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# “HandsOnCSR” BY That’s Eco Foundation

That’s Eco Foundation, born out of a sheer need felt within the communities that are falling behind in terms of their overall development and with a passion to make a difference for them. With a growing number of Corporates who are building their businesses within these communities and are willing to give back a portion of their earnings, we strongly felt that development could be plowed back through identification and professionally managing developmental projects. That’s Eco foundation was set up to professionally manage developmental-oriented and self-sustaining ecosystems. Having worked in space for over a decade.

That’s Eco Foundation is resonating with the felt need from the donors of the world to bring transparent and professional management into the societal interventional projects. The ecosystems that That’s Eco Foundation is creating are making meaningful and impactful differences to the communities that we are living in.

The outcomes of the projects make a substantial difference to the community and are measurable. Enterprises that are contributing to such projects, now have deeper involvement, including their staff from within the organization volunteering with their available time. They now have a chance to participate in such projects, proudly contribute, and interact with the society around them. They are taking back rich learning experiences that they can treasure for a very long time.



## OUR STORY

That’s Eco Foundation has a rich experience of working closely with many underprivileged communities that are part and parcel of any growing economy in India. The organization has identified gaps that desperately need attention from donors. These developmental projects are predominantly in the overall development of the Communities, which could include Income generation activities, Environmental and Education related development projects.

As civic bodies are overwhelmed with many projects that need attention, they would require help from donors who can do timely mobilization of resources and take up many of such projects. This can help fill developmental gaps which otherwise would have remained a dream for many of the communities. That’s eco Foundation wishes to take up such projects and with the assistance from donors wishes to bring about a small change bringing development within these communities. In the identified areas of focus, That’s Eco Foundation connects donors who are interested in

social investments, civic bodies, communities in which they operate, and all other stakeholders.

Besides closely monitoring the projects, as a best practice, That’s Eco Foundation keeps all project-related activities transparent and provides regular reports to the interested stakeholders regarding resources and funds utilization. Started HandsOnCSR in the year 2018 as a proprietary firm that found its true purpose, at the beginning of the pandemic and has now become a public charitable organization (NGO).





## Gurunandan Rao M

### Executive Director

Dear Friends and well-wishers of HandsOnCSR and the community we serve,

The year it was for HandsOnCSR by THAT'S ECO FOUNDATION. We are now a 3-year + organization with an admirable track record of serving people and the planet. Our donor organizations now believe more than ever that we are serious about the activities and initiatives we carry. I am happy to share that the organization has only grown amidst the pandemic. We are thankful to the Income tax department for awarding us 12A and 80G which shall help the donors to avail tax benefits. With the CSR 1 registration from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, we now pass all the due diligence checks for receiving CSR grants. All this has further strengthened us to meet our vision of Enabling Corporate and Citizen Social Responsibility.

PEOPLE and PLANET have been our focus and the year gave us ample opportunities to serve both. It was unfortunate to mankind that the year started with the second wave of Covid 19. The number of cases and comorbidity rate skyrocketed.

Many of us lost our near and dear ones. It was under these conditions that NGOs demonstrate their purpose of responding to societal demands. Our association with the Government and Industry during these tough times proved beneficial for lakhs of people to get timely health care attention.

The concern towards preserving the planet is at its peak. Clean water, greenery, soil, and moisture conservation are key to human sustainability. The start of a massive urban lake restoration was a key project this year. With that, was increasing the green cover of along with other corporates and youth from educational institutions.

As we are stepping into a new era called the post-pandemic, we will embark on a journey with newer associations, initiatives, and strategies that will continuously allow us to rediscover ourselves. All of this is possible only because of the continued support and encouragement that all stakeholders have given us.

## Vision

Creating ecosystems of sustainable change.

## Mission

To engage businesses with making effective physical and financial investments in social projects, thereby ensuring improved company performance and stakeholders' welfare mission.

## Focus Area



## OUR SERVICES



Ideation  
and implementation



Monitoring  
and  
evaluation



Impact  
assessment



Employee  
Volunteering

# COVID- BATTLEING THE INVISIBLE ENEMY

COVID brought the world down to its knees. Mankind was faced with a lethal and invisible enemy; whose cruelty knew no bounds. The year witnessed multiple stories of loss, but it also gave rise to a new breed of heroes, who worked tirelessly, putting their lives on the line to keep the rest of the population safe.

