Training on ‘CSR and Sustainability’ for Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) Board of Directors and Ramkrishna Mission (Naora Math) team by National CSR Hub, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) at Naora, West Bengal on 29th August, 2016

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), a Miniratna Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, GoI, is one of the oldest partners of the National CSR Hub at TISS. Since 2011, TISS has been lending strategic support and handholding pertaining to CSR through formulation of CSR Policy, research and capacity building. RVNL is one of those rare corporations that focus on holistic, long term rural development by prioritising and undertaking CSR interventions in remote and backward regions such as the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected district of Narayanpur in Chhattisgarh. TISS has been instrumental in streamlining CSR interventions of RVNL over the years through multiple baseline surveys, needs assessment reports, periodic impact assessment studies, social audits and capacity building programmes for both RVNL as well as its implementing partners.

RVNL has been organizing training cum sensitization workshops under the aegis of TISS since FY 2013-14 for officials to orient them on the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility and inform internal stakeholders about the CSR activities undertaken by RVNL. Recently, a training and capacity building programme was organized for the RVNL Board of Directors at Ramkrishna Mission, Naora, on 29th August, 2016. Participants included the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) along with other members of CSR Committee of the Board and Executive Directors/Group General Managers/General Managers. The workshop by TISS was a day-long event which included both lectures by TISS experts and exposure/site visit-cum-beneficiary interactions.

Swami Muktipradanandaji, Adhakshya, Ramakrishna Math, Naora presenting a book on the life of Swami Vivekananda to Shri Rohan Sarma, Head, Empanelment Committee, TISS
Shri Rohan Sarma, Head, Empanelment Committee, TISS, addressing participants (with RVNL CMD and Board of Directors on stage) at the inaugural session titled 'Why CSR, What CSR, How CSR', at Ramkrishna Math, Naora
Shri Rohan Sarma, Head, Empanelment Committee, TISS with RVNL Board of Directors and other senior officials at the site visit and beneficiary meet at Naora in West Bengal.