

Vedanta Lanjigarh initiates preparation of masks through SHG members

- *Distributes soaps through local administration*

Lanjigarh, Kalahandi district, Odisha: 30th March, 2020: Vedanta's Lanjigarh alumina refinery has started the preparation of masks through the local women Self-Help Group (SHG) members and has started the distribution of soaps through the district administration. This is as part of the endeavour to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in the communities. The plant has collaborated with 29 SHG members under the Sakhi Project to stitch the masks as per guidelines to meet the rising demand of masks in the region.

The plan is to prepare around 20,000 masks and distribute them amongst the villagers. Vedanta is providing the material to the SHG members free of cost to stitch the masks and is buying the finished masks from them. The company is also making sewing machines available to the SHG members where needed. The masks are then being provided to the community and the local administration for free distribution in the villages in a phased manner.

The plant has started the distribution of masks and anti-bacterial soaps to the villagers through the local administration to encourage the practice of hygiene among them. Continuing the initiative, today 1000 masks and 1000 soaps were handed over to Mr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Block Development Officer, Lanjigarh. So far, 4500 masks and 3600 soaps have been distributed by Vedanta Lanjigarh. A team of volunteers has also been deployed by the plant to spread awareness on the usage of masks and soaps among the villagers.

Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh unit further comments on the initiative: "We have proactively undertaken many steps to sensitize our community on how we can collectively prevent the spread of the virus through preventive health measures and hygiene. We would like to further aid the district administration in the fight against COVID-19 through these new initiatives of mask preparation through SHGs and soap distribution among the villagers. Importantly, this will also provide the SHG members a source of income in these times when other means of livelihood are becoming scarce.

Vedanta's alumina refinery in Lanjigarh has taken stringent steps for the safety and wellbeing for its employees, partners, all stakeholders and communities, in compliance with the guidelines set by the government and in coordination with the local health authorities.

Vedanta is the largest producer of aluminium in India and remains the premier manufacturer of metallurgical grade alumina. The company operates a 2 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) alumina refinery in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha), India since 2007 and an associated 90 MW captive power plant.

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) 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.



In line with the group's strategy of contributing to the communities it operates in, the company has focused interventions in the areas of health, education, livelihoods, and infrastructure amongst several others, in the Kalahandi region.

Vedanta Limited's Lanjigarh unit has been conferred with several accolades across several critical business functions including:

- India Green Manufacturing Award 2018 for best Green Manufacturing Processes.
- CSR Health Impact Award 2019 for Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Swachhta Project
- CSR Innovative Project Award for the revival of Dhokra Art and Saura Art
- Greentech Safety Award 2018 for its best Safety Management and Operations
- CII HR Excellence Award 2018 for its best Human Resource practices
- Excellent Energy Efficient Unit award 2019 for technological advancements in energy-efficiency initiatives
- 6th CSR Impact Award 2019 for Dhokra art under the 'Aajeevika' Livelihood project
- Kalinga Safety Excellence Award 2018 under the alumina sector category
- Greentech Safety Award 2019 under the Mines & Metal Category
- Great Place to Work certified™ 2019
- India Manufacturing Excellence Award 2019 under the Metals category by Frost & Sullivan

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