

Ratul Puri Commends Efforts to Tackle Water Scarcity in Uttar Pradesh

New Delhi, November 20, 2024 – Ratul Puri, Chairman of Hindustan Power, has lauded the company's sustained efforts to address water scarcity in certain locations of Uttar Pradesh through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, which began in 2022. Over the past three years, Hindustan Power has distributed and installed hand pumps across multiple villages plagued by water shortages, benefiting thousands of people and ensuring consistent access to clean water in underserved communities.

Ratul Puri said *“Access to water is fundamental for a dignified life. This initiative reflects our long-term commitment to improving lives by addressing one of the most critical challenges faced by marginalized communities. We are proud to see the tangible impact this program has had over the years and remain committed to furthering our efforts.”* **Puri further added** *“through this initiative, we aim to empower communities, encouraging resilience and improving quality of life for thousands who have struggled with water scarcity.”*

Water scarcity is a pressing issue in several parts of the country. Rural regions are disproportionately affected, leaving communities to depend on unreliable or distant sources of water.

Since the inception of this initiative in 2022, the company has focused on strategically addressing the most water-stressed areas. By distributing and installing hand pumps in regions with a long-standing history of water scarcity, the company has eased the burden of water collection for thousands of families, significantly improving their quality of life.

“Initiatives like these demonstrate that meaningful change requires consistency and dedication. Over the past three years, we have worked to ensure that clean water is accessible to those who need it most, enabling better health, education, and productivity” **commented Ratul Puri**

This initiative aligns with national programs such as Jal Jeevan Mission, aiming to ensure every household has access to safe drinking water. Hindustan Power's sustained efforts have not only provided immediate relief but also laid the foundation for long-term water security in these regions.

About Hindustan Power

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The company has successfully commissioned projects across several Indian states, including Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat and Assam, and has expanded internationally to markets such as Japan, England, Germany and Italy.