

Vedanta celebrates World Literacy Week in Tuticorin

New Delhi, 11 September 2015: Vedanta's Sterlite Copper is celebrating International Literacy Week in two schools; TNDTA Primary School, Puthiamputhur and TNDTA Middle School, Madathur, located around its operations in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. The celebrations began on September 8, 2015, with educational kits provided to about 400 girl students.

Aligning with the World Literacy Day global theme 'Literacy and Sustainable Societies', the community development team of Sterlite Copper emphasized the importance of education in the society, for sustainable growth. Various competitions were organised for the students along with awareness campaigns on menstrual health, importance of sanitation and hygiene, sex education and the importance of education in enhancing livelihoods.

The celebrations are a part of Sterlite Copper's girl child education programme 'Illam Mottukal' that ensures education to 7,500 girl children in 78 schools in 2 blocks of Tuticorin namely Pudukottai & Ottapidaram. The programme which began four years ago, is aimed at achieving 100% literacy amongst the girl children and aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao Abhiyan'.

"Education particularly, Girl Child Literacy is the basic inevitable prerequisite for progress and development of any society. We at Sterlite Copper have many signature CSR Initiatives such as 'Illam Mottukal' Project and 'Sterlite Scholarship Distribution Programme' to enable and empower girl children through education," says Mr P Ramnath, CEO, Sterlite Copper.

As a part of the International Literacy Week celebrations, Mr. D Jesu Rajan Selvakumar, Assistant Elementary Educational Officer, Ottapidaram addressed the students on the importance of literacy. Dr. Kailasam, Chief Medical Officer and Head CSR, Ms V. Geetha, Additional Elementary Educational Officer, Ottapidaram, Ms C.Vijayalakshmi, Supervisor of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mr Arul Kumar, TNTDA Headmaster Puthiamputhur, Ms

Jasmine Chandra, TNTDA Headmaster Madathur along with teachers, coordinators and tutors were present at the programme.

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