

Suzlon proud to be associated with ‘Nirmal Gram Puraskar’, winner Iserthuni village

Suzlon Energy Limited (SEL), the world’s fifth leading and India’s largest wind turbine manufacturer achieved a major landmark, when Suzlon Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility entity of Suzlon Group of Companies, undertook a successful collaboration with the Zila Panchayat of Ratlam, for their National Sanitation Program in Iserthuni Village of Madhya Pradesh.

Suzlon Foundation as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility effort already has in place an extensive program to distribute solar-powered lanterns to villages with little or no access to regular electricity supplies. Finding common cause, the Corporate Social Responsibility team adopted an innovative approach to collaborate – by linking the project with the government program for successful adoption of better sanitation. The initiative placed a condition that only those who build a toilet will get the lantern. As a result, in the area of over 3 square kilometers and over 1,800 inhabitants, the Iserthuni village had more than 300 *pucca* toilets made for close to 340 families, and even more are being completed. Today each family of Iserthuni has a *pucca* toilet. Close to 300 solar-powered lanterns are giving light to the residents of Iserthuni and Gopalpura villages.