

VEDANTA PROVIDES 10,000 FREE MEALS IN PATNA

In a bid to cushion the impact of Coronavirus and the resultant lockdown on the marginalised sections, Vedanta Limited will be providing 10,000 free meals to migrant laborers and daily wage earners in Patna.

Rededicating itself to the pledge, #DeshKiZarooratonKeLiye, Vedanta has joined hands with DNR Foundation to supply free meals daily to the needy for the next one month starting tomorrow. The meals will be provided in partnership with the District Administration.

Daily wage earners in Patna have been very badly hit as the price of food grains has risen sharply since the imposition of the lockdown. Vedanta is reaching out to the poor in their hour of need.

"I am very worried about the daily wage earners who have been very badly affected. We have to support and stand by all the people who need help in these times of stress. It is our collective responsibility to make sure that no one dies of hunger," said Mr. Anil Agarwal, Executive Chairman, Vedanta Resources Ltd.

"I hail from Bihar and it is very painful for me to see the people suffering here. I hope that the supply of free meals will help the daily wage earners in Patna cope during the lockdown period," Mr. Agarwal added.

According to Mr. Abhishek Kumar, General Secretary, DNR Foundation: "During this crisis it is very important to provide food to hungry people. We are extremely grateful to our corporate partner, Vedanta Group, for extending generous support towards provision of meals to people in need during this lockdown. We are strictly following social distancing norms while providing food to the people."

Vedanta has doubled its contribution to Rs 201 crore to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. The company has contributed Rs 101 crore to PM-CARES Fund and has created a Rs 100-crore corpus catering to three specific areas—livelihood of the daily wage workers across the nation, preventive health care, support to all its employees and contract partners across its plant locations

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