

## **VEDANTA COMMITTED TO A HEALTHY INDIA**

### **Health & Sanitation programmes on World Health Day supported ‘Swachh Bharat’ initiative**

- Mega Health Camps held in Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh & Gujrat on World Health Day, benefited over 27,000 people
- Vedanta’s programmes focus on World Health Day theme of ‘Food Safety’

**Delhi, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2015:** Vedanta, the diversified natural resources group of companies, today celebrated World Health Day as a significant partner of India government’s ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyan’ vision. Mega health camps, sensitization drives and distribution of medicines across its operations in India was the agenda of the Vedanta initiatives, committed to promote awareness in health and sanitation.

“Vedanta’s community development programmes are integrated with the specific need of the community. We have pledged our support to local governments for ensuring access to Health & Sanitation facilities in remote locations, as a part of our integrated rural development programmes,” said Ms. Roma Balwani, President, Sustainability & CSR.

Vedanta’s businesses, adhering to this year’s World Health Day theme of Food Safety, highlighted the detriments of food-borne diseases. In Gujarat, community officials from Cairn India, a Vedanta group company, organized food awareness programmes in 17 schools and six community gatherings, creating awareness on the importance of consuming home-made and fresh food and low nutritional value of consuming junk food and packed food, benefitting over 5,000 individuals. In Rajasthan, Cairn supported the IEC activities (Information – Education – Communication) for Mission Indradhanush, a programme by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that provided free vaccination for children from 0 to 5 years of age, for preventable diseases. A week long health & sanitation awareness

programme, beginning today in schools, Health Centers and villages in the Baitu block of Barmer District, Rajasthan aims at reaching nearly 20,000 children and 1500 adolescent girls.

In Odisha, Vedanta's Lanjigarh business unit conducted a Mega Health camp, providing free health check-ups and distributing medicines, to create awareness among over 300 residents of the local villages on the preventive and curative measures of diseases prevalent in the area. Vedanta's Jharsuguda business unit in Odisha sensitized about 100 villagers of the Parmanpur village in Jharsuguda on the benefits of nutrition and its relevance to a healthy life.

The community development team at Vedanta's group company, BALCO undertook a multi-specialty health camp and malaria awareness workshop across Bhatgaon, Chuiya and Jambahar villages in Chhattisgarh, in collaboration with the District Vector Control Society, to educate 79 villagers on the prevention measures and provide free vaccination for about 20 children.

Personal hygiene was the focus of Vedanta's copper business unit at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, which conducted an interactive session called 'Clean Hands' on World Health Day. Awareness on the ill-effects of oral tobacco and maintaining personal hygiene, as well as a school health awareness on 'De-worming and Importance of Vitamins' was followed by providing students with de-worming and vitamin tablets, benefiting over 150 people. The company, on World Health Day also handed over three toilets, built at the Hindu Middle School, Saminatham to benefit the students and provide hygienic sanitation facilities and held a ceremony to inaugurate their programme to construct of 61 household toilets at the Kumarareddiyurpauram village.

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