

**Delhi, 17 July, 2015:**

**Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta, tweeted: '@narendramodi's #SkillIndia for 500mn youth to alleviate poverty. Our #NandGhar offers #skilldevelopment by digital learning to empower women'**

The Skill India campaign provides yet another avenue for a productive partnership between the government of India and Vedanta, a global, diversified natural resources company, which has implemented several skill development programmes for the youth, across states in India, in the last decade.

The Skill India campaign is designed to catalyse India's economic resurgence through inclusive, broad-based growth. India's demographics is sweetly poised currently as 60% of its population is under the age of 35 years. It is estimated that only 4.69 percent of India's total workforce has undergone formal skill training, compared with 52 percent in the USA, 68 percent in the UK, 75 percent in Germany, 80 percent in Japan and 96 percent in South Korea. (NSSO 68th Round)

Based on the Census 2011 and NSSO (68th Round) data, it is estimated that 104 million fresh entrants to the workforce will require skill training by 2022, while 298 million of the existing workforce will require additional skill training over the same time period. At a time when the economy is getting its feet back amid a tepid macro-environment, creating a sound framework for a skilled workforce will augur well for the future. The Government's decision to provide skilling to 4.5 million youths in the natural resources sector is an unprecedented step towards backward integration of 'Make In India'. Vocational expertise in the core sector will guarantee India's sustainable growth over the long-term, even through down cycle.

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Mr. Agarwal is committed towards poverty eradication and making India a self-sufficient economy. Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta believes that for every young individual to truly become an active participant in India's economic growth the tripartite network of government, academia and industry is crucial. It will engage, enable and empower these bright minds thus boosting not just employability but also enterprise.

Vedanta is partnering with the Government of India, to empowerment youth through its skill development programmes. The largest employer across eight states of India, Vedanta continues its commitment to create structures and mechanisms that enabling the youth to gain employment. Vedanta's modern Anganwadi; Nandghar was inaugurated on 24 June 2015, by the Union Minister of Women and Child Development, SMT Maneka Sanjay Gandhi and Mr. Anil Agarwal. The Nand Ghar, a first of its kind PPP model, in partnership with the government has potential to be a movement for a holistic approach towards child care and women empowerment.

Mr. Agarwal believes that vocationally skilled women will broaden India's base of economic development. Today India looks poised to grow at over 7.5%. While, it is a robust rate, Mr. Anil Agarwal is confident that it can achieve double-digit growth. Our billion plus population houses over 600 million women. 50% of its total population is between the age of 0-25, which makes India one of the youngest nations globally. Such demographic wealth is unmatched. But it can only be tapped when these the women are empowered.

**About Vedanta Limited (Formerly Sesa Sterlite Ltd. /Sesa Goa Ltd.)**

Vedanta Limited (Vedanta Ltd) is a diversified natural resources company, whose business primarily involves exploring and processing minerals and oil & gas. The Company produces oil & gas, zinc, lead, silver, copper, iron ore, aluminium and commercial power and has a presence across India, South Africa, Namibia, Ireland, Australia, Liberia and Sri Lanka.

Vedanta Ltd, formerly Sesa Sterlite Ltd. /Sesa Goa Ltd., is the Indian subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Plc, a London-listed company. Sustainable Development is at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety and environment and on enhancing the lives of local communities. Vedanta Ltd is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange in India and has ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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