

Vedanta's Girl-Focused Programmes Benefit Over 10 Lakh Girls in FY26

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- *Holistic programmes spanning education, healthcare, sports and livelihood opportunities are supporting girls at different stages of their development*

New Delhi, October 12, 2026: Marking International Day of the Girl Child, Vedanta Group, one of the world's leading natural resources companies with businesses across metals, oil & gas, critical minerals, power and technology, announced that its **girl-focused programmes have benefited over 10 lakh girls in FY26**. The impact of these programmes spans over **13 Indian states**, as well as international operational geographies including **South Africa and Zambia**. The **International Day of the Girl Child** highlights the rights, opportunities and challenges faced by girls and calls for greater investment in their development and empowerment. **Aligned with this objective**, Vedanta's girl-focused programmes are mindfully designed to support them at different stages of their journey, **empowering the girl child holistically** through access to **education and skill development, healthcare, sports and livelihood opportunities**.

These contribute to the **UN Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)**.

Vedanta is supporting children in their formative years through its **Nand Ghars**, reaching over **5 lakh children** and helping provide the **girl child** with a healthier foundation in her early years. Vedanta is also facilitating greater access to learning through **functional STEM labs and digital classrooms**, helping create career pathways for girls in these areas. Beyond the classroom, Vedanta's **vocational programmes** provide training that can help them pursue employment and earn a livelihood.

The Group's efforts extend to addressing critical health needs among adolescents, including **anaemia, menstrual hygiene and cervical cancer awareness**. At the community level, Vedanta has reached over **2 lakh people**, encouraging open conversations around adolescence, prevention of child marriage and women's legal rights.

Sports are also emerging as an important avenue for girls to build confidence and pursue their potential. **Vedanta** is expanding opportunities across **football, karate and martial arts**, including residential girls' football academies in **Rajasthan and Goa**, while martial arts programmes have extended to **Odisha and Visakhapatnam**. The football programme is also seeing girls progress to competitive levels, including **India Under-16 and Under-17 trials and state-level representation**, reflecting the growing opportunities for girls to participate and compete in sport.

Together, these initiatives reflect Vedanta's continued focus on enabling girls to **learn, stay healthy, build skills, participate and pursue livelihoods**, while creating opportunities that can strengthen their agency and participation in the social and economic development of their communities.

Beyond community initiatives, Vedanta Group has raised its **ambition to achieve 35% women representation across all levels of the organisation**. This comes against a stark industry backdrop. According to the Annual Survey of Industries in India, women accounted for around 18% of direct employment across industries in 2023–24, while in core sectors such as mining and metals, their share remains only about 6%.

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