

## CSR ANNUAL REPORT 22-23

Celebrating Another Year of Purposeful Commitment

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## About Sigma Minerals Limited (SML)

For the past 49 years, Sigma Minerals Limited has been the foremost lime manufacturer in India. Our unwavering commitment to quality is encapsulate in our motto, " Assuring Quality at Every Step," reflecting our relentless pursuit of perfection. By providing customized products that exceed customer expectations, we consistently stay ahead in the market.

From our modest inception of producing 18,000 MT per annum, we have grown exponentially to reach an impressive production capacity of 5,40,000 MT per annum. We have a strong commitment to exceptional products, which has inspired us to establish cutting-edge manufacturing facilities. Throughout the years, we have built a solid reputation, and the name of Sigma has become synonymous with excellence.

We have successfully integrated renewable energy sources, such as wind power and solar power, into our operations, meeting $30 \%$ of our electricity requirements. This commitment to utilizing sustainable energy sources helps us reduce our environmental impact and contribute to a greener future.


Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Sigma Minerals Limited is our commitment to aligning business operations with ethical, social, and environmental concerns, aiming for a positive impact on society. We prioritize our responsibility to our people, communities, and the world, managing environmental, social, and governance aspects effectively.

As part of our dedication to good corporate citizenship, we actively contribute to enhancing the quality of life in local communities near our operations. Our focus is on national development, sustainable growth, and social equality, integrating CSR seamlessly with our pursuit of business excellence.

Sigma Minerals Limited isn't just about good business; it's about making a positive societal impact. We always prioritize our stakeholder's interests, and be responsive towards them-including communities, persons with disabilities, women, and society at large.

In our CSR journey towards achieving human development and excellence, we shall endeavor to deploy the CSR Program in line with Schedule VII of The Companies Act, 2013 as recommended by the CSR Committee of the Board and approved by the Board from time to time.

Sigma Minerals Limited has strived to make continuous efforts in the direction of social upliftment. From supporting employee volunteerism to making financial donations to partnering with NGOs, SIGMA is strongly committed to uplifting its communities, improving lives, and protecting the environment.

We have endeavored to optimize our efforts for making a meaningful difference in the lives of the less privileged, make them self-reliant and become contributors to the nation's development.

Under the requirement under the Companies Act 2013 and the rules/ regulations framed there under and circulars/ clarifications issued thereunder (collectively Applicable Law) Sigma CSR activities, amongst others.

## ASPECTS OF CSR



## 1.Environmental Sustainability:

Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora and fauna, animal welfare, agroforestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining the quality of soil, air and water.

2.Social Responsibility: Corporate Social Responsibility focuses on the responsibilities of businesses and emphasizes the role of creating a positive social impact in society. The company may engage in philanthropic activities, such as charitable giving, community service, and supporting social causes.

3.Hunger, Poverty, Malnutrition and Health: Eradicating extreme hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting preventive healthcare, sanitation and making available safe drinking water.

4.Education: Promoting education, including special education and employment- enhancing vocational skills and livelihood enhancement projects, monetary contributions to academic institutions for establishing endowment funds, chairs etc. This also includes skilling and re-skilling initiatives for those who are in need.


1. Rural Development Projects: Strengthening rural areas by improving accessibility, housing, drinking water, sanitation, power and livelihoods, thereby creating sustainable villages.
6.Ethical Business Practices: A company can adopt ethical business practices that promote transparency, honesty, and integrity in its operations.
7.Employee well-being is a critical aspect of a company's overall success and corporate social responsibility. Prioritizing the physical, mental, and emotional health of employees contributes to a positive work environment, increased productivity, and a more engaged and satisfied workforce.

8.Transparency and accountability are integral components of good governance, ethical business practices, and corporate social responsibility. Both principles play crucial roles in building trust among stakeholders, including customers, employees, investors, and the wider community.
9.A relief fund is a financial pool set up to provide assistance, support, or financial relief to individuals, communities, or organizations facing hardship due to a specific crisis, disaster, or challenging circumstances.

## VISION \& MISSION:

Vision: To empowering throwing communities \& a flourishing planet through our unwavering commitment to sustainability \& impactful initiatives.

Mission: 1) To integrate ethical and sustainable practices into every aspect of our organisation operations.

2) Through strategic partnerships, community engagement, and transparent communication, we strive to positively impact the environment, support community development, prioritize employee well-being, and drive innovation for social good.
3) Our mission is to lasting value for our stakeholders and contributing to the betterment of society

## Purpose:-

1. To create a positive brand
2. To collaborate and to support, directly or indirectly, the initiative of any individual, group, organisation or institution in promoting good practices in CSR.
3. Supporting the people and helping them to live a sustainable life.
4. To prioritise building meaningful relationships with the community, rather than engaging in superficial or transactional activities.
5. It's about delivering value so that we can continue our purpose for decades to come.
6. It's about giving back to society, taking part in humanitarian causes, and providing positive social value.
7. To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
8. To make the stakeholders aware of CSR practices in Sigma Minerals Limited.
9. To Define governance structure for CSR management within the Company. To have an authentic community involvement and aligned with the company's values and goals.

