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Jharsuguda District Administration collaborates with Vedanta Ltd., Jharsuguda to observe Odisha Disaster Preparedness Day & National Day for Disaster Reduction



On 29th October, 2018, the Jharsuguda District Administration in collaboration with Vedanta Ltd., Jharsuguda observed the Odisha Disaster Preparedness Day and National Day for Disaster Reduction at Vedanta Township. The State Fire services and Odisha State Disaster Management Association joined hands with the Fire and Security team of Vedanta Ltd., Jharsuguda and carried out mock drills on disaster management. The main purpose of the event was to spread awareness amongst the public regarding preparedness of the State Fire Services and Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force to be able to face any natural or man-made disasters that may occur in the future.

On the day of observance, the Odisha State government organizes mock drills at various locations across the state. In line with the same, Vedanta Ltd., partnered with the Odisha State government for observance of the day at Jharsuguda. The dignitaries present on the occasion included Shri Sunsir Kisan, Deputy Collector & District Emergency Officer, Shrimati Sangeeta Dash, District Program Officer, Shri Ram Chandra Pradhan, Executive Officer, Jharsuguda, Shri Loknath Tiwari, Executive Officer, Belpahad, and Shri Sudhasis Muduli, Asst. Fire Officer, Jharsuguda. More than 100 people were a part of the awareness session & mock drills. The State Fire Services and Odisha State Disaster Management Association demonstrated various life-saving equipment used in times of disasters. Fire & rescue drills were conducted to showcase the able team's capabilities to carry out rescues from high rise buildings.

The district administration appreciated the pro-active efforts taken by Vedanta Ltd., Jharsuguda, to partner with the state emergency teams to carry out this drill. On the occasion, Shri. Sunsir Kisan spoke to the public about the past disasters that Odisha state has faced such as the 1999 Super Cyclone which had a desecrating impact on the state, but with the intervention of technology the State has been able to contain the recent disasters with minimum impact to lives and property. Smt. Sangeeta Dash appreciated the State Fire Services and the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force for their active participation in the drill demonstrations and in the administration of quick response in case of emergencies across the district.

At Vedanta Ltd., Jharsuguda, our Health, Safety & Environment Dept. keeps a hawk-eyed scrutiny in and around our operations. The dept. continuously and dedicatedly works towards identifying and eliminating potential risks/hazards/disaster that may occur, working towards Vedanta's core philosophy of creating a zero-harm environment.

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