

Press Release:

Vedanta Lanjigarh conducts cancer sensitization campaign on National Cancer Awareness Day

Lanjigarh, Kalahandi District, Odisha; 7th November 2020: Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, India's premier producer of metallurgical grade alumina, observed National Cancer Awareness Day today. The company organized knowledge-sharing and sensitization sessions covering 50 Nand Ghars (aanganwadis modernized by Vedanta) of Kalahandi and Rayagada districts. In 10 of them, awareness sessions on precautionary measures along with vital information were conducted in strict adherence to COVID guidelines. The members and beneficiaries of the remaining 40 Nand Ghars participated virtually.

During these sessions, the cluster coordinators of Nand Ghars interacted with women beneficiaries and front-line workers about various types of cancer, especially breast cancer and oral cancer, and intimated them about the various government schemes related to the disease and its treatment. The participants were made aware that the disease is potentially curable if diagnosis and treatment are done on time and with proper medical consultation. The precautionary measures to be taken to prevent the disease were also elaborated during the program.

On this occasion, Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh unit said, "Vedanta Lanjigarh has always given priority towards ensuring good health and well-being of the communities around our areas of operations. Since inception, we have championed public health and sanitation, from making the region malaria-free to bringing quality healthcare to the doorsteps of people through Vedanta Hospital. With burgeoning incidence of cancer worldwide, we have come forward to sensitize the rural communities about the disease. I am confident that the knowledge-sharing sessions organized on this National Cancer Awareness Day will go a long way towards imparting important information to our communities about the disease. We will continue to conduct such awareness programs in the future as well to make our communities aware and informed for leading a healthy life."

Acknowledging Vedanta's efforts, Mrs. Kunti Karkaria, a resident of Badamanjurkupa village said, "These awareness sessions organized by Vedanta were very informative and useful for us. Knowledge on diseases like cancer, which can be avoided by precaution and controlled through timely treatment, is much needed in this region."

Vedanta's social interventions in the domains of sustainable livelihood, women empowerment, quality education, health, water and sanitation, bio-investment and community infrastructure reach out to a total of 59 villages in Lanjigarh and nearby areas, benefiting about a lakh people in a year. It empowers more than 3000 women from 305 self-help groups (SHGs), provides healthcare services to about 60,000 people annually, gives educational support to more than 2800



students, has planted more than 5.4 lakh trees in the community, and built 500 plus infrastructural projects at community level.

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About Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh Unit (Alumina Refinery)

Vedanta is the largest producer of aluminium in India and remains the premier manufacturer of metallurgical grade alumina. The company has carved a niche for itself in the global aluminium industry with its superior product quality based on state-of-the-art technology. Vedanta Limited operates a 2 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) capacity alumina refinery in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha), India since 2007 and an associated 90 MW captive power plant. The refinery feeds Vedanta's aluminium smelters at Jharsuguda in Odisha and at BALCO in Korba, Chhattisgarh.

About Vedanta Cares

Vedanta is committed to reinvest in the social good of its neighbourhood communities and the nation. The Group's flagship CSR project, Nand Ghar, is a network of model anganwadis where the thrust is on inclusive development of women and children at the grassroots level. The Group CSR initiative comprises of seven key verticals – Education, Healthcare, Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Livelihood, Skilling, Sports & Culture and Employee Volunteering. Vedanta Foundation, a philanthropic initiative of Vedanta Group is focused on skill development and vocational training programmes for the underprivileged to make them employable. A key healthcare speciality CSR project is the Balco Medical Center, a 200-bed state-of-the-art Cancer care hospital located in New Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The company supports grassroots level sports through their Football academies in Goa and Udaipur.

About Vedanta Limited

Vedanta Limited, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Limited, is one of the world's leading Oil & Gas and Metals company with significant operations in Oil & Gas, Zinc, Lead, Silver, Copper, Iron Ore, Steel, and Aluminium & Power across India, South Africa, Namibia, and Australia. For two decades, Vedanta has been contributing significantly to nation building. Governance and sustainable development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety, and environment. Giving back is in the DNA of Vedanta, which is focused on enhancing the lives of local communities. Under the aegis of Vedanta Cares, the flagship social impact program, Nand Ghars have been set up as model anganwadis focused on eradicating child malnutrition, providing education, healthcare, and empowering women with skill development. The company has been featured in Dow Jones Sustainability Index, and was conferred CII-ITC Sustainability Award, the FICCI CSR Award, Dun & Bradstreet Awards in Metals & Mining, and certified as a Great Place to Work. Vedanta Limited is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange in India and has ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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