

Vedanta Lanjigarh gets CSR Health Impact Award

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THE Lanjigarh Unit of Vedanta Aluminium Limited has won the coveted 'CSR Health Impact Award 2019' – an initiative of IHW Council – for its Swachhta project.

The award was presented by Prof. Shiv Sarin of Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences and Karan Thakur of Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals at a function in New Delhi on June 27.

The award recognizes those organizations which have undergone initiatives on energy conservation, rainwater harvesting, waste disposal, compost pits or similar infrastructure on cleanliness, painting and adoption of clean-

green technology under the noble vision 'Swachh Bharat Mission'.

On receiving the award, Rahul Sharma, CEO – Alumina Business, said: "Vedanta Aluminium's Lanjigarh Unit has worked on a holistic hygiene and sanitation approach, converging with the Government and involving active participation from the villagers in establishing the Open Defecation Free (ODF) project. This award reinstates the efforts on employing the best of sanitation practices with-

in the block."

"We are committed to support the community for a better and sustainable lifestyle that is free from any hygiene-related illness," he added.

Open Defecation Free (ODF) is a community development initiative under the Swachhta Project wherein Vedanta's Lanjigarh refinery provided technical support through its partnering NGO, Feedback Foundation in collaboration with the District Administration. Under Swachhta Project, as many as 5273 households in 56 villages under six gram panchayats – Basantpada, Baterlima, Jagannathpur, Lanjigarh, Chhatarpur, Champadeipur – of Lanjigarh Block have become ODF.