

## **Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari, Visits Nand Ghar in Jaipur, Commends its Holistic Development Model**

- Vedanta is committed to develop **25,000 Nand Ghars** across the state of Rajasthan
- The project is currently impacting over **2 lakh children** and **1.5 lakh women** in the state

**July 2025, Jaipur, Rajasthan:** Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Smt. Diya Kumari visited the Nand Ghar in Vidyadhar Nagar, Jaipur, to witness the transformative impact of Vedanta's flagship social impact initiative led by the Anil Agarwal Foundation. The project is renovating traditional anganwadis into modern, child-friendly centers equipped with smart learning tools, BaLA (Building as Learning Aid) designs, LED TVs, and engaging infrastructure to foster holistic development for children aged 3–6 years. The visit reaffirmed the government's shared vision with Nand Ghar to create a malnutrition-free and empowered India, especially through the development of women and children at the grassroots level.

During her visit, she observed interactive classrooms equipped with smart TVs, e-learning modules, and BaLA installations that have made early childhood education more engaging and effective. She also met anganwadi didis and participated in meaningful conversations with local women, gaining insights into how skill development and livelihood programs, ranging from handicraft to food processing are enhancing family incomes and self – reliance. In Rajasthan alone, Vedanta has signed an MoU to develop 25,000 Nand Ghars, accelerating the state's mission to improve early childhood outcomes and uplift rural women.

Speaking on the occasion, **Shashi Arora**, CEO, Nand Ghar, stated, *"We are privileged to have Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Smt. Diya Kumari visit Nand Ghar and witness our work on the ground. Her encouragement strengthens our resolve to build a healthier, more empowered future for women and children. At Nand Ghar, we are committed to fostering holistic development by addressing malnutrition, early childhood care and education, women's empowerment, and healthcare through scalable, community-led solutions in strong collaboration with the government."*

Nand Ghar, operational across 15 states in India, with over 8,500 centres, is a modernized anganwadi model working in convergence with the government to strengthen the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). As part of this effort, it has also launched the Balvardhan Project in Dholpur, Rajasthan—a scientific and scalable model for improving child development outcomes in partnership with reputed expert organisations like John Snow Inc. (JSI) and Rocket Learning. This initiative focuses on data-driven impact, capacity building, and innovative digital learning to create a replicable framework for national implementation.

This special visit by Hon'ble Minister emphasized our shared commitment with the Rajasthan government to create a **malnutrition-free, empowered India**, especially through grassroots development focused on women and children, ensuring inclusive, holistic development in line with national goals such as POSHAN 2.0, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**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 8500+ Nand Ghars are the enabler of change and sustainable development with a presence in 15 states across India and currently impacting more than 3.4 lakh children and 2.5 lakh women. Set up in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), Nand Ghars are modernized 'Anganwadis, providing development opportunities through nutrition initiatives, digital early childhood education, healthcare services, and women empowerment activities. 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 promotion. Anil Agarwal Foundation aims to empower communities, transform lives, and facilitate nation building through sustainable and inclusive growth.

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