

PRESS RELEASE

Vedanta Iron Ore Odisha Showcases Safety Standards at the Annual Metalliferous Mines Safety Week

Vedanta Iron Ore Odisha (IOO) participated in the 42nd Annual Metalliferous Mines Safety (AMMS) Week for Bhubaneswar Region 2 (Group B2), demonstrating its unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of safety excellence. This year's theme, *'Viksit Khadan, Viksit Bharat'* (*Progressive Mining, Progressive India*), underscored the essential role of advanced mining practices in driving sustainable growth and nation-building.

The week-long event featured a series of impactful activities aimed at promoting safety consciousness and operational excellence. The opening ceremony of the AMMS Week was marked by a National Flag hoisting ceremony, a collective 'safety pledge' to conduct safe mining operations, a skit on mine safety which creatively emphasized the importance of adhering to safety protocols, and a recognition ceremony honoured employees and business partners for exemplary safety practices. As part of the AMMS Week, an inspection team conducted an evaluation of safety measures at the Vedanta IOO which included document verification and an on-site assessment of operations. Vedanta IOO has been focussing on the safety protocols through its 'Safety is Us' campaign which aims to enhance safety consciousness, and promotes safety as a collective responsibility at all levels.

The gathering was graced by the inspection team led by Mr. Manoj Kumar Nayak (Hindalco, Convenor). Employees, business partners, and senior leaders of IOO, including Mr. Devi Prasad Misra, Mines Manager, and Mr. Biswanath Sahoo, COO, IOO, were also present to reaffirm their commitment to safety excellence.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Biswanath Sahoo, COO, IOO, stated: *"At Vedanta Iron Ore Odisha, safety is not just a priority—it is a core value. Through robust safety protocols and innovative practices, we ensure the well-being of our workforce while contributing to the nation's progress through sustainable mining. As we mark the 42nd Annual Metalliferous Mines Safety Week, we reaffirm our dedication to safety leadership, which remains integral to achieving operational excellence and nation-building."*

Appreciating Vedanta IOO for its safety focus, Mr. Amar Bharti, Convenor from Utkal Alumina, shared:

"It was a privilege to witness IOO's unwavering dedication to safety at the 42nd Annual Metalliferous Mines Safety Week Celebration. The proactive measures and collaborative efforts showcased here demonstrate that safety is not merely a practice but a transformative value. IOO sets a commendable example for the mining sector, driving sustainable and responsible growth."

Vedanta IOO continues to set benchmarks in safety excellence by integrating behavior-based safety programs, advanced training, and cutting-edge technologies. It has recently inducted

the Slope Safety Radar and incorporated numerous latest interventions which improve reporting as well the process of taking remedial measures. With a relentless focus on fostering a secure and progressive workplace, IOO remains committed to #transformingWorkplace while ensuring the well-being of its people and communities.