We would like to thank all our corporate donors and well-wishers, who supported us in our endeavor to safeguard vulnerable communities from the impact of COVID. We supported frontline health workers and essential service providers, such as sanitation workers and police personnel, with protective gear and medical supplies. Awareness drives were taken up to bust myths and educate communities about the precautions they should take to stay safe during the pandemic.

We are determined to help and support communities bounce back in the months and years ahead. Together, let's Make Giving Count!

## GLIMPSES OF 2021-2022

- Shikaripalya Lake Rejuvenation with Samsung Semi-Conductor India Research (Samsung R&D Institute India Bangalore Pvt Ltd), Bengaluru (4th Feb 2022)
- Strengthening of health care facilities in mitigating Covid-19 in & Chennai during 2nd wave with CGI
- Inauguration of "Mahalakshmi layout covid care center" initiative by CGI in partnership with BBMP Mahalaxmi Layout
- Impact Assessment Report for Connecting the Dots Pvt. Ltd by Social audit Network (SAN), India, (technical partner of Hands-on-CSR): (2018-2021)
- 100 plants for the centenary celebration of Lowe's: (18th Sep 2021)
- Collaboration with Sankalpataru for identification of location for plantation in Urban and rural Bengaluru / any other location
- Education project implemented by CTD (Connecting the Dots)
- Implementation of education and environment project by Synaptics India Pvt Ltd
- Celebrated 76th UN Day with 5000 students engaging in localizing sustainable development goals (SDGs) supported by UNIC and the Permanent Mission of CoastaRica

# IMPACT PROGRAMS

## Batteling Covid -19 by strengthening the Health care facilities in Bengaluru and Chennai by CGI

Name	Strengthening of health care facilities in mitigating Covid-19 in Bengaluru & Chennai by CGI Information Systems and Management Consultants Private Limited
Date and duration	January 21-25, 2022
Location	Bengaluru and Chennai
Objective	Strengthening Mahalakshmi Layout Covid Care Centre in Bengaluru, KC General Government Hospital at Malleswaram, Bengaluru, Health care facility in various districts of Tamil Nadu, Infrastructure facilities for Valasarawakkam Police Station Chennai.

### 01 Strengthening Mahalakshmi Layout Covid Care Centre in Bengaluru:

Mahalakshmi Covid Care Centre in Bengaluru takes care of the Medical needs of more than 5 Lakh population. We took a rapid survey to understand the needs of CCC in Bengaluru. After consultation with senior officers of the Health Department and in-charge Minister of the Center, 27 Multi Para Monitor medical equipments were provided for continuous assessment of various parameters of critical patients.



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**Strengthening K C General Government Hospital, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru:**

45 Pediatric -ICU Fowler cot with mattress procured, delivered, and set-up in the Hospital.



**Shikaripalya Lake Restoration by Samsung Semi-Conductor India Research, Bengaluru**

Name	Rejuvenation of 19-acre Shikaripalya Lake a CSR initiative by Samsung Semi-Conductor India Research (Samsung R&D Institute India Bangalore Pvt Ltd), Bengaluru
Date and duration	Feb 14th, 2022 and currently ongoing
Location	Shikaripalya lake in Hulimangala Grama Panchayat, Electronic city.
Objective	Restore the lake to its glory

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**Strengthening Health care facility in various districts of Tamil Nadu:**

450 Digital BP Monitor (BPL 120/80 B9) was procured and delivered to the Director of Health Care, Chennai. The apparatus was further distributed to the different districts by the department.



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**Strengthening Infrastructure facilities for Valasarawakkam police Station, Chennai:**

The head of the Station gave the list of infrastructure required for the station, and the following furniture and fixtures were supplied to the station: 15 Nilkamal Chairs with armrest, 6 S Type Chairs, 2 stainless steel three-seater chairs, 1 four-seater stainless steel Chair, 1 steel Rack, 4x4 Computer Table, 2 feet wooden drawer, 2 long wooden benches.



The in-charge Minister Sri M Subramanian and Government Officials of the Health department extended gratitude for the support to the Government. We are in continuous contact with the concerned officials for monitoring the performance of all equipments.

SSIR (Samsung Semiconductor India Research) and Oasis foundation got into an MoU on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, to rejuvenate the 19-acre Shikaripalya lake in Hulimangala Gram Panchayat, Electronic city. Due to years of city waste accumulation, sludge formation, non-availability of proper treatment systems, and years of abuse of feeder drain to the lake with sewage water had spoiled the entire ecosystem of the lake. The lake stood as a dead lake with no clean water and no aquatic life. Oasis Foundation partnered with That's Eco Foundation (HandsOnCSR) and Malligavad foundation to restore this lake to its glory.



