Sulon-Isha Foundation join hands for rural development plan

Coimbatore (PTI): Wind turbine manufacturers Suzlon Energy Ltd has joined hands with Isha Foundation, a non-profit organisation to launch a comprehensive rural development project in creating 'Arogya Gramam' for rural economic development and environmental protection.

As part of the Rs. 30 lakh project to create healthy village, the health care branch of Isha would adopt 20 villages in Coimbatore district for the next five years to improve the overall health in these rural areas, Isha Project Director A Sekhar told reporters here.

The services carried out would include free health awareness camps and training, medical camps as well as the introduction of games as proven means to increase people's health and well-being.

The economic development programme would be implemented in Karumathapatti and Kittamlapalaym, which aims to provide individuals and village communities to achieve self sustainability and self reliance, training and basic infrastructure in the fields of vegetable cultivation, fish and poultry farming, handicrafts production and food processing.

The environmental development programme would primarily aim at soil and water conservation, Sekhar said, adding based on community mobilisation and the creation of nature awareness, two lakh saplings would be planted and nurtured by May 2009.

The foundation would open its Rural Health Clinic, which is a 10-bed hospital, in Alandurai on the outskirts, and offer allopathic and alternative medical services at low cost, emergency medical services and minor surgeries, he said.