

Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi inaugurates Nand Ghar in Karnataka

January 6, 2020: Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Cabinet Minister of Mines & Coal, today inaugurated Nand Ghar at the district of Dharwad in Karnataka. The inauguration of Nand Ghar is in line with the flagship CSR programme of 'mining to metals' conglomerate Vedanta Ltd, which has been spearheading this program to build and refurbish Anganwadis in various states across the country. Also, present at the inauguration was, Shri Arvind Bellad, MLA, Dharwad district.

The completion of Nand Ghar will usher in a new era of progress and growth for women and children and lead to their holistic development. With more than 1200 Nand Ghars running across the country, the project aims to benefit 48,000 children & 36,000 women at present across India.

Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Cabinet Minister of Mines & Coal said, "We are glad to see the support we are getting from the states especially large corporates like Vedanta, who come forward and help us achieve the vision to provide holistic development of women and children in the country. The Nand Ghar initiative is one such step in line with what we as a government wish to fulfil at the earliest. We hope that we will continue receiving such support and do more for women and children from underprivileged sections across".

Shri Anil Agarwal, Executive Chairman, Vedanta Limited said, "We have always believed in actively being a part of the growth and future of the nation with a focus on development of the women and children of our country. The completion of Nand Ghar gives us immense pride. We reiterate our commitment towards partnering with the Government for creating 4,000 Nand Ghars and changing the anganwadi landscape across India that would impact more than 8.5 crore children and 2 crore women"

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO, Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business** commented, "I am extremely happy to be here for the inauguration of our 1215th Nandghar- a modern anganwadi, in Dharwad district of Karnataka. These Nandghars are a testimony to Vedanta's commitment towards the welfare of our communities and we continue to extend these benefits to maximum no. of people."

Vedanta has planned an outlay of over Rs 800 crore for setting up 4,000 Nand Ghars across India over next few years, thus complementing the government's vision for a strong and prosperous nation. With 4,000 Nand Ghars spread across India, the flagship CSR programme will touch lives of around 4 Million community members while directly impacting around 2,00,000 children and around 1,80,000 women on an annual basis.



The Nand Ghars are equipped with televisions for e-learning, solar panels for reliable power, safe drinking water, clean toilets and have emerged as an ideal model for replication in other parts of the country. There are currently 14 lakh Anganwadis in the country.

The core services provided at Nand Ghars are pre-school education to children (3-6 years) through e-learning, BaLA designs and smart kits, nutrition through pre-packed hot cooked meals to children, pregnant and lactating women, healthcare through Mobile Health Van and support to Community Health Centre, women empowerment through skill, credit linkage and entrepreneurship development.

The project aims to benefit around 36,000 women through the women empowerment and skilling program.

The Nand Ghar initiative aims to demonstrate an integrated service delivery model, which addresses some of the core focus areas of government's flagship Integrated Child Development Services program (ICDS), and to showcase this at a large scale and geographic diversity.

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