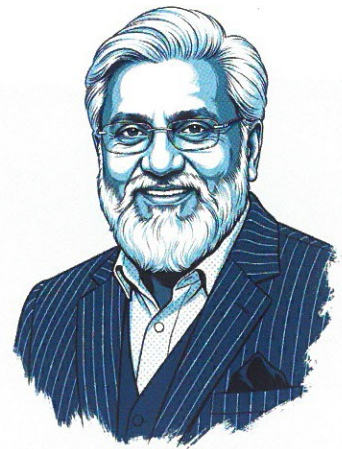


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## Corporate Spiritual Responsibility:

Farukbhai Gulambhai Patel on Purpose, Service, and Building a Business That Grows With Society



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For Faruk G. Patel and the KP Group, social responsibility is neither an obligation nor a department — it is a compulsion rooted in the belief that all wealth ultimately belongs to society. Voluntarily dedicating around 10% of profits to community work, the group has built one of the most wide-ranging models of community impact in the region — touching over 1.25 crore lives through more than 300 initiatives spanning education, infrastructure, healthcare, environment, women's empowerment, sports development, prison welfare, village development, and its landmark Darkness to Light solar initiative.

**KP Group describes its approach as “Corporate Spiritual Responsibility,” going beyond traditional CSR. What does that philosophy mean to you in practice, and how has it shaped the way you build social impact?**

For me, Corporate Social Responsibility is not an extension of business — it is its foundation. Spirituality teaches us that whatever we create ultimately belongs to society. We are its custodians, not its owners. While regulations mandate 2% of profits for CSR, KP Group voluntarily dedicates around 10%. Every initiative we undertake is rooted in intent, not optics.

This philosophy has shaped KP Group into an organisation where purpose drives performance. When every individual understands that their work contributes to something larger than a balance sheet, it creates a sense of responsibility and pride that no incentive structure can replicate. That, to me, is the true essence of Corporate Spiritual Responsibility — the alignment of business success with human progress.

**Receiving the Mahatma Gandhi Award is a deeply meaningful milestone. What did that moment represent to you personally in your journey of building social impact?**

Receiving the Mahatma Gandhi Award was a moment of deep humility, not achievement. Gandhiji stood for truth, simplicity, and service — values that are timeless and far greater than any individual recognition. At KP Group, we try to live by the spirit of his bhajan — Vaishnav Jan To Tene Re Kahiye Je, Peed Parae Jane Re — he who truly feels the pain of others. That is not just a verse for us; it is a guiding principle.

For me, the award was not a culmination — it was a reminder. A reminder that the path of service is continuous, and that every milestone brings with it a greater responsibility, not a reason to pause. It reinforced what I have always believed: that impact is not measured by recognition, but by the lives you can meaningfully touch.

**Initiatives like the Urja Noor Scholarship Programme and your foundation's outreach across 110+ institutions reflect a strong commitment to education. What led you to prioritise this as a core pillar of your efforts?**

Education is the most powerful equaliser — capable of transforming not just an individual, but an entire family, a community, and ultimately a nation. Coming from a modest background, I have experienced firsthand how the right opportunity, at the right moment, can change the entire trajectory of a life.

That experience is the foundation of everything we do in education.

Today, we reach more than 14,500 students directly and indirectly — from primary classrooms all the way to UPSC preparation. We have built or redeveloped over 12 libraries, anganwadis, computer labs, and schools, and have adopted seven government and private institutions across districts. But the numbers, as meaningful as they are, only tell part of the story.

The Urja Noor Scholarship Programme is where that story becomes personal. It is not about financial assistance — it is about telling a young person that someone believes in them. Today, more than 92 students benefit from the programme, with 120 enrolled this year alone — including 30 from Botswana. The scholarship is jointly funded, 75% by the Foundation and 25% by the university, because we believe shared investment reflects shared faith in a student's potential.

**Your programs extend into high-impact coaching alongside technical education. How important is it to you that philanthropy creates not just access, but aspiration and upward mobility?**

Access without aspiration is incomplete. Providing education or resources is only the first step — the real transformation happens when individuals begin to believe in their own ability to rise.

Our programmes focus on both skill development and mindset. High-impact coaching helps individuals expand their vision, set higher goals, and develop the confidence to pursue them.

Through KP Human Development Foundation, we are building excellence centres, upgrading libraries, and investing in educational infrastructure — but we are clear about one thing: we can build the environment, the students must inhabit it fully. That responsibility belongs to them, and we want them to feel it. Upward mobility is not just economic — it is psychological. And that is where true empowerment begins. It is why KP Group allocates 48% of its total donations to supporting students in completing their education — because we believe that investment in a young person's future is the highest return any organisation can generate.

**The collaboration with institutions like SVNIT directly links CSR with employability in the green economy. What inspired the integration of livelihoods with your core business?**

The most sustainable form of social impact is one that creates livelihoods. Charity can provide temporary relief, but employment empowers permanently.

