

Nayara Energy awarded for its exemplary contribution in Water Management at the CII National Awards for Excellence

CII confers National Awards for Excellence in Water Management to honour organisations for pre-eminence in the field of water resource management

December 15, 2021, Mumbai, India: Nayara Energy, a new-age downstream energy & petrochemicals company has been recognized as the winner under the ‘**Beyond the Fence**’ category at the 15th Edition of CII National Awards for Excellence in Water Management 2021. The company has been felicitated for its significant achievements/efforts around sustainable development especially in areas of water management and its positive role in delivering economic, social, and environmental benefits to the communities in which it operates.

With its flagship initiative, Gramsamruddhi, Nayara Energy has aimed at uplifting the socio-economic parameters of local communities, across 15 villages in the Devbhumi Dwarka district. The programme adopts an inclusive, multi-pronged approach that caters to all sections within the community. The various initiatives under the program are designed to improve the quality of life for the people, offering them access to income-generating programmes and projects for sustained water availability.

In 2019, Nayara Energy joined hands with the Government of Gujarat in a public-private partnership, with an endeavor to drive water resource development across 11000 hectares in the region over the next few years. In its first phase, the project has been instrumental in transforming 5,000 hectares of land by introducing extensive surface water storage, groundwater recharge, and drip irrigation, engaging with over 10,000 beneficiaries across 15 villages of Jamnagar and Devbhumi Dwarka districts, including many women.

Speaking on the recognition, **Alois Virag, Chief Executive Officer, Nayara Energy** said, “As a responsible corporate, Nayara Energy has been consistently working towards the socio-economic upliftment of the communities in and around the Vadinar refinery. Over the last few years, we championed sustainable development programs through strong stakeholder partnerships and strategic integration of social responsibilities to benefit the people of the region. We are honored to receive this prestigious award from CII which recognizes our efforts to bring positive/measurable impact to create sustainable livelihood opportunities, effective water resource management solutions, and inclusive growth to build thriving local communities.”

The company owns and operates India’s second-largest single-site refinery at Vadinar, Gujarat with a current capacity of 20MMTPA, and produces approximately 8% of India’s refining output. Being a ‘neighbor of choice’ for the communities around its refinery and depot, the company has developed tailor-made sustainable solutions to assist and empower communities. To support the agricultural community, Nayara Energy has undertaken various projects on climate-smart agriculture practices, integrated water resources management with animal husbandry, and allied activities that have played an instrumental role in enhancing livelihood and improving the socio-economic conditions of the region.

CII National Awards for Excellence in Water Management recognizes pioneering achievements of Water-efficient companies with the involvement of public/private agencies and community as well as champions industry best practices in the field of water resource management to encourage scale and wider adoption.

About Nayara Energy

Nayara Energy is a new-age downstream company of international scale with strong presence across the hydrocarbon value chain from refining to retail. In August 2017, the company was acquired by international investors, Rosneft and an investment consortium comprising of global commodity trading firm, Trafigura and UCP Investment Group. The company owns and operates India's second largest single site refinery at Vadinar, Gujarat with a current capacity of 20MMTPA. The refinery is one of the world's most modern and complex refineries with a complexity of 11.8, which is amongst the highest globally. More information about Nayara Energy is available at www.nayaraenergy.com

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