

Vedanta Lanjigarh deploys all precautionary measures against COVID-19 as plant operates

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Lanjigarh, Kalahandi district, Odisha: 27th March, 2020: Vedanta's Alumina Refinery at Lanjigarh is operational with all precautionary measures against COVID-19 as advised by the Government and the health authorities. The plant is running with minimum workforce and resources and adhering to all the COVID-19 guidelines issued by the central and state authorities. The plant has all due permissions from the concerned authorities to continue its operations, with all the precautionary and preventive measures in place. The plant is running in complete harmony with the steps taken by the state government and the local bodies and has ensured social distancing, sanitization, hygiene, restricted movement etc., within the plant periphery and the township proactively. The plant has communicated all necessary steps being taken to the administration and is working closely with the authorities to restrict the spread of the virus.

The continuity of operations is important considering the importance of aluminium as a metal of strategic importance to India. As the second most important metal in the world, it is a vital raw material for electrical distribution, transportation, aerospace, defence, building & construction etc. Vedanta, being India's largest producer of aluminium, is trying to ensure that the production of the metal should continue even in this critical hour.

For Vedanta, the safety and well-being of the employees, contract workers and the communities are of utmost importance. The company has taken extensive measures to check the spread of COVID-19 across the operational facility, residential areas and the communities, while keeping the operations on, in the safest possible manner. Vedanta's 20-bedded Hospital at Lanjigarh, which is dedicated to provide 24 X 7 healthcare services to the local community, will provide support to the district administration. Vedanta's Lanjigarh unit has taken several initiatives as part of the efforts to combat the spread of the disease in the area. The plant is collaborating with the self-help group (SHG) leaders, Anganwadi workers and health facilitators to spread awareness about the disease. The team is working in sync with the government and is collaborating with the district administration to ensure wider and deeper sensitization in the region. Vedanta's Mobile Health Units (MHU) are continuously spreading awareness in the communities through public address systems.

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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. 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
- 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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