

From Foundation to Brighter Future: Vedanta Empowers 12 Lakh Learners Through Education

New Delhi, November 11, 2025: Marking *National Education Day*, Vedanta Limited (NSE: VEDL), India's leading energy transition metals, oil & gas, critical minerals, power, and technology conglomerate, reaffirmed its vision of building a future-ready India by empowering over 12 lakh children and youth through education in FY25, guided by its purpose of "Transforming Communities, Transforming India".

Across India's rural and tribal districts, where many children are **first-generation learners** and often at risk of dropping out to support family incomes, Vedanta is ensuring that quality education becomes a right and not a privilege. Aligned with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2030 goals of universal access and future-ready learning** and **UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 of Quality Education**, Vedanta's multi-tiered education model spans the entire learning lifecycle, from early learning and school readiness to remedial and school support, and career and job readiness.

Vedanta is driving large-scale, technology-led learning interventions that are shaping the nation's next generation of thinkers, innovators, and leaders, through early learning, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) based digital literacy, inclusive schooling, and higher education pathways.

At the foundation of Vedanta's education mission are **9,800 Nand Ghars**, modernized anganwadis operating across **16 states** that nurture over **3.2 lakh children** through digital early education, nutrition, and healthcare services. These centres form the first layer of Vedanta's education model, strengthening early learning and school readiness by integrating digital learning tools such as smart TVs. The content is customized in regional languages with holistic child development at its heart.

Building upon this foundation, Vedanta's remedial and school support initiatives address learning continuity, quality, and retention across government schools. The company is enabling **future-ready learning** through focused investments in **STEM, digital literacy, and inclusive education**. In Odisha, **Mini Science Centres** and outreach sessions have engaged students in hands-on learning, while **STEM labs** in Rajasthan and Uttarakhand are bringing **AI, AR/VR tools, and innovation hubs to government schools**. The company's **E-Kaksha** initiative has built one of India's largest digital learning ecosystems with over **1.5 million subscribers and 12,000 educational videos**.

This future-ready learning model combines curiosity with capability, preparing young people not only to learn but to lead in the innovation economy. Vedanta's focus on school support and retention addresses the challenges of access, quality, and continuity in education. In **Rayagada, Odisha**, the **Gyanjyoti programme** has reduced dropout rates for hundreds of tribal students by introducing digital projectors and engaging local youth as facilitators. In **Jharsuguda**, **Project Vidya** has improved infrastructure and teacher support for **14,000 children**.

"With Vedanta's support in providing additional teachers, our students are finally getting the individual attention they deserve. Attendance has improved, and dropout rates have gone down. The change is visible in their confidence, learning, and overall growth. Vedanta has truly made a

difference in our classrooms,” said Anjali Sa, Additional Teacher, Government Upper Primary School, Mundherkhet Village, Odisha.

Ensuring inclusivity and dignity, the company’s **Jeevan Tarang** initiative has enabled over **2,600 children with disabilities** to pursue tailored education and livelihood pathways; **one of the few large-scale efforts of its kind in India**. Localized initiatives such as the **Utkarsh Scholarships** and **Gyanshree Awards** further bridge the digital divide and celebrate academic excellence among first-generation learners.

Extending its focus from learning to livelihood, Vedanta’s career and job readiness programmes are creating tangible pathways to employment and entrepreneurship. Through its **Vedanta Foundation Colleges and schools**, offering high-quality, subsidized education to students from underserved communities. With three colleges and four schools across Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and West Bengal, **Vedanta Shiksha** and its **50+ vocational training institutes** have already enabled **20,000 job placements**, equipping young people with industry-relevant skills and improving livelihoods.

“Vedanta’s education initiative changed my life. Coming from a small government school, I never imagined I’d one day be a gold medalist and start my career here. The support I received gave me the right guidance, structure, and confidence to aim higher and achieve more.”, said Rohit Maheshwari, Gold Medalist, MBM University & Vedanta Employee.

Furthering this continuum, Vedanta is progressing towards the establishment of **Vedanta University**, envisioned as a world-class education city, integrating global best practices in education, innovation, and research. It will be an **integrated ecosystem, featuring a multidisciplinary university, world-class R&D and innovation hubs, a premier medical school with a cutting-edge hospital, advanced pharma drug research facilities, and a state-of-the-art sports complex with a modern stadium.**

Through these community-centric approach, Vedanta is shaping a continuum of learning, from early childhood to employability, that strengthens India’s social and economic fabric. Vedanta is integrating access, digital empowerment, and skill development to build an India where every learner has the opportunity to grow, thrive, and contribute meaningfully to the nation’s progress.

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