



AN OVERVIEW ON THE CONCEPT OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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ABSTRACT

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a self policing corporate strategy that enables an organisation to be socially accountable to its customers, employees, and stakeholders. Corporate Social Responsibility is a vital concept that outlines a company's commitment to operating in an ethical, sustainable, and socially responsible manner. It encompasses the responsibility of a company towards its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders, and the community at large. The concept of CSR is gaining more attention due to the growing demand for responsible and sustainable business practices. A robust CSR strategy involves the integration of social, environmental, and economic factors into the company's decision-making process, aimed at delivering positive outcomes for all

stakeholders while minimizing negative impacts on the environment and society. This paper aims to provide an overview of the concept of CSR, its evolution, and the different models and frameworks that companies use to implement CSR practices. It also highlights the benefits of CSR for companies, society, and the environment and challenges companies may encounter while implementing CSR practices. The paper concludes that CSR is an essential aspect of contemporary business practices that contributes to sustainable development while providing companies with a competitive edge and enhancing their reputation and brand value. This article embraces the types of CSR, its problems, challenges and some kind of solutions.

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INTRODUCTION

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a self-regulating corporate strategy that enables a company to be socially accountable to its stakeholders, including its clients, employees, and employee's families. When a business engages in corporate social responsibility, it means that it conducts its business in a way that enhances rather than degrades society and the environment. Success in a company extends beyond profitability, pace of expansion, and brand awareness. Customers, employees, and other stakeholders evaluate a business today based on how its operations affect the local community, economy, environment, and society at large. Practises in corporate social responsibility might show how your company feels about a subject.

CSR evolved from voluntary company decisions to mandatory regulations at the regional, national, and global levels. While this is going on, many companies decide to go above and beyond the law and integrate the idea of "doing good" into their operating plans. Although there is no one best way for a company to adopt CSR, one thing is certain for the organization's practices to be perceived as authentic, they must be integrated into its culture and everyday operations. In today's socially conscious environment, employees and customers enjoy working for and patronizing businesses that prioritize CSR. They can recognise corporate hypocrisy. Conceptually, the responsibility is the broader framework of corporate social performance.³

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MODERN WORLD

Customer expectations are always evolving along with the rest of the globe. In comparison to earlier times, firms are now held to stricter

standards. They must address matters of social justice and the environment. Being socially conscious is now a corporate growth strategy rather than a requirement. Customers are more likely today to support companies who are taking proactive steps to solve social and environmental challenges through Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

CSR is a moral means to improve your company's, your workers', and society's sense of corporate responsibility. It is a framework that enables businesses to serve the needs of shareholders, employees, and customers while also giving back to society. It entails non-financial actions including fostering a favorable company image, exhibiting fundamental.

Businesses should be based on social responsibility and sustainability. Profits will come after. One of the guiding principles is: "We must lift both hands, one to help ourselves and the other to help others, if we are to thrive." CSR is an essential component of operating a business, and businesses should think about engaging in active CSR. In other words, it ought to be a "must-have" for enterprises. Consumers today are aware of how their purchasing choices affect the environment. They care about how companies spend their money and hold corporations accountable for any carelessness in dealing with the public. You run the risk of losing clients who are choosing to patronize businesses that value CSR if your company has not shown a commitment to it.

TYPES OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

First, a critical mindset must be adopted to comprehend both the current state and future possibilities of CSR. Environmental, charitable, ethical, and economic responsibilities are the classic divisions of Corporate Social Responsibility.

3. Duan Windsor's "The Future of Corporate Social Responsibility", The International Journal of Organisational Analysis, 2001 Vol 9 No. 3 P. 227

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Environmental responsibility is the idea that businesses should act in a way that is as ecologically beneficial as feasible⁴. One of the most widespread examples of corporate social responsibility is this. The phrase “environmental stewardship” is sometimes used by businesses to describe these programmes.

There are numerous ways for businesses to embrace environmental responsibility:

- reducing harmful behaviours, such as lowering water use, water pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, single-use plastic use, and general waste
- increased reliance on sustainable resources, recycled materials, and renewable energy sources to control energy usage.
- reducing harmful environmental effects, such as by financing research, planting trees, and making donations to organisations that support similar causes.

ADVANTAGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CSR

Through green CSR, business risk can be reduced, and opportunities for cost savings are also offered. Even the simplest energy saving measures can save money and influence your business. For example:

- Switching off lights and equipment when not in use
- Reducing the use of water
- Reducing the amount of paper, you waste
- Caring about the environment can increase revenue too. Many customers prefer to buy from responsible companies.

NESTLE CARES CLEAN-UP

Nestle Switzerland organized a volunteer week event with a focus on corporate environmental responsibility to support their company value of saving the earth through environmentally responsible practices.

ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY

Making sure a company runs ethically and fairly is part of having ethical responsibility. When an organization embraces ethical responsibility, it aspires to act ethically by treating all parties fairly, including the leadership, investors, employees, suppliers, and customers. To support their corporate objective of protecting the environment through environmentally responsible practices, Nestle Switzerland organized a volunteer week event with an emphasis on corporate environmental responsibility. There are numerous ways for businesses to embrace ethical responsibility. A company might, for instance, decide to set its own, higher minimum wage if the state or federal government’s statutory amount falls short of what is considered a “livable wage.” A company may also demand that goods, ingredients, supplies, or parts be sourced in accordance with free trade principles. In this regard, many businesses have procedures in place to make sure they aren’t purchasing goods made using child labor or slavery.

A firm is said to have an ethical duty if it is dedicated to operating in an ethical manner that upholds human rights principles, such as the equitable treatment of all stakeholders, fair trade practices, and equal compensation. In order to encourage ethical responsibility, many firms will speak out against human rights breaches, including child labor, racial or gender discrimination, and the fight for a higher minimum wage. Like environmental responsibility, fostering ethical behavior inside your company can be accomplished by involving the workers in the endeavor.

4. Dr. C. Vethirajan’s and Miss. N. Ariyadevi’s Improvement of CSR Activities in Indian Companies after the Amendment of Companies Act, 2019, A Journal of Composition Theory, volume XIII, Issue IV, APRIL 2020, P. 420.

GLOVO CARES VOLUNTEER WEEK

Equal access to essential goods for everyone is one of the main pillars of Glovo's commitment to serve the community. They set out to build a volunteer program that would engage employees in providing resources to those in need within the communities where they are located.⁵

PHILANTHROPIC RESPONSIBILITY

Philanthropic responsibility refers to a business's aim to actively make the world and society a better place. Organisations motivated by philanthropic responsibility frequently donate a portion of their profits in addition to conducting themselves as ethically and environmentally friendly as feasible. While many businesses support organisations and charities that share their guiding principles, others support deserving causes unrelated to their line of work. Others go so far as to create their own charitable trust or organization to give back and have a positive impact on society.⁶

This includes: -

- Whether a company donates profit to charities or causes it believes in.
- Whether a company only enters into transactions with suppliers or vendors that align with the company philanthropically.
- Whether a company supports employee philanthropic endeavours through time off or matching contributions.
- Whether a company sponsors fundraising events or has a presence in the community for related events.

The term "philanthropic responsibility" describes a company's purposes, objectives, and goals for actively bettering society at large. Corporate philanthropy heavily emphasizes giving money from firm profits to deserving projects in the neighborhood, frequently in the form of a trust or

foundation. These philanthropic activities enhance your public image as a corporate leader, which is very important today. Businesses can engage employees through philanthropy in several ways, such as by implementing giving programmes that may result in donation matching.

ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY

Economic responsibility is the practise of a business backing all its financial decisions while pledging to do well in the aforementioned areas. The goal is to make sure that business operations have a positive impact on society, the environment, and people, not merely to maximise profits. The act of making financial decisions based on a commitment to doing good is referred to as economic responsibility. Investing in renewable energy sources, increasing financing for educational initiatives, and supporting regional charities to further their missions are some typical examples of economic responsibility. Business executives are urged to look beyond operational cost reductions and instead place their responsibilities to corporate citizenship at the centre of all financial choices to uphold economic responsibility. Regardless of the CSR kind, think about how you'll gauge the success and impact of your initiative. To learn how, view The Social impact show.

