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GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals launches its school sanitation project at Nashik, Maharashtra

Over 10,000 children from partly government funded schools in Nashik will have access to proper sanitation facilities

GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited (GSK) inaugurated its school sanitation project at Sagarmal Modi Prathmik Shikshan Mandir, Nashik on April 22, 2016. As part of the project, GSK is working with its CSR Partner, Habitat for Humanity India Trust, to promote sanitation in schools. The project covers construction/repair of sanitation units and also focuses on sensitising the children, teaching and non-teaching staff towards basic health and hygiene practices. The project, which will benefit over 10,000 students, is an integral part of GSK India's commitment to promote preventive healthcare in communities. A positive change in hygiene practices, combined with facility construction, will help the children as they use the facilities and will also sensitise their families about the benefits of closed sanitation units.

Post completion of the project in October 2016, the sanitation units will be handed over to the school authorities, who will supervise the project under the guidance of the implementing partner.

Sanitation units will be constructed/repared in the following five partly government aided schools in Nashik:

1. M.R. Sarda Kanya Vidya Mandir
2. CDO Meri High School
3. Sagarmal Modi Prathmik Shikshan Mandir
4. Ashram Shala Velunje – Primary School
5. Ashram Shala Velunje- Secondary School

Speaking on the occasion of the launch of the sanitation project, **Mr. A. Vaidheesh, Vice President, South Asia and Managing Director - India, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited** said: *“As a global healthcare company, we are committed to health and wellbeing of communities in which we operate. We have been operating in Nashik since 1983 and have since been carrying out several social initiatives to cater to the healthcare needs of the communities in Nashik. As part of our continued commitment to community partnerships, we recognise that school sanitation is critical not only for health but also for education as it deters drop-outs, especially amongst girl students. GSK India is pleased to support this initiative and raise awareness on the importance of health and hygiene in schools.”*

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