

Vedanta's Congratulatory Offer to Orissa Chief Minister: A Package of new initiatives



Mr Anil Agarwal, Chairman Vedanta Resources while addressing the Media at Bhubaneswar on 6th June 2009

Mr Anil Agarwal, the Chairman Vedanta Resources Plc and its senior executives, called upon Mr Naveen Patnaik, the Hon'ble CM of Orissa on 6th June 2009, and updated him about the status of Vedanta's ongoing projects in the state including the Alumina project at Lanjigarh, Smelter and Power projects at Jharsuguda and the University project at Puri.

Mr Agarwal invited the CM to inaugurate the Mid Day Meal Kitchen at Kalahandi which will feed 30000 school going children.

He also informed the media that the Group has plans to invest Rs 50,000 crores in the state of Orissa out of which Rs 25,000 crores has already been invested in its Refinery, Smelter and Power Plants.. The balance Rs 25000 crore is to be invested in next 24 months.

According to a survey conducted Kalahandi is the largest Malaria affected area of the country. A new initiative has been undertaken by Vedanta to eradicate malaria from Kalahandi in association with National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). "As requested by the CM, Vedanta is considering setting up a state of the art BURN & TRAUMA centre for the first time at Bhubaneswar as an extension project of Vedanta Hospital and Medical College." He added.

Vedanta Aluminium Registered in London Metal Exchange



Vedanta Resources Plc has announced that the Board of Directors of London Metal Exchange (LME) Aluminium Committee have approved the registration and listing of Vedanta Aluminium, Jharsuguda p1020 ingots under the brand name "vedantal", with effect from 24th June 2009. A total annual output of 0.5 MTPA has been registered with LME. This will add to the production of aluminium in Orissa which will take the state to greater heights in the aluminium map of the country.

Established for over 130 years and located in the heart of the City of London, the London Metal Exchange is the world's premier non-ferrous metals market. It offers features and contracts for aluminium, copper, nickel, tin, zinc and lead plus two regional aluminium alloys.

Public Hearing on VAL Expansion held successfully



From Left: Er. P. C. Rout, OPCB, Mr. Chudamani Seth, ADM Kalahandi at The Public Hearing on April 25, 09.

Lanjigarh: The public hearing to obtain people's views on the environment clearance of Vedanta Aluminium Limited's proposed expansion of its Alumina Refinery was held at Belemba Village, near Lanjigarh on April 25, 2009. There was unanimous support of the people for expansion of the Alumina Refinery from 1 MTPA to 6 MTPA

CSR Advisory Board members applaud Vedanta's Plant at Jharsuguda



Above: CSR Adv. Board Members interacting with people at R&R colony & PAP training centre
Below: CSR Adv. Board Members Planting Saplings inside the plant premises

A delegation of VAL's CSR Advisory Board members, consisting of eminent personalities of Orissa like Dr A.B.Ota, Director of SC&ST Research centre, Prof Sahadev Sahoo, Ex Chief Secretary Govt of Orissa and Ms Namita Panda, the Chairperson of Orissa State Women Commission paid an official visit to the Jharsuguda plant site on 30 th April 2009. The team went to the Jharsuguda Engineering School where the people from Project Affected villages (PAP) are being imparted training by VAL on different technical skills like plumbing, carpentry, house wiring and other skill enhancing professions. The members talked with the people and applauded VAL's efforts at imparting skill building as well as skill enhancing training to these people. They also visited the R&R colony at Jharsuguda. The members interacted with the residents by going to their houses personally.

Ms Namita Panda, Chairperson of Orissa State Women Commission inaugurated the Market Complex at the R&R colony. The members also interacted with the members of the Self Help Groups promoted by VAL the staff of VAL during their visit. They planted saplings inside the plant premises.

Puffed Rice Unit at village Banjari



Members of the SHG along with VAL officials at the unit.

Vedanta Integrated Jana Jeevika Yojna, in collaboration with Subhalaxmi Mahila Samabya Ltd, a cooperative of Project affected women, has initiated a puffed rice unit at village Banjari. The unit was inaugurated by Sri Somrraj Signh, AGM PR at village Banjari on 29th May 2009. Eight members of Triveni SHG showed interest to be involved in puffed rice business by putting a puffed rice mill in their village. Looking into the local demand for this particular product they have expressed their interest to pursue this. Through this enterprise the income per family will go up by at least minimum Rs. 170 per day. This is an innovative project. It will use domestic technology and will be completely owned and operated by the village women themselves.