EXAMPLES OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Starbucks

Starbucks has a longstanding reputation for having a strong sense of CSR and dedication to the environment and community welfare. These goals include planting 100 million trees for farmers by 2025 and obtaining 100% of its coffee from ethical sources, according to its 2020 Global Social Impact Report, pioneering green building throughout its stores, contributing millions of hours of community

5. *Ibid.*

6. *Ibid.*

service, and creating a groundbreaking college program for its employees.⁷

Home Depot

As part of its annual reporting on ESG, Home Depot highlighted its achievements on focusing on its employees, operating sustainably, and strengthening its communities. In fiscal year 2020, it invested over \$2 billion in increased salaries and benefits to enhance its employee well-being. It also reduced energy consumption by 14% from the year prior and are on track to reduce companywide emissions by 40% by 2030⁸

Social Issues: Google

In addition to its environmental measures, Google is regarded with trust in part because of its vocal CEO, Sundar Pichai. He speaks out against social issues, such as the anti-Muslim remarks made by President Trump. Due in large part to their data centres using 50% less energy than others throughout the world, Google also received the highest CSR 2018 score from the Reputation Institute. Additionally, they have invested more than \$1 billion in renewable energy projects and offer services like Gmail that help other companies lessen their environmental effect.

IMPORTANCE AND BUSINESS BENEFITS OF CSR

A corporation may adopt CSR practises for a variety of reasons. Most organisations pursue corporate social responsibility because of moral convictions, which offers a lot of benefits and can have a big impact on society. For instance, initiatives that encourage corporate social responsibility can be successful marketing tactics that help a corporation win over clients, shareholders, and regulators. CSR initiatives can also boost employee engagement and

happiness, two important retention considerations. Such programmes may even draw job candidates with strong personal convictions that align with those of the company.⁹

Finally, corporate social responsibility initiatives push business executives to evaluate the processes they use to choose and manage employees, source products or components, and give value to customers. This reflection frequently yields innovative concepts and answers that help a company act in a more socially responsible way while generating greater profits. For instance, redesigning the production process to use less energy and produce less waste allows a business to reduce costs for energy and materials while enhancing its environmental performance. Then, suppliers and customers might receive this value back. Corporate social responsibility can be viewed as a form of public relations. It goes further than that, too, as corporate social responsibility can also increase a company's competitiveness. The following are some business advantages of corporate social responsibility.

STRONGER BRAND IMAGE, RECOGNITION AND REPUTATION

By building and preserving a positive company reputation and/or brand equity, CSR adds value to businesses. Businesses need to present a positive picture of social responsibility more and more. Consumers, employees, and stakeholders place a high value on CSR when choosing a brand or company. They also hold companies responsible for enacting social change through their operations, principles, and profits. Your business must demonstrate to the public that it is a force for good if it wants to stand out from the competition. Your company may improve brand value and stay top-of-mind by supporting and bringing attention to socially significant topics.

7. *Ibid.*

8. www.harwardstudies.com

9. Ms. Tanuja Nair 's CSR In the Indian Scenario, International Journal of Management and Commerce Innovations ISSN 2348-7585 (Online) Vol. 3, Issue 2, pp: (493-499), Month: October 2015, P - 496

Infosys Technologies Ltd.'s Infosys Foundation began assisting the poor in Karnataka. It gradually expanded its operations to the states of Punjab, Orissa, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh. Its projects include creating hospital rooms, supplying cutting-edge technology, setting up health fairs, and giving out medication to the neediest people. A distinctive annual mela has been put on by Infosys in places including Bangalore, Sedam in Karnataka, and Chennai in Tamil Nadu. Infosys has provided sewing machines, assisted rural students, and done other things at these melas. Its "Library for Every Rural School" programme, which has supplied more than 10,200 book sets to rural schools in Karnataka alone, is one of the largest rural education initiatives in the nation. Additionally, the charity has provided books to Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala, and other states. It has set up more than 10,150 libraries in rural government schools with a minimum of 200 books per school.¹⁰

INCREASED CUSTOMER LOYALTY AND SALES

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) involves the integration of social and environmental concerns into a company's business practices. Implementing CSR can lead to increased customer loyalty and sales, as customers are becoming more socially conscious and aware of the impacts of their purchasing decisions. When a company shows dedication to ethical business practices and aligns itself with social and environmental causes, customers may feel more confident in supporting the company and its products or services. This can result in increased loyalty, as customers are more likely to continue to purchase from a company they view as socially responsible. Additionally, promoting CSR initiatives and social causes can attract new customers who share similar values. A company that is seen as socially responsible can differentiate itself from competitors and appeal to consumers who prioritize ethical and sustainable business

practices. Overall, implementing CSR can have a positive impact on a company's brand image, customer loyalty, and sales. By prioritizing social and environmental concerns, companies can build strong relationships with customers who share their values and attract new customers who appreciate socially responsible business practices.