## Implementation of Education and Environment projects for Synaptics India Pvt Ltd.

Name	Implementation of education and environment project under corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative by Synaptics India Pvt Ltd
Date and duration	August and September, 2021
Location	Government Higher Primary school at Shanubhoganahalli and Shanuboganahalli Lake
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To improve the infrastructure facility and beautification of schools for a better learning environment</li> <li>● Involvement of community for renovation and rejuvenation of water bodies to improve the microclimate</li> </ul>

### 01 Education Project

Government Higher Primary school at Shanubhoganahalli was selected after a baseline study in consultation with PRI members, local youth, and teachers at the school.

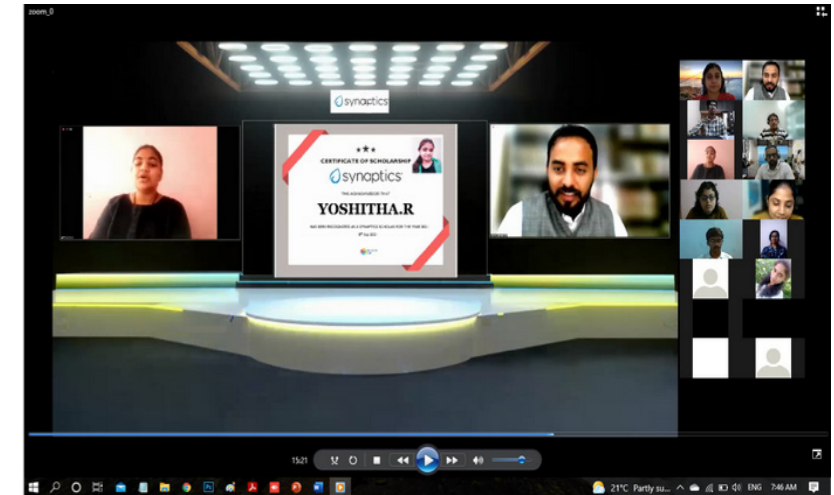
#### We found that the school requires the following improvements:

Normal plain paintings and educational drawings for all the classrooms, repair of the roof of rooms which was leaking during the rainy season, repaired damaged parts of the floors and Corridors, construction of the incomplete compound wall and raising the height of the compound wall, the platform for draining the wastewater in the drinking water area, repair of mid-day meal kitchen and hand wash area to improve hygiene.



## Providing scholarships for underprivileged students studying graduation or post-graduation in science background

- By helping the BPL students to pursue higher studies and motivating them.
- 26 students applied out of which 10 students were selected under criteria that were followed
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation in the country, the scholarship was distributed online. Post-event, the scholarship amount was credited to the beneficiary's account directly via online transfer.



### Teacher Training:

The system of education has seen drastic changes over the years. Teachers must continually adapt to changes in syllabus and exam patterns, engage students effectively, foster creativity and with COVID19, digitization of education.

- This required the teachers to be continually trained in different learning systems as education continued unabated across the world.
- A program was designed by CTD (Connecting the dots, an organization specializing in education programs) for the govt high school teachers under the project funded by Synaptics.
- The teacher training program for 30 Government school teachers began on 27th August 2021.
- A total of 36 hours of training was scheduled 4 hours per week. The training was divided into four modules: Science, Mathematics, English, and Soft Skills.



## 02 Environment Project

In the rural, people have built many traditional tanks for use in the community. But, one of the traditional tank/ water bodies attached in Shanuboganahalli was neglected and not maintained properly even though it was useful for many traditional activities. It was silted heavily with a lot of weeds, the waterways were blocked, and there was no inlet and outlet for rainwater flow. We felt that it is one of the important interventions for biodiversity conservation and microclimate modulation and also social engineering because the community is very well attached. In consultation with the local youth group and village leaders, a plan was drawn to de-silt the tank, strengthen the bund and convert the entire area into a green belt with a variety of indigenous trees.



