

# Guidelines

## for Institutionalizing CSR Fund for Agricultural Education, Research and Extension



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### **Brief About OUAT**

Established in 1962, the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) is the second oldest farm university in India. The overarching goals of the University are three pronged i.e. providing accessible educational opportunities; conducting applied and basic research to address the agricultural needs of the state; and delivering research-based information to enhance the quality of life and economic well-being of farming community of the state and other stakeholders.

### **Vision of OUAT**

The vision statement is paraphrased as follows;

- To get national and global recognition, the university will strive to build up its development model, which will be innovative, adaptable and scaled up so as to inspire other national farm universities to measure themselves and emulate.
- Leading-edge education with life-enhancing programmes will produce graduates, who will be adaptable humane citizens and innovative, contributing and motivated force to serve the state and the nation by advancing, sharing and applying knowledge and skill.
- Sustainable development of green, blue and white revolutions in the state
- In the context of the emerging scenario of socio-economic-climatic-technological changes in India and globe, the technology will be socially sensitive, environmentally responsible, and economically beneficial.
- To meet the local problems and diversity in socio-economic ethnicity, the programme and policies will be prioritised with special drive on backward areas and the tribal agriculture.
- To improve the share of agriculture in Odisha's economy, it will provide leadership in sharpening the competitive edge of the state agriculture through a package of appropriate strategies, public policies and programmes, technology services and investment support.

### **Brief about CSR Fund**

Corporate Social Responsibility in India governed by section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, passed by both Houses of the Parliament, and by the President of India on 29 August 2013 lays down certain provisions for companies; along with Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules 2014.

As Odisha, often termed the 'silent juggernaut', is poised on even keel (or keen) to attract big investments and CSR has the promise of becoming rallying point for state development. The State Government, as a driver of

CSR policy is institutionalizing CSR funding for spurring growth and development. In the present context, this guideline on institutionalizing CSR Fund for Agricultural Education, Research and Extension at OUAT has been conceptualized as a blueprint of action for efficient and effective use.

### **Scope & Activities of CSR in OUAT under Section 135**

1. Scientific and Research funding in project mode
2. Livelihood improvement
3. Eradicating malnutrition, employment enhancing vocation skills, especially among children, women, elderly & the differently unable & livelihood enhancement projects
4. Promoting gender equality, empowering women, hostels for women farmers.
5. Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora & fauna, animal welfare, agro forestry, conservation of natural resources & maintaining quality of soil, air & water;
6. Rural development projects.
7. Support to Technical/Vocational Institutions for their self-development.
8. Rain water-harvesting scheme.
9. Empowerment to the villagers for maintenance of the above facilities for availability of water.
10. Organizing sensitizing programmes on Environment Management.
11. Deployment of jobs related to agro product *i.e.*, Dairy/Poultry/farming and others
12. Training for agricultural experts for farming.
13. Adoption/construction of Hostels (especially those for SC/ST & girls)
14. Infrastructure Support: construction, repair, extension etc. of Auditorium and Educational Institutions

(The aspects for funding listed is taken from the notified items under Section 135)

### **Operation and Maintenance of CSR Fund at OUAT**

**The following institutional mechanism will be followed to operationalize CSR fund at OUAT.**

#### **a. OUAT CSR Committee**

A high powered CSR Committee will be institutionalised (or constituted) at the Apex level (University level) under the Chairmanship of Vice Chancellor, OUAT to oversee, approve and recommend the projects to be funded by OUAT CSR fund. The committee will determine the priorities of the projects, policy decisions relating administration and set forth operational guidelines for effective fund management.

## **The constitution of the committee**

### **Chairman**

Vice Chancellor, OUAT

### **Members**

Two Deans to be nominated by Vice Chancellor on yearly rotation basis

Two (prefixing Alumni) representatives from Industry to be nominated by Vice Chancellor on yearly rotation basis

One Member, Board of Management of OUAT to be nominated by Vice Chancellor on yearly rotation basis

Registrar, OUAT

Comptroller, OUAT

### **Convenor**

Director, PME, OUAT

## **b. Operational mechanism**

- The University will open a separate bank account for receiving and management of CSR fund. The funds will be non-lapsable. Any earning from this fund in term of interest earned or revenue generated will be ploughed back to this fund. The fund will be spent based on the process laid by the 'OUAT CSR Committee'. The fund will be audited by a recognised Chattered Accountant.
- Governance and policy decisions regarding the CSR fund will be taken by the OUAT CSR Committee. Need based expert committees will be constituted by the University to finalize the programme/projects.

## **c. Implementation of CSR project**

The investment from the OUAT CSR Fund will be project-based and for every project a detailed project proposal with objective and deliverables will be defined. The project activities identified under OUAT CSR Fund are to be implemented by OUAT-institutes or specialized agencies found fit by the OUAT CSR Committee. Such specialized agencies would include: i) Community based organization whether formal or informal; ii) Voluntary Agencies (NGOs), iii) Institutes/Academic Organizations; iv) Trusts, Mission etc.; v) Self-help groups; and vi) Government and Semi Government organizations. The OUAT CSR Committee may constitute need based Committees for advising the worth of the project proposals and mentoring/monitoring/review of ongoing/completed projects.

## **d. OUAT CSR Website**

All the information about the OUAT CSR Fund, its guidelines, procedures and list of activities will be placed in the OUAT website.

