

SGS India Partners with Piramal Sarvajal to Facilitate Access to Clean Drinking Water in Rural Andhra Pradesh

- *Partnership aims at building clean drinking water solutions to minimize health concerns*
- *Installation of water purification unit in Tantadi village, Andhra Pradesh, is a joint initiative between Piramal Sarvajal and SGS India to provide high quality and clean drinking water*
- *Establishment of this facility will benefit 3000 numbers of individuals in the village*
- *Piramal Sarvajal has partnered with SGS India Private Limited for 7 village programs, including Tantadi. Projects in 5 of these villages are already operational.*
 1. *Yeoti, Maharashtra*
 2. *Bhaur, Maharashtra*
 3. *Chandravatiganj, Indore, Madhya Pradesh*
 4. *Rohane, Maharashtra*
 5. *Chirhara, Haryana*
 6. *Tantadi, Vizag, Andhra Pradesh*
 7. *Bakaspura, Jharkhand*

Andhra Pradesh, July 6, 2018: Piramal Sarvajal, an initiative of the Piramal Foundation, today announced the launch of its water purification unit in Tantadi village, in Andhra Pradesh, in collaboration with SGS India Private Limited. As part of its commitment to provide high quality and clean drinking water to the under-served communities, Piramal Sarvajal has been undertaking several programs and partnerships over the years. This partnership is one such pro-active initiative to strengthen support to this cause in the country.

Consequent to SGS's adoption of Tantadi village under its CSR program, Piramal Sarvajal suggested the setting up of a purification unit (RO +ATM) to provide villagers, access to safe drinking water. Piramal Sarvajal is the solutions partner for the installation and maintenance of the facility to provide safe drinking water in the village.

Available water which supplied to a majority of the rural areas in Andhra Pradesh has been found to contain a high content of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS). This has been causing health issues like Dental fluorosis, Joint Pain, Typhoid, Diarrhea and Cholera in Tantadi village. This initiative will benefit the localities and cater to the need for clean drinking water in the village.

Commenting on the partnership, Anuj Sharma, CEO, Piramal Sarvajal says, "We, at Sarvajal, are always glad to share our learnings with like-minded CSR initiatives to enable them deliver 'reliable safe drinking water solutions' to the remote communities. "

Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Cresenciano G. Maramot, Managing Director – SGS India and Sri Lanka, says, "SGS strongly believes in adding value to society. We seek to positively impact through our activities and use our scale and expertise to create sustainable value, respect human rights and invest responsibly in communities in which we operate. Through these efforts, we support the society in as broad a way as possible. Access to clean drinking water and sanitation is a basic human right. SGS acknowledges this and has made this as one of our sustainability priorities. We have joined hands with Piramal Foundation's Sarvajal Initiative which ensures safe drinking water to villages in India. This

initiative leverages technology to bring community-level safe drinking water to the underserved populace in Indian villages. Having impacted more than 16,000 villagers through successful implementations in 5 villages across India, we are now extending our reach to the Tantadi village in Andhra Pradesh.”

With this intervention by SGS India Pvt Ltd and Piramal Sarvajal, the villagers will now have access to affordable safe drinking water (30paise per liter) and definitely upgrade the health state of the village.

About Piramal Sarvajal:

Piramal Sarvajal, seeded by the Piramal Foundation in 2008, is a mission-driven social enterprise which believes that pure drinking water should be accessible and affordable for everyone. Towards this end, it has designed and deployed innovative solutions for creating affordable access to safe drinking water in underserved areas. Sarvajal is at the forefront of developing technologies and business practices in the safe drinking water sector that are designed to make a purely market-based model sustainable in both rural and urban deployment conditions.

About Piramal Foundation:

Piramal Foundation is a Section 8 company that develops innovative solutions to resolve issues that are critical roadblocks towards unlocking India's economic potential. The Piramal Group's core values of Knowledge, Action Care and Impact guide the organisation in carrying out its responsibilities towards society. It believes that considerable positive change can occur when we collaborate with like-minded partners and nurture projects that are scalable, ensuring a long-term impact. In line with the Strategic Development Goals, the Piramal Foundation is focused on universal primary education, empowering women, reducing child mortality rates, improving maternal health and improving access to safe drinking water.

The Foundation currently works across 21 states and has impacted over 90 million lives, mostly in partnership with state governments. It has developed innovative approaches and programs in every vertical and has built strong partnerships with governments, technology partners and international organisations, including with Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Harvard Graduate School of Education and World Diabetes Foundation. The projects are implemented through Piramal Swasthya, Piramal Sarvajal and Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership.

About SGS:

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. SGS is recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With more than 95,000 employees, SGS operates a network of over 2,400 offices and laboratories around the world.

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