### Impact assessment of the rural volunteering activity by Mr. Sasi Chemmenkottil, Executive Director & CEO of LPG Division, Total Oil India Private Limited

Name	Volunteering for 1000 impact stories
Date	September 4, 2021
Location	Bengaluru
Objective	Finding the project impact of the rural volunteering activity done in 2019-20

In 2019-20 we did around 5,634 man-hours of rural volunteering at Morarji Desai Residential School, BR Hills. Activities under this were to involve volunteers in plantation, soil, and moisture conservation. Any CSR project would be incomplete without knowing its impact on the ground and on its beneficiaries.

It was our pleasure to have Mr. Sasi Chemmenkottil, Executive Director & CEO of LPG Division, Total Oil India Private Limited volunteer to assess the impact of this. The key finding was how we are reducing 400 tons of carbon footprint per annum through this project.



### Awareness of Sustainable Agriculture practices in India to the students of OHIO

Name	Sustainable Agriculture
Date and duration	24th-30th January 2022
Location	Bengaluru
Objective	Awareness of Sustainable agriculture practices in India to students of Central State University (OHIO) USA

We helped the biology students of Central State University (OHIO), from the USA to broadcast information and bring awareness about "Sustainable Agriculture practices" followed in India, which has experience of 3000 years. Sessions were carried out in 3 ways: Live, Recorded Video moderated by Dr. Krishna, and Recorded Video only. Farmers involved during the process were Pape Gowda (Alugowdanahalli, Holenaripura taluk, Hassan district), Yogesh, Shanthegowda (Hatti Chowdahalli), Thothappa, Mukundur (Hosahalli), and Hoisala Appaji Gowda.

- Live sessions included a tour of the area, meeting people, compost production, crop diversification, pest control using indigenous methods, soil testing, water and soil conservation, and live hedging.



- Recorded video moderated by Dr. Krishna included showcasing life with a farmer, bioenergy and manure, seasonal crop diversity, carbon sequestering, and debriefing.
- Recorded video sessions included an introduction to sustainable agriculture, compost manure in Indian agriculture, sustainability because of diversity, and soil testing.



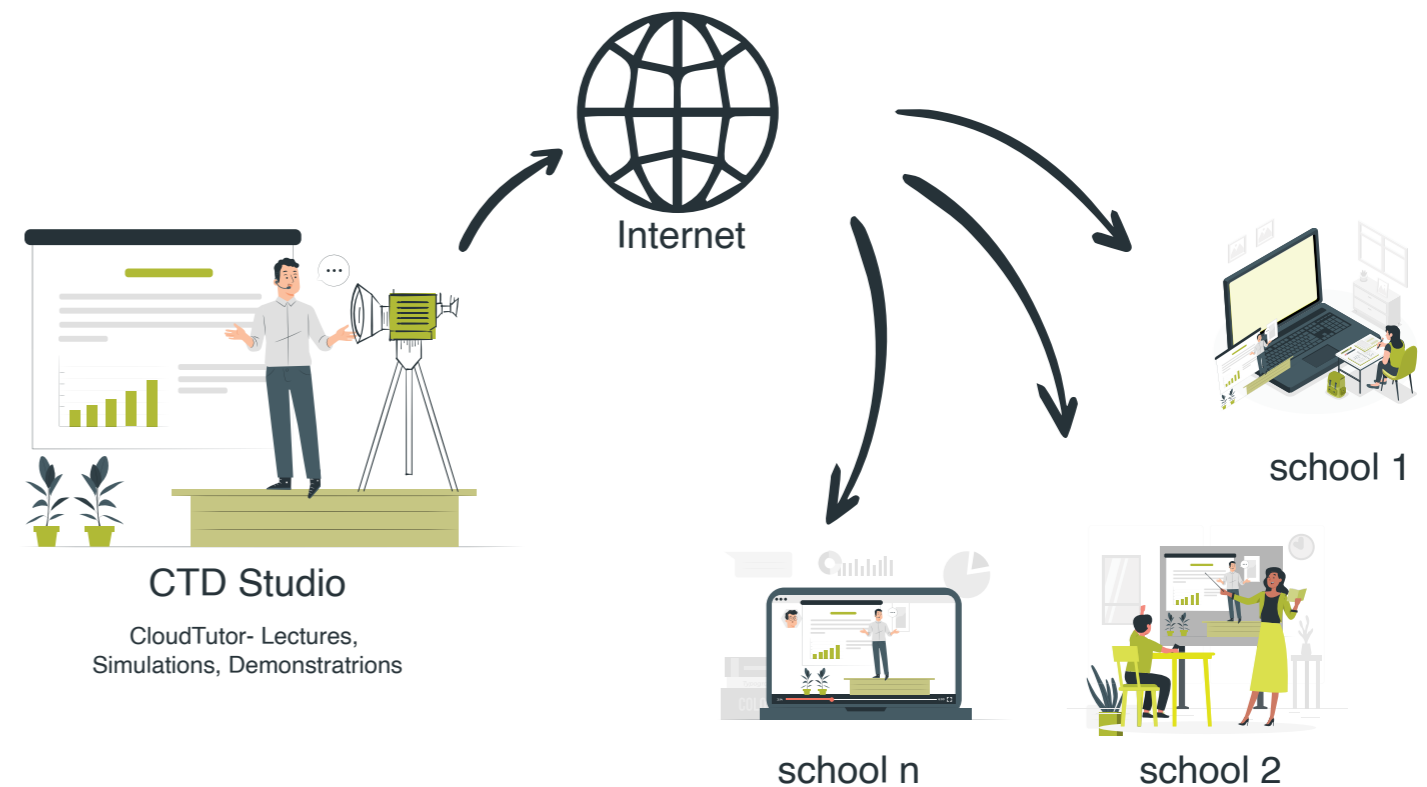
The education scenario in India is going through a transformative phase, right from the policy perspective to the implementation strategy on the ground. Blended learning mechanism such as using technology has been prevalent mostly in urban areas. With the penetration of internet services in rural areas, the opportunity to reach out to the rural masses has been possible. Connecting The Dots (CTD) Pvt Ltd., a Bengaluru-based Ed-tech company, has been operating in rural as well as urban Karnataka since 2016. Born out of deep faith that teaching disciplines like Science and Mathematics should be made more practical, hands-on, and fun, CTD has been working with teachers and students across the state. This impact assessment has been undertaken by Social Audit Network (SAN), India, (technical partner of Hands-on-CSR) for the period 2018-2021. By subjecting the intervention to a third-party audit and assessment, CTD seeks to determine the outcome of its initiative and demonstrate its impact to its sponsors. The schools under the study have been supported by

