

## Press Release

### **Vedanta Iron Ore Orissa Host Successful Blood Donation Drive on World Blood Donor Day**

**Barbil, Odisha:** Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Orissa (IOO), in association with the Odisha Blood Centre (Sub-Divisional Bonai), organized a 1-day Blood Donation Drive at the IOO premises on World Blood Donor Day. The drive, aimed at bolstering local blood supplies and fostering community health, witnessed an overwhelming response from volunteers and donors.

The event brought together employees, business partners, and various stakeholders with the common goal of contributing to the reserves of the 'gift of life'. Amidst the global celebration of World Blood Donor Day, participants demonstrated an unparalleled spirit of compassion and solidarity, symbolizing the importance of life-saving donations. By the end of the 1-day drive, a total of 59 units of blood were collected, contributing significantly to the local blood bank's reserves.

**Mr. Biswanath Sahoo, COO – Vedanta Sesa Goa IOO** stated, “This blood donation drive exemplifies our unwavering commitment to the well-being of the communities we serve. By partnering with the Odisha Blood Centre, we have not only reinforced the local blood banks but also underscored the importance of corporate social responsibility in addressing critical healthcare needs. The response we have received from our donors reiterates our commitment to community welfare and our underlying motto of ‘Giving back’ to the society through our initiatives.”

**Dr. Anirudha Behera, Blood Centre Officer at Odisha Blood Centre, Sub Divisional Hospital, Bonai**, commented on the success of the event: “The blood donation camp organized by Vedanta has been instrumental in helping us meet the urgent demands of our patients. This initiative is vital to our mission of saving lives and providing the best possible care to those in need. We earnestly request Vedanta's management to continue organizing similar activities in the future. Your support is invaluable to us.”

The collaboration between Vedanta Iron Ore Orissa and the Odisha Blood Centre underscores the collaborative impact of such initiatives in addressing pressing healthcare needs and challenges. The drive also served as a platform for raising awareness about the importance of regular blood donation, promoting a culture of volunteerism, and dispelling myths surrounding the process.

The success of the blood donation drive carries forward Vedanta Iron Ore Odisha's commitment towards society and overall community welfare, validating Vedanta's core philosophy of ‘giving back’ to society and #TransformingCommunities through meaningful initiatives and measures.

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