New Security Office of VAL



The new security office of VAL Jharsuguda started functioning from 6th May 2009.

Record of Rights (Pattas) Distributed to Displaced Families



Mr. Abhijit Pati, COO VAL while distributing the Pattas to the displaced families at R&R Colony

On 2nd June 2009 VAL, Jharsuguda, in close coordination with the district administration distributed Record of Rights (Patta) to the displaced families. Though the land and houses constructed were in possession of the displaced people, the formal recording of rights was successfully completed for 127 out of a total of 145 displaced persons. The RoR distribution was done in VAL's R&R colony, the Maa Samleswari Nagar. The occasion was graced by Project Director R&R - Mr. Himansu Mahapatra, Special LAO - Jyoti Ranjan Pradhan, Tahsildar Jharsuguda - Mr. Banbir Pattnaik and Chief Operating Officer Vedanta - Mr. Abhijit Pati and other senior officials.

Media Visit Plant site



Mr. Siris Mohanty, Editor Industries and Mines Observer and Mr. Debabrata Mohanty, State Correspondent Indian Express along with VAL officials while visiting the Smelter Plant.

Two Bhubaneswar based journalists paid a one day visit to the Jharsuguda Plant on 12th May 2009. During the visit they went inside the smelter, CPP and IPP. The media persons were Mr. Siris Mohanty, Editor Industries and Mines Observer and Mr. Debabrata Mohanty, State Correspondent Indian Express.

Vedanta Ties up with DAV to Provide English Education to Children of Project Affected People

● Signs MOU with DAV at Jharsuguda



Mr Pankaj Khanna, Executive Director, VAL Jharsuguda, Mr H.K.Mohanty, Regional Director DAV and Mr. Abhijit Pati, COO VAL along with others while signing the MoU with DAV

Jharsuguda: Vedanta Aluminium Ltd Jharsuguda today signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the DAV School at Jharsuguda. The objective of the MOU is to provide support for at least 100 students of the peripheral villages to be admitted in the English medium mainstream education system at the entry levels of Lower KG, Upper KG and Class 1. DAV has agreed to waive the development fee. The rest of the expenses including tuition fees, books, uniforms and bus fees etc shall be borne by Vedanta.

This kind of initiative is a long term intervention aimed at equipping the future generation to support their families and provide for quality life for themselves as well as the community. The MOU was signed by Mr H.K.Mohanty Regional Director DAV Institutions and Mr Pankaj Khanna Executive Director Vedanta aluminium Ltd Jharsuguda, in the presence of the Principals of DAV school Jharsuguda & Talcher.

Mr. Prashant Hota GM, PR & CSR, Vedanta University, Mr. Abhijit Pati, Chief Operating officer, VAL Jharsuguda, Mr. Kaustav Kundu, GM HR, Mr. Sanjeev Pattnaik AGM CSR, Mr. Somraj Singh, AGM PR were present among others.

Advisory Board Members Oversee VAL's Development initiatives



Above: CSR Adv. Board Members interacting with Members of the SHG and strawberry farmers.
Below: CSR Adv. Board Members Planting Saplings inside the plant premises

Three members of the CSR advisory team of Vedanta Aluminium - Dr. SB Mishra, former Chief Secretary of Orissa; Prof. O.N. Mohanty, Vice Chancellor of Biju Pattnaik University of Technology and Padmashree Prativa Ray, famous Oriya Writer - visited Vedanta's Lanjigarh refinery plant and expressed satisfaction on the company's initiatives for sustainable development. The team reviewed the overall progress of all the areas and shared their views with the local Management.

Accompanied by Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Chief Operating Officer of Vedanta Aluminium, Lanjigarh, they visited the Vedanta Niyamgiri Nagar and had a meeting with the displaced families who have been rehabilitated in this colony. They interacted with the women at the Tailoring Centre and Phenyl-making unit in the Vedanta Niyamgiri Nagar.

They also visited the Strawberry fields, developed under Vedanta's Shashya Shilpa Abhiyan program.

The advisory board members had an over view of the alumina refinery and visited key plant areas and the Central Control Room. Prof. Mohanty commended Vedanta for using latest technology and equipment in the plant. The members also planted saplings inside the plant premises.

