

**Site Visit**  
**CSR Initiative of Siemens Ltd.at Mokhada**  
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CSR Committee of Bombay Chamber organized a site Visit to 'Project Asha' of Siemens India Ltd. at Mokhada, Maharashtra to view and learn from the Project accomplishments. Siemens delivers sustainable social impact through initiatives on health, education, livelihood and self governance that focus on improving living conditions. The initiatives are implemented in partnership with community, not-for-profit organizations, local bodies, government and companies and leverage Siemens competencies and solutions.

Project 'Asha' showcases a sustainable approach to integrated rural community development with use of technology. The project focuses on enhancing the living condition of people. The Project implemented in 47 villages in Mokhada block, Palghar district. Project visited are -

**Ashram School Jigyasa Project at Karegaon village**—Siemens and TATA Strive developed this concept of Pedagogical change. The focus was to promote activity based learning using STEM kits. Along with implementing partner Arohan provided access to digital learning in 10 tribal schools. They emphasized on capacity building of students and teachers.

**Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Khodala village**-Siemens upgraded & strengthened the facilities at PHC and rural hospitals. They also build capacity of Asha workers by providing them training and kits. This resulted in 0.2 million women are able to access quality maternal healthcare. The project achievement is 100% reduction in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) cases in Mokhada.

**Vegetable Plot at Botoshi village** – Farmers got guidance on different types of crops and to construct a structure for cultivation of different crops. This helped 20-25 farmers who come together for cultivation through advised methodology are now able to sell their produce of vegetables in main market. Through this livelihood intervention, 500+ farmers are benefitted directly and have been able to improve the produce quality and quantity. The project impact is increased income of farmers by 55% and decreased migration by 35%.

**Check Dam at Botoshi – The project contributed by making** 110 million liters of water available for consumption for house hold purposes and irrigation through watershed activities. This changed lives of women and in agriculture patterns.

**Solar Lift irrigation for Agriculture, filter unit & Solar Lifting unit for drinking water purpose and Well**

- Project is generating 805 kWh clean energy through solar pumping solutions for irrigation.
- 100% people have access to clean drinking water, power for irrigation in 47 villages.
- 75% reduction in water borne diseases.

**Interaction with Villagers-** Villagers shared their experiences with the group about the 'Project Asha'. They shared that due intervention on Siemens and Arohan panchayats are more aware of governance and social security schemes. Also due to SHGs and training women are now empower and also take benefits of different Government Schemes. Villagers also put up small stalls to display and sell their product to the group.

At the end of the visit Ms. Usha Maheshwari, Additional Director delivered vote of thanks to all villagers, Arohan Team and Siemens team. The feedback of delegates was very encouraging and useful visit.