Quote: "Business has a responsibility beyond its basic responsibility to its shareholders a responsibility to a broader constituency that includes its key stakeholders; customers, employees, NGOs, Government- the people of the communities in which it operates." -Courtney Pratt

## CSR INTERVENTION

As identified under Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013, SIGMA undertakes five broad areas of CSR intervention, each of which is titled by the objective they seek to achieve viz. SIKSHA (Achieving Heights) - Education initiatives, SWASTHYA (Creating Wellness) - Health and Sanitation and Drinking Water projects, PRAKRITI (Going Green) - Plantation, AAHAR (Feeding \& Nurturing) - Eradicating Hunger and Malnutrition, AASHRAY (Care for Animals) - Animal and Birds welfare.


## AAHAR (Feeding \& Nurturing)

The primary objective of the Aahar scheme is to address food insecurity by providing nutritious and affordable meals to economically disadvantaged individuals. It aims to improve the nutritional status of vulnerable populations, especially in urban areas. Aahar also seeks to promote social inclusivity by ensuring that everyone, regardless of economic background, has access to a balanced and hygienic meal. Additionally, the scheme contributes to poverty alleviation by making essential food services more accessible to those in need. Overall, Aahar endeavours to enhance the overall wellbeing and health of marginalized communities through the provision of subsidized meals.
"Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth these are the same fight."


Hunger and undernutrition are the problems of the society, they should also be dealt with through collective responsibility and mutual support. One possible solution is to ask companies to contribute to feeding the underprivileged society groups and unattended animals, and birds by making it a part of their extensive CSR Programmes, as well as partnering with non-governmental organisations. This would result in a fruitful partnership towards solving the problem of hunger and starvation for human beings and the animals and birds living in our society. This would ensure the proper utilisation of CSR funds and proper implementation of the feeding programmes by the NGOs.

Our objective is to provide better health \& nutrition to the weaker section of society, especially to poor and needy children. We contribute towards this cause through various organizations that are engaged in implementing similar objectives.
> Every Month donation to Anubandh

The mission of Anubandh is to provide a supportive and caring environment for elderly individuals who may not have familial support or are unable to live independently. These institutions aim to ensure the well-being, dignity, and quality of life for senior citizens by offering them a safe and comfortable living space.

## > Donation to Hare Krishna Movement ( Akhsya Patra).

The term "Akshaya Patra" refers to a notable non-profit organization in India that operates one of the world's largest mid-day meal programs. The Akshaya Patra Foundation was established in the year 2000 with the mission of addressing childhood hunger and supporting education.

## AASHRAY

The objective of Aashray is a beacon of compassion, extending its caring arms to two vulnerable segments of our society - animals and the elderly. In the realm of animal welfare, Aashray goes beyond conventional measures, creating sanctuaries that serve as havens for stray and abandoned creatures. With a commitment to their well-being, Aashray ensures these animals receive not just shelter, but also medical attention, nourishment, and a chance for adoption, embodying the belief that every life, no matter how small, deserves love and care.
"It's not enough to love animals; we must actively protect and preserve them. It's our duty and responsibility as custodians of this planet."


Aashray extends its benevolence to the elderly, recognising the wealth of wisdom and experience they hold. Through meticulously crafted old age homes, Aashray strives to provide a comfortable and supportive environment for senior citizens, fostering a sense of belonging and respect. Aashray's holistic approach to care, encompassing both the furry and the seasoned, reflects a profound commitment to creating a society where compassion knows no boundaries, and every individual, regardless of species or age, finds solace and care. Under our CSR initiatives, we strive
$>$ Donation to various trusts that work for the well-being of Animals not limited to but like:-

- Shri Gulab Gaushala Dharmath Trust,
- Sant Tulchhidas Gou Sevasamiti,
- Shri Ram Goushala Trust,
- Nirvana Baba Vasudev Muni Gou Seva Samiti,
- Kawad Medical for Dogs treatment etc.


## $>$ Donation to Anubandh ( Old Age Home)

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## SWASTHYA (Creating Wellness) - Health and Sanitation and Drinking Water projects

The objective of "Swasthya" (which means "health" in Hindi) initiatives can encompass a wide range of goals aimed at improving the health and well-being of individuals, communities, or populations
"There's nothing more important than our good health- that's our principal capital assets."


Sigma Minerals Ltd. believes in equitable distribution of health care to all individuals irrespective of their gender, age, caste, colour, urban/rural location and social class. The company recognizes that healthcare is not a short-lived intervention, but an ongoing process of improving people's lives and alleviating the underlying socioeconomic conditions that contribute to poor health; thus the Board of Directors has unanimously decided for the provision of preventive healthcare. Our objective is to reach out to the community residing with poor health services and to provide preventive and curative health services.