OPERATIONAL COST SAVINGS

Investing in operational efficiencies reduces both the environmental effect and operational costs. By supporting sustainability practises like energy efficiency and waste reduction, CSR may assist businesses in cutting expenses. Businesses may be able to cut costs as a result, increasing their earnings and the economy. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs can result in operational cost savings, particularly in the long term. Here are some potential areas of cost savings.

1. **Energy Efficiency:** Companies can reduce energy costs by implementing energy-efficient practices and investing in renewable energy sources.
2. **Waste Reduction:** Waste reduction programs can help companies save on disposal and landfill costs.
3. **Supply Chain Efficiency:** Sustainable supply chain practices can increase efficiency and reduce costs in sourcing, transportation, and storage.
4. **Human Resource Management:** CSR programs that promote employee well-being and retention can lead to reduced recruitment and training costs.
5. **Brand Reputation:** Investment in CSR programs can also strengthen a company's reputation and brand, leading to increased customer loyalty and sales.

Overall, CSR programs can help companies reduce costs and improve their bottom line while also contributing to social and environmental objectives.

10. *Ibid.*

RETAINING KEY AND TALENTED EMPLOYEES

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is one of the most effective strategies for boosting employee engagement and retention rates, even though there are many other methods available. When you think of corporate social responsibility (CSR), employee engagement and retention are probably not the first things that come to mind. However, research demonstrates that CSR is intricately tied to both concepts. You have exhausted all possible options, including providing opportunities for leadership, providing opportunities for training and growth, and cultivating a supportive and open work atmosphere. But for some reason, many your staff members continue to show a lack of engagement, and what's worse is that people keep departing.

According to the findings of some studies, it's possible that they're pining away to work for a company that places a greater emphasis on corporate social responsibility (CSR). When workers are aware that they are working for a company that engages in CSR, they frequently stay longer and are more dedicated to their company. Businesses that give back are appealing to more than just their customers. Sustainability strategy, according to Susan Cooney, head of global diversity and inclusion at Symantec, is a significant consideration in where today's best talent chooses to work.

EASIER ACCESS TO FUNDING

In the world of business, the concept of corporate social responsibility has not yet been resolved to anyone's satisfaction. Some people believe that CEOs who want to support social initiatives should use their own personal funds rather than the money contributed by shareholders. In their opinion, corporate social responsibility is nothing more than a hidden tax that depletes the value-creation process of its financial resources. They argue that if we wish to engage in wealth redistribution, we should wait until the money has been created before doing so. Those in favour of CSR argue that

the practise itself presents opportunities to build wealth. They believe that consumers who admire a firm's attitude on environmental issues may be willing to pay more money to support that company if it engages in environmentally beneficial business practises. It is possible to attract employees with high moral standards who are willing to put in extra effort for less money. It is possible that their initiatives will result in subsidies or tax credits. And because investors who appreciate the company's environmental grade will be fine with relatively modest returns, the company may have capital costs that are lower than typical.

Investors are more likely to support a company that engages in CSR. Investors are becoming more and more interested in businesses with robust CSR initiatives. CSR-friendly nations can draw more international investment and increase employment possibilities.

