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HGS (INDIA) LIMITED

**Corporate Social Responsibility** 

**Community Toilets 2014** 

**Executive Summary** 

## **Preamble**

Open Defecation is a big problem faced by our society. Despite the efforts from our Government and various NGOs, defecation in the open has been surprisingly resistant to solutions and is still posing a big threat. It can lead to various numbers of fatal diseases, stunted physical development and impaired cognitive function. A report by WHO-UNICEF says that 58 percent of Indians do not have access to proper sanitation & still defecate in the open. HGSI has decided to contribute to tackling this problem by building Community Toilets in rural areas in the NCR & surrounding areas.

For this purpose HGSI contacted Sulabh Sanitation & Social Reform Movement for their sheer experience and expertise developed over the years in tackling this particular issue. HGSI and Sulabh surveyed two villages of Jatpura & Mukimpore in district Bulandshahar. In consultation with the Gram Pradhans, 2 locations were identified where community toilets could be constructed, primarily for women & children, as our Pilot Project.

## **Executive Summary**

## Pilot Project-Community Toilets at Jatpura-Mukimpore Villages, UP

With completion of construction of Community Toilets at Jatpura & Mukimpore villages in Bulandshahar, HGS has completed its pilot project in CSR successfully. Toilets have been constructed for the under privileged community in Mukimpore and for Sai Ashram in Jatpura.

The community in Mukimpore had to go to the fields, which was real problematic and inconvenient for women and children. The construction of community toilet there will really help the people in maintaining hygienic environment and provide the basic facility needed by everyone.

Sai Ashram in Jatpura is a bit separated from the main village, but is a place of worship and visits for many devotees. This Ashram has many visitors and thus was suffering from lack of hygiene and discomfort as the visiting devotees had to use nearby fields to attend to natures call. This problem aggravated during the festival season when hundreds of people visited each day. Being a religious place, the Community Toilet will provide the capability to the Ashram management in keeping the surroundings of the Ashram clean and the atmosphere as hygienic and pious as possible.





These toilets were inaugurated on 3rd November 2014 by HGS CSR Committee members Mr. Anil Dass (Managing Director) and Mrs. Aneeta Bhatia.







After the inauguration ceremony, CSR Committee members visited some other places where the local people were requesting the construction of community toilets like the Jatpura-Mukimpore Inter-college. The principal of the Inter-college requested that a toilet be constructed within the campus for the convenience of the girl students who are nearly 500 in strength.

Seeing the requests for more toilets and increased interest among the local people, HGS CSR Committee was convinced that their effort in providing the basic facility to the people is proceeding in the right direction.





(Proposed site for construction of Toilet at the Inter-College)

HGS is also planning to arrange awareness camps regarding the use of toilets and their importance in these villages to enhance the understanding of people so that they can better use the facility provided to them.