Larsen and toubro Infotech (LTI) Services Pvt Ltd. In this study for the impact assessment, 9 schools were included as a sample from Bangalore and Hubli districts. 125 students from these schools were reached out to, besides consulting with other stakeholders. Since the entire assessment was done during the pandemic period, and the schools were closed, the students could not be reached out to in person. All the stakeholders' consultations were done remotely through telephonic conversations and Google forms.

During the assessment period, CTD had met the set target of schools for the intervention. During this period ~4000 school children were reached out and ~2000 classes of learning have been conducted. Besides providing the hardware support to the schools, they ensured its smooth functioning.

## An impact assessment by Social Audit Network (SAN), India for Connecting The Dots Pvt. Ltd.

Name	An impact assessment by Social Audit Network (SAN), India for Connecting The Dots Pvt. Ltd.
Duration	May 2021
Location	Bengaluru District
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To promote education, and retainment of children in Government schools by encouraging them to attend school regularly and increase their pass percentage.</li> <li>To reduce the dropout percentage due to the lack of teachers in the school.</li> <li>Support Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) mainly Quality Education and Reduced Inequalities.</li> </ul>



## Centenary celebration by Lowe's

Name	100 plants for the centenary celebration of Lowe's
Date and duration	18th September 2021- January 2022
Location	Jakkur Lake
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Greening of community space with support from local communities.</li> <li>● Sustainability of the plantation through maintenance and management by the community.</li> <li>● Participation of employee volunteers during the plantation.</li> </ul>

Lowe's India was celebrating its 100 years in Business. As a part of Corporate Social Responsibility, Lowe's India had decided to plant 100 saplings throughout 1 km in Jakkur. Lowe's approached Hands on CSR which executed the project along with Oasis foundation and We Plant Tree. While planting is an important activity, the sustainability of these saplings is key. For this purpose, a project was ideated with community involvement and participation for sustainability. The event involved land preparation, pit digging, filling for plantation, plantation, stacking, watering, and basin making by Lowe's employees, RWA, and NSS Students from Soundarya college on 18th Sep 2021.



## Joined hands in greening mother earth by connecting with Sankalpataru, Bengaluru

Name	Collaboration for identification of location for plantation in Urban and rural Bengaluru / any other location
Duration	October, 2021
Location	Bengaluru
Objective	Join hands in greening mother earth and making it a sustainable place for future and present generations by connecting with Sankalpataru, Bengaluru.