VAL to Support 600 Anganwadi Centres in Rayagada



From left: Mr. K.G. Mohapatra, Collector Rayagada, Mr. Samiron Sarkar, AGM(CSR) and Ms. S. Chaamundi, GM, Vedanta Foundation while signing the MOU

Vedanta Aluminium, Lanjigarh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the District Administration of Rayagada and Vedanta Foundation on May 20, 2009 at the Collector Residence Office, Rayagada to support 646 Anganwadi centres in five blocks of Rayagada district. The MoU for the project, named Bal Chetna program, was signed by Mr. Krushna Gopal Mohapatra, Collector, Rayagada; Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Aluminium, Lanjigarh and Ms. S. Chaamundi, GM, Vedanta Foundation. The project will cover all the Anganwadi centres in Muniguda, Bissamcuttack, Kolnara and Kesingpur block and 73% of the centres in Rayagada Block, and shall cater to about 30,000 children in the district.

HIV/AIDS Sensitization for 20000 people



Vedanta Aluminium Limited, Lanjigarh organized a mass awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS from May 19 to May 26, 2009. More than 20000 people from periphery area villages near Vedanta Alumina Refinery were sensitized on different issues related to HIV/AIDS through Street play, folkdance and entertainment activities.

Tribal women get Sewing Machine to make leaf-plates



Dr. Mukesh Kumar, COO, VAL Lanjigarh while donating sewing machine to tribal women on behalf of VAL

Vedanta Aluminium Limited, Lanjigarh with the objective of enhancing alternative options the livelihood of tribal families, provided 40 Sewing Machines to 20 Tribal Women groups for leaf plate making. The sewing machines were distributed by Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Chief Operating Officer of VAL at a function, attended by about 300 Dongria Kondh Women on April 18, 2009 at Khemdipadar village (Trilochanpur GP).

The Company has launched a project 'Jeevika' for women residing in eight villages on the slope of Niyamgiri. Under the project the company has trained 300 tribal women in making leaf plates and cups.

Seminar on Occupational Health Held at Lanjigarh



Seminar on Occupational Health is on

VAL Lanjigarh had organized a 'One day Seminar on Occupational Health Issues in Aluminium Sector on 20th May 2009. The Seminar was inaugurated by Mr. G. Muruges, Head (HR) and facilitated by Dr. RC Rout, Head (Health Safety and Environment) and Dr. Sabita Swain, Chief Medical Officer of VAL. More than 50 Health officials from Vedanta Group Companies such as Hindustan Zinc, MALCO, BALCO and Sterlite and from TATA Steel, Orissa State AIDS Cell (OSAC), District Hospital, Kalahandi participated in the program. Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Chief Operating Officer said, "Health and Safety of employees is the key to achieve productivity and safety. Vedanta, as a part of this philosophy lays emphasis on these issues, adopting world class practices to ensure a healthy workforce". The seminar will help in improving the current health and safety practices in Vedanta, Lanjigarh, he hoped. Leading health professionals and experts presented their papers on various issues related to Occupational Health in the seminar.

Mega Health Camp Organised by VAL on World Health Day



From left: Mr. Umesh Mehta, Vice President, Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Chief Operating Officer, VAL, Lanjigarh, Mr. Bimalananda Senapati, AVP and Mr. Samiron Sarkar, AGM CSR at the mega health camp

A mega health camp was organized on World Health Day on April 7, 2009 at Vedanta Aluminium, Lanjigarh. The health camp was inaugurated by Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Chief Operating Officer, VAL, Lanjigarh. Mr. Umesh Mehta, Vice President and Mr. Bimalananda Senapati, AVP were also present on the occasion. Doctors from different medical specialty such as Gynecology, orthopedic, medicine, pediatrics, dental and ophthalmology provided medical consultation to about 512 people at the Mega Health Camp. HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Service, Dental Health Check Up and Eye Check up Service were also provided in the camp. In addition to providing health care services, the program was also successful in building awareness about health issues among the public. The Health Safety and Environment Department of the Company also organized an Emergency Preparedness Demonstration for the employees. The program was coordinated by Dr. R.C. Rout, Head (HSE); Mr. Samiron Sarkar, Head (CSR) and Dr. Sabita Swain, Chief Medical Officer, along with their Team.

