

Vedanta Lanjigarh safeguards employees against COVID-19 with robust preventive measures

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Lanjigarh, Kalahandi District, Odisha; 2 June 2020: Vedanta's Alumina Refinery at Lanjigarh has intensified its precautionary measures against COVID-19 as per the guidelines of the Government and the health authorities. The plant continues to operate, ensuring adherence to stringent COVID-19 guidelines issued by the central and state authorities.

Following the recent identification of some positive cases in the adjoining areas, Vedanta Lanjigarh has strengthened the enforcement of its protocols for safeguarding employees and associate partners against COVID-19. Entry into the plant premises is highly regulated and prohibited without due thermal scanning and soon will also utilize the Aarogya Setu app for further strengthening the process. All employees and workers are strictly mandated to wear relevant PPE and individual masks all the time. Hand sanitizers have been placed at all entry points in the plant. There is mandatory cleaning of all workplace surfaces and areas of operations every 4 hours. Social distancing protocols are implemented and followed with heightened rigour. Vedanta has undertaken fumigation and disinfection of dozens of villages, public places, marketplaces, government offices etc. to ensure the safety of employees, workers and the peripheral villagers and has been widely appreciated by the local community and the administration.

Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh unit says, "For Vedanta, the safety and well-being of our employees, associate partners' workers and the community are of utmost importance. The company is undertaking safe operations through these extensive preventive measures against COVID-19 across the operational facility, residential areas and adjacent areas. We continue to stand together in this worldwide pandemic."

Vedanta Lanjigarh is also sensitizing the communities and as part of this, telephonic awareness sessions are being conducted for the members of the local Self-Help Groups on precautionary measures. A 24x7 helpline to cater to the community's concerns on the COVID-19 outbreak has also been created. Moreover, Vedanta's Lanjigarh hospital offers a telemedicine facility to community members who can avail a doctor's consultation remotely and safely. This facility has been availed by more than 150 people in just over a month.

The plant has readied self-isolation facilities in case there are any positive cases. In fact, the plant is also supporting the administration by converting Vedanta's Nand Ghars (Child Care Centre) at Basantapada as a temporary quarantine / isolation center, duly equipped with necessary safety kits.



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) capacity alumina refinery in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha), India since 2007 and an associated 90 MW captive power plant. 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
- 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
- 6th 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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