

Vedanta assures quality science education at Orissa through Science College.



- An initiative by Vedanta Aluminum to enhance the quality Science Education that would help in developing technical manpower for industrialization in Orissa.
- Professional education institute (DAV) will be partnering with the Vedanta to set up a State of Art Science College at Lanjigarh.
- An overall drive by local educationist to popularizing science education in the region.

Today the management committee of upcoming Vedanta Science College organized a day long conference on “Emergence of Science Education” in the society at Lanjigarh. As 21st century every human life is more dependent on technology the knowledge on scientific innovations is becoming essential for all of us. “Science education would not only help in getting employment but also will help us to enhance a quality life in science oriented society”, said **Prof. Arun Kumar Pujari, Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University** during a conference. More than 200 students and faculty members from 15 colleges in Kalahandi and Rayagada participated in this conference.

The objective of the conference was to make the people conscious about the value of science education at degree level as well as to discuss about the proposed Vedanta Science College at Lanjigarh. **Dr. Mukesh Kumar, President and COO** , Vedanta

Aluminium Limited, said, “Vedanta Science College was a long pending demand of the people of Western Orissa. Vedanta is committed to create a state of art Science College that will promote quality science education in western Orissa”. Quality Science education can help in developing technical manpower for industrialization in Orissa, he added.

The proposed Vedanta Science College will start its academic session from 2011 and will provide education in subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Mathematics, Zoology, and Environmental Science. As the local students of the region depend on Bhawanipatna, Rayagada and Bhubaneswar for degree level studies on science subjects, Vedanta Science College can make a valuable contribution to the local people around Lanjigarh,

Prof. Gopabandhu Behera and Dr. A. K. Nanda, who are also the member of the Governing Body of Vedanta Science College, were present on the dais.

Also present on the occasion were, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pattnaik Vice-President, VAL, Mr. C Joseph, in-charge of the Vedanta Science College, Dr. Nabakrushna Panda, Principal, Govt. Autonomous College, Bhawanipatna, Mr. S. P. Nanda, Principal, Govt. Women’s College, Bhawanipatna, Mr. Sudershan Rath, Principal, Bisamcuttack College, Mr. Bharat Rath, Principal Rayagada Govt. College.

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