Joined hands in greening mother earth and making it a sustainable place for future and present generations by connecting with Sankalpataru, Bengaluru. Collaborated and identified location for plantation. We had to explore and shortlist the location and finalize the suitable one in consultation with Sankalpataru. Liaisoned and got relevant permissions from the concerned authority for the plantation. Assisting/facilitation during the event was done. Mobilized the local community and set up a community organization.



## PROPOSALS SENT BUT **NOT** ACCEPTED

- Concepts note prepared and submitted to Total India Pvt Ltd.
- Strengthening health infrastructure through oxygen on wheels to Ernst & Young Private Limited (EY).
- Budget for impact assessment of all 8 projects implemented by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- Rejuvenation of Hanumanthasagar Lake to donors interested in reviving Bengaluru Lakes.
- Proposal for CSR communication submitted to HCL Foundation.
- Strengthening health infrastructure for covid relief in partnership with Government of Karnataka (GOK) submitted to EY.
- Covid-19 relief 2021 prepared for Rotary.
- Improved rural health care by Empowering youth through skill development .
- Strengthening health infrastructure for covid relief in partnership with GOK, prepared for any corporate to take it under CSR, Bengaluru.
- Transfer of technology for data collection, simulation, and sustainable management of health care system in Ramanagara district, concept note prepared for any corporate.
- Comprehensive study of underground and surface water to achieve a water-positive campus submitted to Titan(Jewellery Division), Hosur Industrial area.

## COLLABORATIONS

We plant tree



Malligavad Foundation



Oasis Foundation



Connecting the Dots



Bhageerath



Green Garage



## AWARDS **AND** REWARDS

24.02.2022 CGI won the **“ASSOCHAM”** special recognition award for providing health care support during Covid-19. We were privileged to implement this program over the last two years. Award was conferred by IT Minister. CGI values its vendors for their efforts.



# STRENGTHENING NON-PROFITS



Participated in Upcycling and greening event by Bangalore Creative Circus



Celebrated the 76th UN Day with 5,000 students engaging in localizing SDGs supported by UNIC and Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to United Nations revolving around Blended Futures: Recovering for a sustainable & equitable world.

# BRINGING AWARENESS



CSR law Amendment 2021 Explained

3,157 views

124 DISLIKE SHARE SAVE ...  
31 Comments

Youtube Video explaining “CSR amendment” was published on January 26th, 2021 which got a good response from the audience.



Unspent CSR Money

438 views

24 DISLIKE SHARE SAVE ...  
3 Comments

Youtube video on “Unspent CSR Money” was published on March 20, 2021.



Planting Banyan tree

527 views

32 DISLIKE SHARE SAVE ...

Voluntary plantation of 50 Banyan trees was done at Ramanagara, Karnataka on February 25th, 2021 which was an initiative by the Forest Department of Karnataka

# Meet **the** Team



**Gurunandan Rao M**  
Executive Director



**Vijayendra J**  
Director

It is a matter of pride to be associated with Hand-sOnCSR Trust as one of the trustees.

I have spent most of my life in Government service (Ministry of Labour) as commissioner and I knew the difficulties of labour class.

The above trust is an NGO involved and engaged in developmental matters mainly relating to environmental.

Within a short span of time, it is doing a wonderful work for the common good of society. I feel personally happy that I am also a part of it.



**Sudheer Kumar**  
Director

Over 30 years I have been an industrialist. My experience in the food processing industry has got me close to the farming sector. It is my pleasure to be on board with HandsOnCSR Trust to help the needy communities to sustain in our society.



**Sheela Rao**  
Director

It is my pleasure to be a part of a public charitable organisation. It feels great to support communities which need our support in terms of basic facilities like food, water, shelter and health care.



**Shreyanka Rai**  
Outreach Executive

It's so great to have a job where I know what I'm doing is making the world a better place. It's a breath of fresh air!



**Rohith**  
Field Coordinator

I'm working for Hands On CSR for 3 1/2 years now. I'm very happy to work with this company. Because our team respects every sector like animals, environment, schools, lakes, etc., and works for the betterment of it.



**Yogesh**  
Field Staff

I'm working for HandsOnCSR and I'm very happy to work for this company. I have learned a lot of things after joining this company. I'm very grateful.



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