REDUCED REGULATORY BURDEN

The term "corporate social responsibility" (CSR) is becoming increasingly commonplace, both inside and outside of the business world. It is a concept that presents businesses as having an ethical responsibility to give back to the society that enables them to exist, in addition to having the sole purpose of producing profits for the company. Companies are shown to not only be focused on the single purpose of generating profits. Because these investments immediately contribute to the expansion of the economy, business communities and forums on a national and international scale show their appreciation for companies that invest in corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives by bestowing them with praise and rewards. Most importantly, all the multinational corporations are keen to contribute to the improvement of the standard of living in their home countries and in other developing nations. Several different industries are participating in the process of economic growth by making investments in CSR programmes. Still, the banking sector is the only sector that provides support for projects such

as community development, education and skill development, environmental sustainability, healthcare, rural development projects, sports, and welfare, particularly women's empowerment, which directly contributes to economic growth. When the CSR Act of 2014 was being drafted by regulatory agencies, its intention was very clear: they wanted to force all corporations that generate a profit to either donate a portion of those profits to society in the form of CSR or assist the government in the process of economic development. Because the government does not have the funds or resources at its disposal to foster rapid economic expansion in order to attain high growth rates, businesses ought to make contributions towards the achievement of the aim of sustainable development. A firm's regulatory burden can be decreased with the support of strong ties with regulatory agencies.

IT IMPROVES CUSTOMERS' PERCEPTION OF YOUR BRAND

It's becoming more and more crucial for businesses to project an image of social responsibility. When selecting a brand or business, consumers, employees, and stakeholders place a high value on CSR. They also hold businesses accountable for bringing about social change through their values, operations, and profits.

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

The importance of corporate social responsibility (CSR) for employee engagement, including the effect it has on workers' senses of motivation and identity as well as their perception that their work has meaning and purpose. It examines the three distinct approaches that businesses take in order to activate social responsibility within their organisations and to develop their employees into responsible corporate citizens: a transactional approach, in which programmes are implemented in order to meet the needs of employees who want to participate in the CSR efforts of a company; a relational approach, which is based

on a psychological contract that emphasises social responsibility; and a developmental approach, which seeks to activate social responsibility within an organisation and to develop its employees to be such. Researchers from Texas A & M, Temple, and the University of Minnesota discovered in yet another study that non-financial job perks that support employee retention are CSR related values that link businesses and employees. People who work for a firm they believe in are more likely to stay with it. As a result, there will be less churn, unsatisfied personnel, and overall hiring costs.

RISK MITIGATION

Consider negative behaviours like bias towards specific employee groups, environmental exploitation, or wasteful use of company resources. Such actions are more likely to lead to lawsuits, litigation, or other legal proceedings, which could have a detrimental financial impact on the business and get media attention. By adhering to CSR principles, businesses can lower risk by averting troublesome situations and taking part in positive efforts. The firms handle the new social risks that they are exposed to as a result of going global, as well as the contribution of corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs to the management of such risks. Networked operations and global value chains, empowered stakeholders, and the dynamic tension between sectors are some of the new realities that global organizations must contend with, all of which have altered the fundamental nature of risk and risk management. The emergence of new forms of social risk cannot be mitigated through conventional means rather, it requires innovation on the part of companies in both sensing and understanding these risks, as well as in adapting risk management systems to include new tools and network-based models of information sharing. Risk management by global companies should be adapted to include corporate social responsibility programs. CSR delivers an excess of intelligence about new and present social issues to assist the business risk agenda and eventually acts as a countermeasure for

social risk by providing the structure and principles for stakeholder engagement.

CHALLENGES FACED IN CSR IMPLEMENTATION

One of the biggest issues businesses run into in this area is the absence of a clear structure for carrying out and evaluating CSR initiatives. There is no pre-existing CSR structure that businesses can follow, unlike other commercial undertakings like finance or marketing. As a result, businesses frequently need to develop their own CSR policies and procedures, which can be expensive and time-consuming. Additionally, because the consequences of CSR initiatives are typically long-lasting and challenging to evaluate, it can be challenging to determine their success. CSR project implementation involves a multi-stakeholder approach. Therefore, in order to realize successful and sustainable CSR, corporations may partner with other companies, the government, community members and the society at large.¹¹

Lack of accountability and transparency is another issue with CSR. Companies must be upfront and sincere about their CSR initiatives if they want to be successful. This entails being open about their social, environmental, and economic implications as well as the measures they take to mitigate any unfavorable effects. However, a lot of businesses lack transparency in their CSR initiatives, which can erode confidence and raise doubts about their dedication to social and environmental responsibility. Companies can create effective CSR management systems that give comprehensive information about their CSR activities and impacts to tackle this difficulty. They can also engage with stakeholders, such as investors, employees, and customers, to solicit feedback and input on their CSR efforts.¹²

Lack of Transparency: This is perhaps one of the key problems since local implementing organizations do not do enough to publish information about their activities, including whether they have been effective or not, or to undertake audits to demonstrate how funds are used. The development of trust between businesses and local communities is hampered by this lack of openness, which is essential for the achievement of any local CSR programme.

