

Press Release:

Vedanta organizes Mega Cataract Surgery Camp in Lanjigarh

Lanjigarh, Kalahandi District, Odisha; 23rd February 2021: Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, India's premier producer of metallurgical grade alumina, organized a mega cataract surgery camp on 23rd February for the patients residing in the vicinity of the alumina refinery. The camp was organized by Vedanta Hospital at Lanjigarh, in association with Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya, Sonepur, adhering to the COVID restrictions.

A 30-member medical team was deployed at Vedanta Hospital, with eight surgeons and ophthalmologists from Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya, to ensure best-in-class check-up and treatment to elderly patients suffering from cataract. Around 40 patients with complete / partial blindness due to cataract were screened and were successfully operated. The camp was flagged off by Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh and Mr. Hemant Kumar Bhatia, Chief Human Resources Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, in the presence of district officials, local leaders, villagers and Vedanta officials. The first Cataract Operation Camp commenced in 2014 and since then it has benefitted nearly 650 people in the region.

Talking about this initiative, Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh unit said, "Healthcare for the community is one of our thrust areas. We are proud to share that over the years, we have successfully reached out to the community members. Through these camps, we ensure that the quality of life of people in and around our areas of operation is enhanced. Vedanta Lanjigarh unit is committed to the improvement of health indicators of local communities in Lanjigarh and the surrounding villages."

Acknowledging Vedanta's efforts, by Dr. Prashant Kumar Pramanik, AYUSH Doctor, Mobile Health Unit, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh said, "As a part of Vedanta's multiple initiatives towards the betterment of the society, the Cataract Operation Camp is also a regular program through which the people in need get operated through the support of Vedanta. Through the Mobile Health Unit, we have increased the mobility of providing essential treatment and health check-ups on the doorstep. The MHU visits the villages on a regular basis."

Appreciating the program, Mr. Dulab Dhangramajhi, a beneficiary from Ambodala, said "Vedanta has always been proactive in taking up measures to ensure the health and well-being of the community. The cataract surgery camps organized by the company have benefitted many people of the nearby villages. Vedanta's support and initiatives to improve our lives are really appreciable."

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 69 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 30,000 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)

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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 specialty 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.

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