

BALCO's COVID-19 prevention efforts reach over 2,50,000 people

Delhi/ Korba, 28 Apr , India's iconic aluminium producing company BALCO, engaging with various stakeholders, has reached over 2,50,000 people through its Covid-19 prevention and safety measures. Vedanta BALCO is taking extensive steps to ensure that the community, associate partners, employees, other stakeholders and all their families are equipped and sensitized to respond to COVID-19. The team has made generous contributions to the community by distributing PPE kits, sanitizers, food, as well as conducting sanitization drives in the district.

While the BALCO plant is running operations with minimum workforce and limited resources, adhering to all the COVID-19



guidelines issued by the central and state authorities, the organization has marshalled all its resources to undertake preventive measures for its employees, business associates and community at large in, around and far beyond its plant area.

BALCO has extensively supported the local communities with safety kits, dry ration as well as cooked food for the needy, fumigation

and sanitization of public places, supporting local livelihoods, supporting local hospitals with critical medical gear and equipment and much more.

There has been much appreciation and acknowledgment from key policy makers and government officials on BALCO's rigorous efforts. The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Shri Bhupesh Baghel, has appreciated BALCO's timely and generous support to the state for COVID preparedness. in BALCO and surrounding areas:

☒ Set-up of a 100-bed isolation ward at ESIC Hospital, Korba, following the guidelines & support of district health authorities & two other venues of Isolation wards at hotels at Korba.

☒ Over 20,000 masks,1000 PPE

kits, 500 bottles of sanitizers and 5000 surgical masks distributed freely to the peripheral communities and local hospitals.

☒ A month's supply of ration provided to over 500 families in need, old age homes etc.

☒ Local livelihoods are also being supported when sources of livelihoods are scarce. Over 25 self-help group members are being provided free of cost training, sewing machines and raw materials as required to sew reusable masks, so they have a regular source of income to support their families at this time. Similarly, local farmers who have been trained by BALCO in modern agricultural practices are supplying fresh produce to the Balconagar residents in what is an effective symbiotic association.