The challenge of balancing the need to carry out long-term, sustainable CSR programmes with short-term economic considerations is a third problem. In today's fast-paced business environment, companies are under constant pressure to generate profits and add value for shareholders. Because of this, many companies may be hesitant to participate in CSR projects that might not immediately generate a return. **Narrow attitudes towards CSR:** Due to the failure of many national corporations in India to incorporate CSR into the core of their brand, CSR is not incorporated into business strategy and is instead viewed as a separate idea. This implies that the brand and CSR are not thinking in concert, which increases the likelihood that internal and external communications will go awry. Importantly, CSR is still being used as a marketing technique that consumers no longer tolerate and is not given the attention it deserves.

SOME CSR INITIATIVES THAT COMPANIES CAN IMPLEMENT

1. Providing a comprehensive definition of CSR that is in accordance with the goals and objectives of significant stakeholders is one tactic. This definition should be based on a strong collection of concepts and updated frequently to ensure that it remains appropriate and useful.

2. An important next step is to establish consistent reporting and disclosure procedures

11. Kafigi Jeje's An Overview of Corporate Social Responsibility, The International Journal Of Humanities & Social Studies (ISSN 2321 - 9203), Vol 5 Issue 7 , pp - 292

12. *Ibid.*

for CSR initiatives. By ensuring that companies are sharing comparable and consistent data about their CSR performance, this can help facilitate benchmarking, peer evaluation, and benchmarking.

3. To overcome these obstacles, it's critical for firms to collaborate and establish precise rules and regulations for CSR projects. A more coordinated and successful strategy for CSR can result from ensuring that all firms operate consistently and responsibly. To conduct CSR efforts in an economical and successful manner, firms also need to engage in research and development. This can lessen the potential financial effects of these activities and make it simpler for companies to justify the costs associated with putting CSR initiatives into practice.

Recommendation for the implementing of the CSR strategy

- Analyze the current CSR practices.
- Research competitors CSR strategies.
- Get support from top-level management.
- Donate funds to relevant causes.
- Find reliable partners.
- Involve your suppliers.
- Attract potential employees.
- Consider the environment.

CONCLUSION

Corporate social responsibility and business objectives don't conflict. They complement one another rather than being mutually exclusive to achieve long-term success and make a good impact. The focus of CSR shouldn't and shouldn't be expanded beyond simple charitable giving. Organizations may genuinely impact many facets of society with a little effort and strategic planning. Governments can greatly benefit economically

from corporate social responsibility. CSR may support economic growth and development by luring investment, enhancing the business climate, lowering company risks, and fostering a more sustainable economy. As a result, it is essential for companies to embrace ethical business practices and consider their social and environmental impact. CSR generally benefits a country's economy by enhancing its image, enticing investors, fostering innovation, reducing costs, and promoting social stability. Corporate social responsibility goes beyond just a passing fad or trend in business. Businesses that embrace CSR will increase their income and efficiency while helping those in need throughout the world and staying relevant to younger generations. Overall, putting CSR efforts into action can be difficult, but with a well-thought-out strategy and a dedication to collaboration, businesses can overcome these obstacles and conduct themselves in a socially and ecologically responsible way. By following these actions, businesses can not only enhance their internal operations but also positively impact their local communities and the rest of the globe. Although certain of India's CSR issues are exclusive to that nation, the idea of corporate social responsibility is now firmly entrenched in the business world's agenda. It is thought to be crucial to success and survival. A company's challenge is to develop robust, cutting edge, and genuine CSR plans that satisfy the needs of all stakeholders. A mental shift is necessary to go from theory to practice because some corporations still use their CSR initiatives only as a tool for marketing. This means that these businesses are potentially green washing and acting hypocritically.