

**Press Release:**

**Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel inaugurates 101 Nand Ghars by Vedanta in Patan, Chhattisgarh**

- *Vedanta is modernizing anganwadis across the country, christened 'Nand Ghar'*
- *An outlay of over INR 800 crores planned for setting up 4,000 Nand Ghars*

**Korba, November x, 2020:** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Shri Bhupesh Baghel, recently inaugurated 101 Nand Ghars by Vedanta in Patan, Durg district, under 'Vedanta Cares', the CSR platform which focuses on enhancing the lives of local communities. Vedanta's Nand Ghar project is a network of model anganwadis focused on inclusive development of children, women and local communities. Through the newly launched Nand Ghars, Vedanta aims to touch the lives of nearly one lakh beneficiaries in Chhattisgarh's rural margins.

Launched in 2015, Nand Ghar is the Vedanta Group's flagship community development program. The Nand Ghars are set up in collaboration with the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD), Govt. of India. With a vision to transform the lives of 8.5 crore children and 2 crore women across 13.7 lakh anganwadis, Vedanta has already established 1700 Nand Ghars in the country. The company has planned an outlay of over INR 800 crores for setting up 4,000 Nand Ghars in India over the next few years, supplementing the government's vision for a strong and prosperous nation.

Speaking about the Nand Ghar project, Shri Bhupesh Singh Baghel said, "Vedanta's contribution towards community development is exemplary." He expressed his appreciation towards this nationwide initiative on women and child development, adding that the 'Nand Ghar' project would also create transformative opportunities for the rural folk. Addressing the august gathering, he urged the community members to explore and leverage the numerous developmental avenues offered by the project.

Expressing happiness over his dream project taking shape in Patan, Vedanta Group Chairman, Mr. Anil Agarwal, said, "It is heartening to see our flagship project 'Nand Ghar' transform the lives of rural women and children across the country. This project aims to eradicate malnutrition among children, ensure last mile delivery of quality education and healthcare, and facilitate skill development for empowerment of rural women. We firmly believe that Nand Ghars will be the catalyst for changing the rural landscape and create self-reliant communities, which can become partners in India's progress."

Mr. Abhijit Pati, CEO & Director – BALCO, said, "As a company invested in social good, we firmly believe that the higher purpose of our business is to serve the needs of our communities and act as a catalyst for the country's socio-economic growth. Vedanta's Nand Ghar Project is a transformative leap dedicated to benefitting rural children and women in India. A collaboration between Vedanta and MoWCD, the project aims to ensure that rural India is not



left behind in the country's march towards progress. Setting up of the Nand Ghars at Chhattisgarh will usher in a new era of progress and holistic growth for women and children in the region.”

With the rollout of over 1700 centres, the Nand Ghar project currently operates in 7 states – Rajasthan, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh. The project aims to touch the lives of 4 million community members while directly impacting around 2 lakh children and 1.8 lakh women on an annual basis. Equipped with solar panels to ensure 24X7 electricity, water purifiers, clean toilets and smart television sets, Nand Ghars have become a model resource center for the local communities. Pre-school education is provided to children in the age group of 3-6 years. Nutritious meals and take-home rations are being provided for children, pregnant and lactating women. Primary healthcare services are rendered through mobile health vans and women are empowered through skilling, credit linkage and enterprise development.

Besides developmental programs, Vedanta is contributing significantly to the industrial development of the state and the country through its subsidiary, the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) in Korba, Chhattisgarh.

Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) is India's iconic aluminium producer. It is owned 49% by the Government of India and 51% by Vedanta Limited. Vedanta Limited is the world's 6th largest diversified natural resources company and the largest producer of aluminium in India. BALCO operates a 0.57 million tonne per annum aluminium smelter in Korba, Chhattisgarh. It is also a leader in value-added aluminium products that find critical applications in core industries. With its world-class smelter and power plants, the company fulfills its mission of spurring emerging applications of aluminium as the 'Metal of the Future' for a greener tomorrow.

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