New Faces in VAL's Family



COL. PARTAP SINGH PANNU

Col. Partap Singh Pannu has joined as General Manager (Security) in Vedanta Aluminium Limited, Jharsuguda on 27th April 2009. In a career spanning over 43 years, Col. Pannu has served the Indian Army for 40 years. Thereafter he was associated with Vallabh Steel Ltd, Jamshedpur. Before joining Vedanta, he was working with Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd, Jharsuguda as General Manager (Security & Vigilance).]

Col. Pannu Graduated from the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dum and holds a Graduation Certificate awarded by Indian Armed Forces.

Mr. Subhasis Ghosh

Mr. Subhasis Ghosh has joined the Vedanta family as Associate Manager – Project Logistics in Vedanta Aluminium Ltd, Jharsuguda on 23rd May 2009.

He holds a Degree in Chemical Engineering from Haldia Institute of Technology followed by PGDM in Transportation & Logistics, Management from Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management, Kolkata.

In a career spanning 2 years, he has worked with TM International Logistics Ltd. Prior to joining Vedanta.



Face Painting Competition Held at Lanjigarh



Winners
Hima and Kaberi

Runners Up
Smita and Lovelin

On May 24, five persons in VAL Township had different faces. Their face had different colour and texture. Because, they demonstrated their artistic talent in face painting competition held at the Guest House.

In this face painting competitions 10 groups with 20 employees participated. Each group had one painter and one face. The winners were Chekumuki Hima Varsa and Kaberi Chakraborty. Smita Choudhury and Lovelin Swain were the first runners up.

Dr. Sabita Swain and Mr. Tarun Mohapatra were the judges of the event.

Carom and Chess Competition at VAL, Lanjigarh

After a series of outdoor sports events, the Sports Committee of VAL, Lanjigarh organized a Carom and Chess Tournament from May 20 ~ June 1, 2009. The tournament had 115 participants in Single and Doubles Carom - male/female, Mixed Doubles - Carom & Chess - Male / Female section.

The grand finale of the tournament was held on June 1, 2009.

Winners and Runners Up List

Section	Winner	Runner Up
Carom, Boys Single	Sudhansu	Ansuman
Carom, Girls Single	Suchismita	B Bijayashree
Carom, Boys Doubles	Binod & Debasish	Rajesh & Tirthabasi
Carom, Girls Doubles	Sasmita & Epsita	Pragyan & Giritaniya
Carom, Mixed Doubles	Jagarnath & Epsita	Dinesh & Smita
Chess - Boys	Jogesh	Sudhansu
Chess - Girls	Suchismita	Sasmita

Project updates VAL

- 27th May 2009: Complete Powering-on of all 304 pots in Potline 1 at VAL Jharsuguda
- 15th May 2009: Successful commissioning of Bath Handling Plant with 55MT/hr capacity Autogenous Mill by the Rodding Shop Team at VAL Jharsuguda
- May 25, 2009: Commissioning of Ambodola Railway yard at Lanjigarh
- Orissa Mining Corporation obtained Environmental Clearance for Niyamgiri Bauxite Mining Project.

District Sports Meet at Bidhanbag



Mr. Khusro Ather, GM Commercial and Project, VAL in the inaugural session of the Sports Meet

Mr. Parasar Bhattacharjee, AGM VAL felicitating the winners of the Sports Meet

VAL Bidhanbag in association with the District Sports Committee had organised a District Sports Meet at Raniganj from recently. The event was organised to provide students an opportunity to take special interest in sports activities.

VAL Bidhanbag Organizes Health Check- Up Camp for School Children



Inaugural Session of Health Check Up Camp

A Child at The Health Check Up Camp

Vedanta Aluminium Limited, Bidhanbag under its Corporate Social Responsibility had organized a Medical Health Check Up Camp recently at Junior Basic School, J K Nagar (Bidhanbag) wherein 200 students of Standard I to V underwent general Health Check Up out of which 54 students underwent detailed health examination. Childhood diseases that affect the education and development of a child were detected and treated with due care. Four out of 54 children were diagnosed and referred for further specialized treatment.

The Medical Health Check Up Camp was organized to combat malnutrition and to detect early child diseases

The schoolteachers and children were very happy and welcomed the much-needed support extended by VAL, Bidhanbag Project and this initiative laid emphasis on the importance of general health awareness.

VAL's Online Presence

