

## **Vedanta Lanjigarh augments support to local communities against COVID-19**

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- *Distributes more than 10,000 masks and soaps to villagers*
- *Continues support to local administration in fight against the spread*

**Lanjigarh, Kalahandi district, Odisha: 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020:** Vedanta's Lanjigarh alumina refinery is actively involved in mass production of masks for the community. With the support from several members of local Women Self-Help Group (SHG), under its Sakhi Project, the team is preparing masks in large scale. These masks, along with anti-bacterial soaps are being distributed among the people of the local community. A dedicated team has been deployed by the plant to spread awareness on the usage of masks and soaps among the villagers. So far, the team has distributed over 15000 masks and more than 10000 anti-bacterial soaps to the community members.

It may be mentioned that there has been a rising demand of masks in the region and Vedanta has planned to prepare and distribute around 30,000 masks and 20000 soaps amongst the villagers. This is as part of the endeavour of the unit to prevent the spread of Corona virus in the communities. Vedanta is providing essential raw materials free of cost to the SHG members to stitch the masks and buy them for mass distribution. This endeavour is also enabling a source of income for the SHG members.

The plant is also supporting the local administration in the fight against the pandemic by providing them with the masks and soaps. Recently, the third lot of masks and soaps to Mr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Block Development Officer, Lanjigarh. So far, 3500 masks and 3000 soapbars handed over to BDO, Lanjigarh

**Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh unit** further emphasises that the team will continue to work on this endeavour to distribute masks and soaps to ensure the wellbeing of the community. "We shall also keep extending our support to the local administration in the fight against Corona," he adds.

Vedanta is the largest producer of aluminium in India and remains the premier manufacturer of metallurgical grade alumina. The company operates a 2 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) alumina refinery in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha), India since 2007 and an associated 90 MW captive power plant.

### **About Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh Unit (Alumina Refinery)**

Vedanta is the largest producer of aluminium in India and remains the premier manufacturer of metallurgical grade alumina. The company has carved a niche for itself in the global aluminium industry with its superior product quality based on state-of-the-art technology. Vedanta Limited operates a 2 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) alumina refinery in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha), India since 2007 and an associated 90 MW captive power plant at Lanjigarh, which was commissioned in 2008. The refinery feeds Vedanta's aluminium smelters at Jharsuguda in Odisha and at BALCO in Korba, Chhattisgarh.

In line with the group's strategy of contributing to the communities it operates in, the company has focused interventions in the areas of health, education, livelihoods, and infrastructure amongst several others, in the Kalahandi region.

Vedanta Limited's Lanjigarh unit has been conferred with several accolades across several critical business functions including:



- India Green Manufacturing Award 2018 for best Green Manufacturing Processes.
- CSR Health Impact Award 2019 for Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Swachhta Project
- CSR Innovative Project Award for the revival of Dhokra Art and Saura Art
- Greentech Safety Award 2018 for its best Safety Management and Operations
- CII HR Excellence Award 2018 for its best Human Resource practices
- Excellent Energy Efficient Unit award 2019 for technological advancements in energy-efficiency initiatives
- 6<sup>th</sup> CSR Impact Award 2019 for Dhokra art under the 'Aajeevika' Livelihood project
- Kalinga Safety Excellence Award 2018 under the alumina sector category
- Greentech Safety Award 2019 under the Mines & Metal Category
- Great Place to Work certified™ 2019
- India Manufacturing Excellence Award 2019 under the Metals category by Frost & Sullivan

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