

Social – Community

Creating a lasting impact on the society

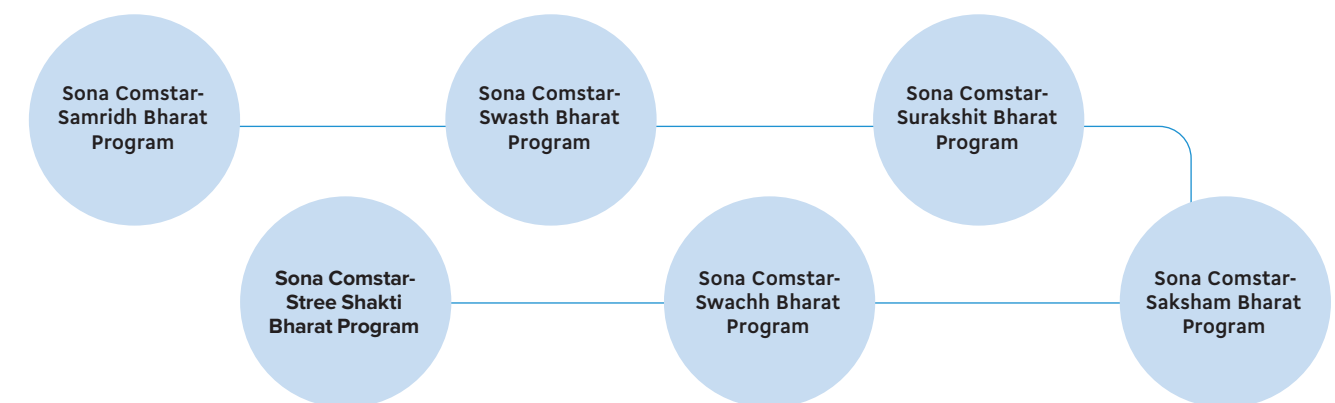
On the business front, we are creating a positive impact on the environment by catalysing the EV revolution, but we also ensure we do our bit for the development of the communities we engage with.

Our corporate social responsibility (CSR) strategy centres around social goals, including education, access to food and medicine, livelihood support, training, and creating opportunities for those who are socially or economically marginalised.

INR 42 million

Amount spent towards CSR initiatives during FY 2022-23

Our CSR pillars



Sona Comstar- Samridh Bharat Program

Through our Samridh Bharat Program, we strive to focus on creating lasting prosperity through innovation and technological advancements, and prioritise projects that promote mobility solutions, aiming to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and foster a cleaner transportation sector. Collaboration with esteemed universities and institutions is a key aspect of our program, as we support innovation-driven startups through knowledge sharing, mentorship, and financial assistance.



Sona Comstar - Swasth Bharat Program

Under Swasth Bharat Program, we aim to prioritise healthcare and nutrition, with the aim to improving overall well-being and healthcare services and promoting health education to socially disadvantaged groups, school children, and communities.



Sona Comstar - Surakshit Bharat Program

Through our Surakshit Bharat Program, we aim to prioritise various measures to ensure the well-being of armed forces veterans, war widows, and their dependents. Our focus is to provide support to organisations dedicated to assisting families of martyrs, war widows, disabled soldiers, and the children and dependents of the armed forces, and to contribute to the security and welfare of these individuals and their families.



Sona Comstar - Saksham Bharat Program

Through our Saksham Bharat Program, we aim to focus on employment enhancement, agriculture development, and education advancement. Our aim is to provide employability and promotion of skill development programs for the rural youth in numerous modules, to support livestock development and agriculture programs to boost productivity and growth in the agricultural sector. Besides this, aim to promote the development of sports, especially in rural, national, Paralympic, and Olympic sports.



Sona Comstar - Swachh Bharat Program

Through our Swachh Bharat Program, we are dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability, conserving natural resources, combating the degradation of the environment, and maintaining ecological balance, along with sanitation and providing clean drinking water facilities in schools.



Sona Comstar - Stree Shakti Bharat Program

Through our Stree Shakti Bharat Program, our focus remains mainly on empowering women and promoting education, employment enhancing vocational skills, especially for women, gender equality through education, safe spaces, and self-help groups and such other measures to empower women.

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Key initiatives undertaken in FY 2022-23 Sona Comstar- Samridh Bharat Program Partnership with FIIT

Our partnership with the Foundation for Innovation Technology Transfer (FIIT), the industry interface of the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, aims to foster and promote the commercialisation of science and technology. Through this project, we will conduct research in technology to drive innovations and incubations focused on sustainable development, particularly in the automotive industry. Our goal is to connect incubators with venture capitalists and industry experts to facilitate the commercialisation of innovative ideas and technologies.

By contributing to incubators in central universities, we are investing in the future of the nation by supporting the development of new ideas, technologies, and businesses. This initiative has supported start-ups working in the e-mobility space and has generated lots of interest in the EV space, leading to more collaboration and partnerships, contributing to more success in the mobility start-up space.