To make health care accessible and affordable to the underprivileged, our company undertakes serval initiatives.
$>$ Organised Blood Donation camp and health Check-up camp at Jodhpur Industrial Association
> Blood Donation Camp at Gram Panchayat, Khejarla Village.
> Donation to Navjyoti Manoviaks Kendra


## Blood Donation Camp at Khejrala Village

## SHIKSHA (Achieving Heights)

"SHIKSHA" translates to "education" in Hindi. If you are referring to a specific organization, program, or initiative named "SHIKSHA," providing additional context or details would be necessary for a precise response. As of my last knowledge update in January 2022, there may be various educational initiatives or organizations using the term "SHIKSHA."

## Education is one thing no one can take away from you.

## Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom- George Washington Carver.

Education creates a plethora of opportunities that provide employment, and improve the socio-economic situations of the poor and underprivileged. In our endeavour to contribute our mite to society, we have taken several small but meaningful steps assuring inclusive and equitable education and learning opportunities, these are as follows:
> Providing financial support to students from economically backward sections of society.
> Providing scholarships to students residing near the factory vicinity.
> Providing donations to various NGOs \& trusts engaged in the promotion of Education viz. CRY (Child Rights and You), Swami Vivekanand Students Welfare Charitable Trust, Rakshak Foundation NGO for self-defence of female students, Friends of Tribal Society etc.
> Donating water cooler \& purifier to MBM Engineering College, Jodhpur, donation to Prabandh Samiti Adarsh Vidya Mandir School and other types of equipment to Government school.
$>$ Curtailing of high dropout rate at nearby government schools by creating infrastructure and construction of pavilion work near our plant area.
> Improving academic performance and overall development.


Education Sessions for children around the factory vicinity


Distribution of Water cooler \& Purifier to MBM College, Jodhpur


## Scholarship given to Students

## PRAKRITI (Serving to Nature)-

"Prakriti" is a Sanskrit term that translates to "nature" or the natural world. Working towards the preservation and protection of natural ecosystems, biodiversity, and the overall health of the environment.

A tree is beautiful, but what's more, it has a right to life; like water, the sun and the stars, it is essential. Life on earth is inconceivable without trees.


## Plantation Work near plant area, Basni Hari Singh \& Khejarla

Tree plantation drives have emerged as a powerful Corporate Social Responsibility activity that not only benefits the environment but also provides valuable learning
experiences for participants. Companies are the main drivers of these effects as they become responsible for the environment either directly or indirectly. Since they are aware of it, companies are considering their impact on the environment and communities in which they operate more than ever.


## Water Harvesting is done at Chokha Village, Jodhpur

The Company can demonstrate their commitment to CSR by participating in treeplanting initiatives. As a company, planting trees has numerous benefits that can impact both the environment and the company itself.

Sapling Plantation we understand the significance of planting a sapling and all our planting drives are focused on increasing the green cover around the surrounding. All are major plants and factories are located in arid zones, we made our efforts to convert these areas into more fertile and greener land. The major focus post-planting is on the survival of saplings and trees, we made our best efforts in maintaining the survival rate of such saplings and plants.

Recognizing the pivotal role water plays in the lives of communities, this initiative aims to address water scarcity challenges and foster resilience in the face of climate change. Through the deployment of state-of-the-art rainwater harvesting infrastructure, our company has enabled the village to harness and store rainwater efficiently.

The system not only caters to the immediate needs of the community but also acts as a long-term solution to water scarcity issues, promoting self-sufficiency and environmental stewardship.

This CSR initiative reflects our commitment to empowering communities by providing them with sustainable solutions that enhance their quality of life while preserving precious natural resources.

## Company initiatives:-

> Plantation work at Masuriya Hill \& Serve Brahman Samaj Swargashram Sansthan.
> Construction of Water harvesting system at Chokha Village, Jodhpur
> Construction of a pavilion at Khejrla panchayat area to promote sports activity.


Construction of Pavilion work near our plant area, Khejarla

## Empowering tomorrow with Sigma Minerals Limited

CSR in today's era holds greater significance as it plays a facilitating role in India's social economic development. It helps Sigma in achieving a balance of economic, environmental and social imperatives. Through our CSR initiatives, we believe in touching many aspects of human life. Over the years, we have embarked on the journey of social change through inclusive growth dedicated to the cause of our future and future generations.

Our corporate giving believes in promoting these primary goals:

## Elevating our communities

We give to organisations that strengthen the fabric of our communities. We stand up for those facing financial hardship and instability by funding programs that address homelessness and hunger and support economic mobility.

## Inspiring our future

We support programs that are inclusive and create pathways for a better future through education, scholarship programs and infrastructure development.

## Reinforcing our health

We partner with organisations to promote healthcare and provide health services to those in need.

## Protecting our Environment

We bring our efforts to preserve resources and avoid jeopardizing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.


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## SIGMA MINERALS LIMITED

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