

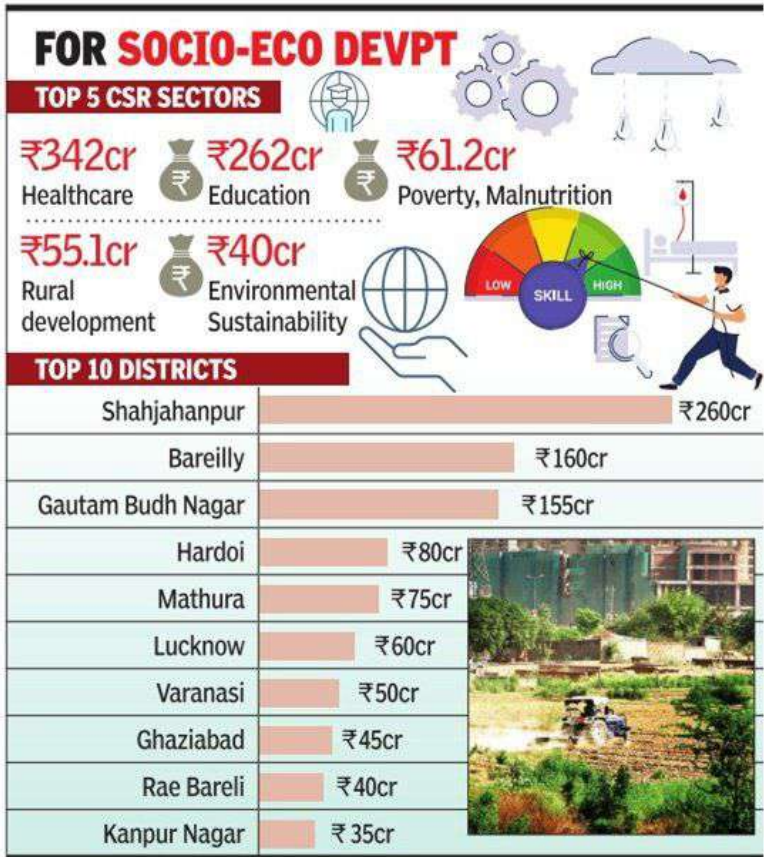
Rosa power supply co tops state's CSR list with ₹265cr contribution

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Lucknow: Rosa Power Supply Company Limited emerged as the top contributor in Uttar Pradesh through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) with a contribution of Rs 265.8 crore. Khandelwal Edible Oils Private Limited and HCL Technologies followed closely, contributing Rs 166 crore and Rs 129.8 crore through CSR funds in UP, respectively.

This information was shared during a CSR roundtable discussion on education and skilling held on Wednesday. The event served as a precursor to the state government's proposed CSR Summit, aiming to establish a new chapter in collaborative socio-economic development. The next three firms with the highest CSR expenditure were Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (Rs 36.9 crore), HDFC Bank Limited (Rs 36 crore), and Gas Authority of India Limited (Rs 31.1 crore).

The government has already identified departmental themes to expand the state's CSR contributions through corporate participation. In the realm of basic and secondary education, the four key themes are -- career counselling; infrastructure support for smart classrooms and model schools; and supporting sports in schools through equipment, jerseys, and programs.



The focus for the higher education department is to support athletes in nutrition, training, equipment, and competitions; utilise 87 rural sports stadiums by employing professional staff and organising coaching camps; and provide basic equipment, coaches, and facilitate sports management courses. Meanwhile, the CSR activities for the technical education department will focus on upgrading polytechnics; enhancing student employability; and training teachers. Under the UP skill develop-

ment mission, the emphasis is on the language skilling and soft skills, besides bringing in digital platforms for courses and placements. Uttar Pradesh ranks among the top five states attracting the most CSR funds from companies. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu also feature prominently on this list. The Companies Act, 2013 (Section 135) mandates certain companies to allocate 2% of their average profits from the preceding three years towards CSR activities.