Under this program, we supported the following two more start-ups: Creatara Mobility

Their Modular Vehicle Platform includes a proprietary motor and rear suspension mounting system that ensures a fixed distance between the output shaft of the mid-mounted motor and the rear wheel axis. Additionally, the platform features a unique battery pack design with a removable and multi-functional design. The battery pack is designed for easy docking and undocking, requiring minimal effort to carry for charging from the nearest power outlet.

P3C Technologies

Their Perovskite Solar Cell is a solution-processed thin film solar cell that can be directly deposited on various substrates such as glass, metal, and plastic. This technology has the potential to power an entire car, as it can be deposited on every metallic and plastic part. In terms of performance, the Perovskite solar cell can generate 500W in a 2 square meter area within a one-hour timeframe. The team has already achieved significant milestones, including the successful



deposition of electron transport and perovskite layers on glass and metal substrates. They have also developed transparent conductive oxide in glass and achieved successful layer deposition on glass substrates of dimensions up to 100 cm².

Partnership with CIIE

In FY 2021-22, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, we were able to complete and develop an incubation space dedicated to nurturing technology startups in the name of “Dr. Surinder Kapur Innovation Floor”. The expected impact through this CSR investment, is to provide support to over 6,000 innovators and tech-entrepreneurs, assistance to more than 200 early-stage startups, and positively impact nearly 0.5 million stakeholders within the startup ecosystem

In FY 2022-23, we entered into a partnership with the Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE), which is set up at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, as a Centre of

Excellence with the support from the Government of India’s Department of Science and Technology and Government of Gujarat. CIIE is the epicentre of the Innovation Continuum. It was established in 2002 as an entrepreneurship centre at IIM Ahmedabad. CIIE has established programs for the purpose of supporting and fostering entrepreneurship in India by providing ecosystem support and venture capital to early-stage enterprises.

Renkuba

With the help of CIIE, one start-up has been identified during the financial year under review, namely Renkuba, which is engaged in developing an AI-powered 3D glass design and Motion-free Optical Tracking Technology that increases the solar panel energy yield by 20% and reduces the cost of energy generation by 12%.

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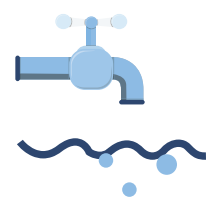


Sona Comstar- Saksham Bharat Program

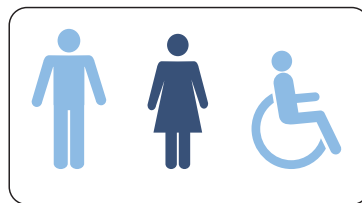
We believe that education is perhaps the most important pillar of our country's growth and have always placed great emphasis on empowering children from marginalised communities, especially girls.

Supporting Government Schools in Tamil Nadu

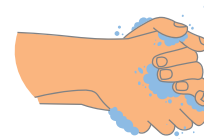
- Continued supporting 7 Government schools with consumables and two cleaning staff to maintain the toilets constructed by us, since 2015
- This year, we constructed 8 restroom cubicles for girls and renovated one classroom and library including painting and tile work, in the government school at Chunambedu
- Carried out renovation, plumbing and tiling work, painting and sanitation board fixing for 6 restroom cubicles for boys and 8 restroom cubicles for girls in the government school at Maraimalainagar
- We have been supporting schools in Tamil Nādu on water, sanitation and hygiene since 2015. We identify a few schools every year and continue to support these schools over the years



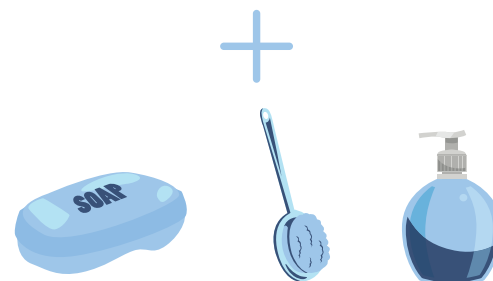
Drinking Water



Toilets



Handwash Station



Operation and Maintenance



Supporting Senior Secondary School, Narsingpur, Gurgaon

- Installed one RO machine (250 Lph) and one water cooler (100 litres), along with tiling work of the water drinking area. We also provided assistance towards 5 years AMC of the RO machine
- Provided 60 benches for students and chairs and tables for teachers
- Renovated and created a staff room for the teachers
- Renovated and painted three classrooms
- Provided a 75 inches interactive Digital Display Panel with an in-built mouse and dongle to facilitate digital learning



Scholarship to Ashoka University

Awarded scholarships to 14 girl scholars studying at Ashoka University to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. The scholarship covers their education for the next three years, supporting their pursuit of knowledge in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

4,958

Students benefited in 7 Government Schools in Tamil Nadu through supply of consumables and cleaning staff

925 Students 32 teachers

beneficiaries of our initiatives in Senior Secondary School, Narsingpur, Gurgaon

14

Girls awarded scholarships in Ashoka University