

Maharashtra's First Nand Ghars Open in Thane, Transforming the Anganwadi Ecosystem for Women and Child Development

~ Vedanta's Nand Ghar initiative continues to drive holistic development for children and women with 25 new-age Anganwadi centers in Thane, plans to expand its footprint across Maharashtra. ~

Thane, March 21, 2025: Marking a transformative milestone in child welfare and women's empowerment, Vedanta's Nand Ghar initiative has officially entered Maharashtra with 25 centers in Thane, Mumbai. A flagship project of the Anil Agarwal Foundation, Nand Ghar, a modernized Anganwadi, is redefining rural development by providing early childhood education, facilitating nutrition, healthcare, and skill development opportunities for women. Designed in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), the initiative aims to uplift 7 crore children and 2 crore women across India's 13.7 lakh Anganwadis, integrating rural communities into the mainstream of progress.

In addition to enhanced infrastructural facilities, Nand Ghar incorporates smart education tools, interactive e-learning modules, BaLA designs, and smart TVs to make learning engaging for children aged 3-6 years. Each center is equipped with child friendly furniture, access to electricity, safe drinking water, and hygienic sanitation facilities, fostering a safe and nurturing environment. Beyond education, Nand Ghars combats malnutrition by facilitating fortified meals to children and essential nutritional support to pregnant and lactating mothers. Integrated healthcare services, including immunization drives and routine check-ups, further strengthen community well-being.

In an industrially progressive state like Maharashtra, the need for modernized Anganwadis remains significant. The launch of the first Nand Ghars in Maharashtra represents a significant leap forward in tackling malnutrition, ensuring school readiness, and equipping women with financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills. With over 2,000 women and children already benefiting, Vedanta's Nand Ghar is laying the groundwork for a stronger, more inclusive Maharashtra, where every child has a fair start in life and every woman has the tools to shape her future.

Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd., and Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd., visited the Vaghiwali Nand Ghar in Thane, engaging with the community members and children.

Reaffirming Vedanta's unwavering commitment to social transformation, she remarked, "It is incredible to see Nand Ghar take root in Maharashtra, marking a new chapter in our journey of transformation. These centers are enablers of change, ensuring that children receive quality early education and nutrition, and women become self-reliant through upskilling initiatives. With the launch of Nand Ghar in Maharashtra we are committed to scaling this model across the state, creating a lasting impact on communities and transforming lives."

To empower women, Nand Ghar hosts specialized training sessions focused on skill-building, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship, opening doors to self-reliance and economic independence.

Nand Ghar has developed over 7500 centers across 15 states, impacting millions of children and women through smart education, nutritious meals, healthcare, and skill training. In Maharashtra, the project aims to expand its reach with the development of more Nand Ghars. With ongoing collaboration between the government and private sector, Nand Ghar is paving the way for a brighter, self-reliant future for communities across the state.

About Nand Ghar:

Nand Ghar, a flagship social impact project under the Anil Agarwal Foundation, is a model project working towards strengthening the Anganwadi ecosystem of the country. The 7500+ Nand Ghars are the enablers of change and sustainable development with a presence in 15 states across India and currently impacting more than 3 lakh children and 2.1 lakh women. Set up in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), Nand Ghars are modernized 'Anganwadis' working to eradicate malnutrition among children, provide pre-primary education, primary healthcare, and empower rural women through skill training. Nand Ghars, the state-of-the-art Anganwadis, aim to transform the lives of 7 crore children and 2 crore women across the 13.7 lakh Anganwadis across the country. For more information, visit: <https://www.nandghar.org/>

About Anil Agarwal Foundation:

The Anil Agarwal Foundation is the umbrella entity for Vedanta's community and social initiatives. The focus areas of the Foundation are Healthcare, Women and Child development, Animal Welfare Projects, and Sports Initiatives. Anil Agarwal Foundation aims to empower communities, transform lives, and facilitate nation building through sustainable and inclusive growth. For more information, visit: https://www.vedantalimited.com/eng/social_impact_csr.php

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