

## **Vedanta honoured Martyr's families on Republic Day**

**New Delhi, 2 February, 2016:** Vedanta's Aluminium and Power business in Jharsuguda honoured the families of six Indian Armed Forces' martyrs from the region who laid down their lives in line of duty. The company felicitated the families with a citation and a financial assistance of Rs. 50,000.

The glittering event was hosted in the Vedanta Township attended by senior citizens, intellectuals, Rotary Club, Round Table India, Principals and children of various Schools, NGO members, Bankers, Security personnel, company and partner employees and Vedanta Ladies club members. The event was followed by the 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrations, which witnessed a parade by security personnel and children.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Abhijit Pati, CEO-Aluminium Business, Vedanta Ltd said, "The nation stands obliged to the great sacrifice of the martyrs and their families, and hence we dedicate this day to them. All measures should be put in place to secure the future of these families." Mr. Pati also urged the corporate world to join hands to support more families of the Armed Forces to secure their future."

Chief Guest for the evening, Commodore KK Panda (Retd.) lauded the effort of Vedanta and expressed that this initiative by a corporate should be emulated by other corporates. He also added that he will be communicating Vedanta's efforts to the President, Prime Minister and Chief of Armed Forces.

Families of six martyrs who were felicitated are Late Sourya Chakra Sepoy Durga Charan Oram of village Palkuda of Deogarh, Late Naik Blacious Alexender Kujur of village Olhen, Rourkela, Late Naik Karobin Tirkey of village Pindapatha near Birmitrapur, Late Lancenaik Kishore Chandra Mallik of village Shibtola, Bolangir, Late Sepoi Lotem Kerketa of village the Thaitang, Sundergarh and Late Subedar Braja Kishore Naik of village Nuapali of Laida, Sambalpur .

Dassendri Toppo, wife of late Sourya Chakra Lt. Sepoy Durga Charn Oram said, "I could not believe that even though so many years have passed, someone could knock at my door to

felicitate my husband's martyrdom by honouring me. I am touched by the recognition more than the citation and the assistance given to me by Vedanta and I am thankful." The same sentiment was echoed by other felicitated families.

The program started with National anthem, Silence of martyrs and ended with the mesmerising 'Vande Mataram' by the voice of Odisha Junior Master Sourav Sarangi whose patriotic songs were the special attraction of the evening.

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