

## **Vedanta joins hands with Government of India to modernize Anganwadis**

- **Union Minister Smt. Maneka Gandhi inaugurates ‘Nandghar’ at Pilibhit, UP**
- **Vedanta to construct 4000 Anganwadis across the country**



**New Delhi, 20 October 2016:** Today, Hon’ble Union Minister for Woman and Child Development Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi inaugurated ‘Nandghar’ - the new age Anganwadi. This new chapter in the development history of Pilibhit, UP begins in the villages of Rooppur Kamalu, Ramnagar Jagatpur and Jogither. In a one of its kind partnership with the Union Ministry for Women and Child Development, Vedanta, a diversified natural resources company, will construct 4,000 such model Anganwadis across the country.

Expressing her delight, Union Minister Smt. Gandhi said: “I am grateful to Shri Anil Agarwal for having agreed to construct 4000 Anganwadis in different parts of country, of which some are getting constructed in Pilibhit. This is indeed a unique Public Private Partnership in the social sector. I am confident that it will motivate many corporates to come forward hand in hand with the government to solve some of the problems of women and children in country.” On Friday, Smt. Gandhi will inaugurate these modern Anganwadis at Guladiya Bhoop Singh and Jallupur village.

“The Nandghar project aligns with the government’s vision and commitment to providing quality education for children and job creation through skill development for women, across the country. The ‘Nandghar’ will be a game changer for poverty alleviation by delivering long term benefits to

communities through interactive learning, healthcare and skills training in a world class infrastructure.,” said Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta.

### **About Nandghar:**

A service delivery unit established under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) by the Government of India, the Nandghar is an extension of the existing Anganwadi initiative. Vedanta has joined hands with the Government of India to transform Early Childhood Care and Education Centres, in India.

The Nandghar will use state of art construction technology and has added benefits of round the clock electricity through Solar panels, e-learning in a stimulating environment, clean drinking water through RO purifiers and primary healthcare through mobile medical units.

The Nandghars will run as children’s education and health centre in the morning and train women in vocational skills in the second half. This will be a revolutionary measure to eradicate malnutrition in children and create women entrepreneurs across India. An estimated 25 lakh community members including children will benefit through this project each year.

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