacy programs

Future packs a punch

At Delhi, GMRVF initiated a course in Cargo Handling based on an assessment of skill requirements at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi being operated by GMR Delhi International Airport Ltd. The course curriculum was designed and developed with the support of DIAL staff. Among the 21 candidates enrolled in the first batch of the course was Narender Baniwal. His father used to work for Delhi Transport Corporation but about 8 years ago, he got a stroke and became paralyzed. Life was difficult for the family. Narender and his four siblings were not settled. At that time, he heard about the GMRVF Training Centre, and joined the cargo course. He successfully completed the course and got a job opportunity at CELEBI, a Cargo Company operating from Delhi International Airport. Today Narender is a Trainee Cargo Executive and earns Rs.11,500/-per month.



Awards and Recognitions

- ASSOCHAM CSR Excellence Award 2013-14
- FICCI CSR Award 2012-13
- Rotary Vocational Award 2012-13 for CSR
- Appejay India Regional Volunteer Award 2011
- CNBC TV18 India Business Leader Award, 2010
- Helpage India, Silver Plate Award, 2009
- TERI CSR Award, 2009
- International Orbis Award for CSR 2008