PRESS RELEASE

A Holistic Approach to Community engagement through community development.

Transforming Education: Ayana's School improvement in rural Bikaner, Rajasthan.



In pictures: Ayana staff and the local community along with School Administration receiving the award for the School Redevelopment Initiative, Bikaner, Rajasthan.

19 September 2024, Bikaner, Rajasthan: Ayana Renewable Power, a leading renewable energy and Independent Power Producer (IPP) backed by NIIF (National Investment & Infrastructure Fund), proudly announced the successful completion of its school redevelopment project in Kanasar Village, Bikaner, Rajasthan. This community engagement initiative, undertaken as part of Ayana's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, aimed to provide students with a conducive learning environment equipped with modern facilities.

The event was attended by a diverse group of stakeholders, including village representatives, parents, district educational administration, school principals, teachers, and students. The school redevelopment project included the provision of new furniture, digital classrooms, a library, sports equipment, and a kids' play area in the school premises.

The project is expected to have a significant impact on the community, improving educational outcomes and fostering a sense of belonging among students and society. Ayana aims to integrate its community development activities with improving primary education, linking youth to its skill

development center for training in the emerging solar market, and initiating arid agriculture skill development projects for local farmers.

Shivanand Nimbargi, CEO and Managing Director of Ayana, added, "Ayana is dedicated to making a positive impact on the communities we serve. Our school redevelopment project is just one example of our efforts to create a positive and lasting impact. By investing in the future of our youth, we are investing in a brighter future for all."

Nishant Kumar, Senior Vice President – Sustainability & QHSE at Ayana, commented, "Our community development model is rooted in a holistic approach that addresses the interconnected needs of a community. Education is a fundamental pillar of this model, and by investing in schools, we can empower individuals and communities to achieve their full potential."

Mukesh Yadav, Principal of the Government High School in Kanasar Village, expressed his gratitude for Ayana's support, stating, "The school redevelopment project has transformed our school into a modern learning environment. Our students now have access to the facilities they need to succeed. We are grateful to Ayana for their commitment to the community."

The school redevelopment project is expected to benefit hundreds of students from the Kanasar community, creating a virtuous cycle of positive impact and aligning with our larger community engagement framework and holistic and sustainable development.

About Ayana Renewable Power Pvt Ltd:

Ayana Renewable Power (Ayana), founded in 2017 and headquartered in Bengaluru, is one of India's leading renewable energy IPPs (Independent Power Producer). Ayana is a majority-owned company of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited's (NIIFL) core infrastructure fund, one of India's largest infrastructure funds. The other shareholders in the platform are British International Investment (BII), UK's development finance institution and impact investor, and Eversource Capital India's leading climate impact investor. Ayana offers utility scale solutions on solar, wind, hybrid and Round the Clock (RTC) clean energy and is also working on pilot green-hydrogen project. Ayana is currently involved in the development and management of close to 5GWac of solar, wind and hybrid power projects located across several Indian states, including Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Gujarat. Ayana aims to build a 10GWac portfolio by 2025.

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