

Vedanta's TACO Commits ₹30 Crores towards Wildlife Conservation Pan-India

New Delhi, September 03, 2025: Marking National Wildlife Day, Vedanta Limited (NSE: VEDL), India's leading critical minerals, energy transition metals, oil & gas, and technology conglomerate, emphasized its focus on India's wildlife and biodiversity through its commitment of ₹30 crores over three years under The Animal Care Organisation (TACO). The initiatives are strengthening the country's wildlife conservation efforts and infrastructure.

From tiger reserves in Rajasthan to elephant and rhino landscapes in Assam, the company has significantly enhanced its commitment towards wildlife conservation including the protection of endangered species and restoration of vital habitats. The initiatives reflect a future-forward strategy aimed at expanding conservation corridors, integrating technology in monitoring systems, and fostering long-term ecological stewardship.

TACO has channelled substantial resources into impactful biodiversity programs under its 'Mission Vanraksha'. At Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan, TACO commissioned five solar-powered, double-storey anti-poaching camps (about 762 sq ft each) and deployed surveillance vehicles, enabling 24×7 patrolling within the reserve, greatly enhancing protection against poaching and habitat intrusion. At Kaziranga National Park, TACO is building a surveillance centre and staff dwellings to bolster protection for the iconic one-horned rhinos, elephants, and tigers within the UNESCO World Heritage site. These combined interventions underscore a holistic '**One Health**' approach, where wildlife, humans, and ecosystems are safeguarded in unison.

Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Limited and Anchor of TACO, said: *"What we preserve today shapes the strength and spirit of tomorrow's India. On this National Wildlife Day, we stand firm in our stewardship, nurturing the wild, honouring its intrinsic worth, and ensuring forests, wildlife, and communities flourish together in harmony."*

Vedanta's conservation portfolio is further complemented by landmark initiatives across Rajasthan, Goa, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. In Udaipur, Vedanta-subsidiary Hindustan Zinc has partnered with the Forest Department to rejuvenate nearly 400 hectares at the Baghdarrah Crocodile Conservation Reserve. In Andhra Pradesh, Cairn Oil & Gas is stewarding 86 acres of mangroves, now home to over 150 bird species, Smooth-Coated Otters, and endangered fishing cats — serving as a vital ecological buffer against coastal erosion and climate risk. Vedanta Aluminium's Butterfly Park in Jharsuguda and Avian Arena Park in Lanjigarh have emerged as thriving sanctuaries for pollinators and migratory birds. In Goa, Sesa Goa's rejuvenation of the 203-hectare Sanquelim Mines with over 750,000 trees sequesters nearly 16,000 tonnes of CO₂ annually and supports 70 bird and 42 butterfly species, demonstrating a sustainable development model.

Across its businesses, Vedanta has planted over three million trees since FY21 and is on track to meet its seven-million-plantation target by 2030 in alignment with the World Economic Forum's Trillion Tree initiative. These afforestation efforts, bolstered by nature walks, school programs, and community engagement, have reached thousands of young people, embedding ecological awareness in the next generation.

As India advances its biodiversity and climate commitments, Vedanta's integrated approach spanning species protection, afforestation, coastal resilience, community partnerships, and

data-driven monitoring positions it as a key private-sector partner in achieving the country's National Biodiversity Mission and global sustainability goals.

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