HONEYWELL AND SEEDS RESTORE AND HAND OVER 15 GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TO UTTARAKHAND CHIEF MINISTER

- *With Honeywell funding, SEEDS India restores, repairs, and retrofits 15 State Government Schools in Dehradun and Haridwar*
- *The Honeywell Safe Schools program, introduced in 2019, has delivered hands-on school safety training to more than 11,000 students, 3,000 parents and 900 teachers across 100 State Government schools in Haridwar and Dehradun districts*

Dehradun, December 17, 2020: As part of the Honeywell Safe Schools program, Honeywell, a Fortune 100 leading technology company, and the Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS), a leading not-for-profit organization, restored, repaired, and retrofitted 15 state government schools in Dehradun and Hardiwar, and handed them over to Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. Honeywell Safe Schools is a pioneering school safety program, which is part of the multinational company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts in the region.

While schools have remained shut during the ongoing pandemic, disrupting the regular CSR outreach program, Honeywell and SEEDS focused on making school infrastructure safer for students and teachers when they eventually return.

SEEDS engaged architects and engineers to strengthen the structure of these school buildings through repairs, retrofits and refurbishments. Experts were also brought in to create a learning environment that is informative, engaging, comfortable, and disabled-friendly. The renovation efforts focused on creating an environment that not only encourages learning, but also brings together the community at large.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, said, *"Our state is well known for schools and educational institutes. I would like to commend Honeywell and SEEDS for taking up the responsibility of creating a safer environment for our students and teachers. If we can ensure safety today then future can be made safe too! I applaud the initiatives taken by SEEDS through Honeywell Safe Schools program and assure our consistent support for its progress."*

Dr. Manu Gupta, Co-Founder, SEEDS said, *"At SEEDS, we thrive on building resilient communities through comprehensive interventions in the area of education, health, disaster recovery, response, and preparedness. Under the Honeywell Safe Schools program, we create safe, conducive school environments that will encourage students to explore more, empowering them to become the change agents of tomorrow."*

Dr. Akshay Bellare, President Honeywell India, said, "As a global leader in technologies that create safe and secure living and working spaces, Honeywell is pleased to extend our commitment to building safer school environments in the communities we serve in Uttarakhand."

The Honeywell Safe Schools program adheres to the National School Safety Policy (NSSP) Guidelines, 2016, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) guidelines, and the ASEAN School Safety Initiative. These frameworks define the essentials of school safety and the importance of building a safe environment for children. Piloted in Delhi in 2017, the Honeywell Safe Schools program has already trained more than 69,000 students, 48,000 parents, and 4,500 teachers in 155 schools across Delhi and Uttarakhand.

About SEEDS:
SEEDS (Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society) is a not-for-profit organisation that enables community resilience through practical solutions in the areas of disaster readiness, response and rehabilitation. Since 1994, the organization has worked extensively on every major disaster in the Indian subcontinent – grafting innovative technology on to traditional wisdom. It has reached out to families affected by disasters and climate stresses; strengthened and rebuilt schools and homes; and has invariably put its faith in skill-building, planning and communications to foster long-term resilience. SEEDS is also India's first agency to be certified for the global Core Humanitarian Standards – an international certification system for quality and accountability in humanitarian response. SEEDS completed 25 years of outstanding service to humanity in 2019 and is re-anchoring its approach to building resilience through innovation. It continues to empower the most vulnerable across Asia to build a better future. For more information, visit www.seedsindia.org

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