As a renewable energy company operating at the frontier of India's energy transition, we are uniquely placed to make that connection meaningful. Integrating our CSR with this ecosystem allows us to open doors for youth in emerging green technologies — not as a gesture, but as a genuine pathway to the future. Our collaboration with SVNIT under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan initiative is one such example: a programme designed to ensure that students are not merely academically qualified, but truly industry-ready. We have trained 180 students so far, with a target of 360 over the next three years.

As our renewable energy portfolio crosses 8.4 GW and builds towards multi-gigawatt capacity by 2030, the growth of our business is directly feeding a larger ecosystem of jobs, skills, and entrepreneurship opportunities for young people. This is the virtuous cycle we are working to sustain — one where the company's growth and the community's growth are not separate stories, but the same one.

**With over 7 lakh trees planted and ongoing large-scale plantation drives, your environmental initiatives operate at a significant scale. How do you ensure these efforts translate into long-term ecological impact rather than symbolic action?**

Plantation is not about numbers — it is about survival and sustainability. Planting a tree is the beginning; nurturing it is the real responsibility.

We have planted over 7 lakh trees and mangroves across Gujarat, with our work rooted in three pillars: long-term monitoring, selection of local species, and community ownership — because when people feel genuine ownership over what is created, they protect it. That is how plantations grow into ecosystems. Our mangrove plantation across 10 hectares along the shores of Surat is one such example — purifying air, preventing soil erosion, and strengthening the region's biodiversity for generations. As proud members of the Mangrove Society of India, we recently took a collective oath to plant 10,000 trees in a single day in the arid region of Kutch.

True ecological impact is achieved only when efforts are consistent, measurable, and community-driven. I entered renewable energy to protect nature. This Earth is not inherited from our ancestors — it is borrowed from our children, and it is our responsibility to return it to them clean, safe, and full of life.

**Your “Prabhu Nu Ghar” initiative addresses a deeply underserved need. What inspired you to take up this cause, and how do you approach creating dignity and long-term care through such infrastructure-led interventions?**

Prabhu Nu Ghar — God's Home — was born from a simple but profound conviction: that every individual deserves dignity, especially in their most vulnerable stage of life. When Padma Shri Dr. Kanubhai Tailor brought this need to my attention, I did not hesitate for a moment. This was not just a social issue — it was a humanitarian responsibility that I knew we had to answer.

Elderly individuals with disabilities so often face neglect, not out of ill intent, but simply because the infrastructure and support systems to care for them do not exist. Our response was not to build a facility — it was to build a home. A space where emotional well-being and human dignity are given as much weight as physical care, and where every resident feels seen, respected, and valued. Because infrastructure-led interventions must go beyond construction — they must be designed, from the very first brick, around the people they are meant to serve.

**The recent initiative engaging over 2,000 employees to collectively drive social impact reflects a participatory model of CSR. What motivated you to embed social responsibility so deeply into your organisational culture?**

An organisation's true strength lies in its people, and social responsibility confined to a leadership team or a single department will always fall short of its potential. I wanted every individual at KP Group to feel that they are part of something larger than their role — and when employees engage in service, the transformation is mutual. Communities benefit, but so do the people serving them. When over 2,000 of our people recently came together around a common purpose, the impact was not just external — it built unity, empathy, and a quiet sense of pride that no corporate programme can manufacture. That is the culture we are nurturing: one where service is not an initiative, but a shared value.

**From healthcare support to community welfare initiatives, your work reflects a strong humanitarian dimension. How do you ensure that compassion remains central even as your CSR efforts scale?**

Scale should never dilute sensitivity — if anything, as our efforts grow, so does the responsibility to remain compassionate. We stay grounded by staying close: regularly engaging with communities, listening to their needs, and never losing sight of the human realities behind every initiative. Processes and systems matter, but intent must always lead. Every programme we run is evaluated not just on metrics, but on the difference it makes in someone's life. Compassion, for us, is not a strategy — it is a value. And values do not scale down.

**Your initiatives span education, environment, livelihoods, and social inclusion. When you look at this breadth of work, how do you define meaningful impact at a community level?**

Meaningful impact is not defined by the number of initiatives, but by the depth of change they create.

We collect more than 828 units of blood annually to support children with thalassemia, organise free cataract screening and surgery camps for over 300 underprivileged patients, and work with more than 10 hospitals, including a cancer hospital, with plans underway to establish our own dedicated facility.

Our daily langar programme in Surat serves approximately 1.25 lakh people annually, ensuring patients, families, and those in need never go hungry. At a community level, impact means enabling self-reliance — creating opportunities for people to improve their own lives with dignity, ensuring progress is inclusive and sustainable. If a student becomes confident about their future, if a family gains stability, if a community becomes more resilient — those are the real indicators. For me, the ultimate measure is simple: are we leaving the community better than we found it? If the answer is yes, the work is meaningful.