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Vedanta Foundation at a glance

Vedanta Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that strives for the development of the underprivileged through its computer literacy, youth employment, women's empowerment, child-care and tribal welfare programs. The aim is to help the weaker sections of society gain control of their destinies and join the mainstream.

The foundation was founded on September 15, 1992 and is fully funded by Vedanta Resources Plc. It is a public charitable trust registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950, of registration number E 14045 (Mumbai) 15.09.92. It also has an approval of U/S 35AC, U/S 80G of the income Tax Act, 1961 and has registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulations Act, 1976.

The Vedanta Foundation has touched over a million lives so far and the dream continues....

"Education empowers the country and Vedanta Foundation goes a long way in this journey through its 'Computer Literacy Program'."

Dr. Kiran Bedi
Indian Police Service

"I appreciate Vedanta Foundation for their unique initiative of offering livelihood to the jail inmates through their Computer Education Program."

I.G. Prison (Uttrakhand)

"The Foundation's unconditional support in fulfilling our national manpower needs, speaks of their strong social and moral commitment towards addressing unemployment in India. "

Tata Trent

Management Speak

Mr. Anil Agarwal, *Chairman, Vedanta Group of Industries*
"Vedanta Foundation" was created to further deepen and enhance the impact of our Industry's socio-economic initiatives along with the company's CSR activities.

Mr. D.P. Agarwal, *Founder Trustee*
Leadership in social and environmental responsibility has always been an implicit part of our company's philosophy. We are keen to leverage the Foundation's expertise, experience and finances in various forms of education.

Ms. Suman Didwania, *Trustee*
The Foundation's flagship program provides the underprivileged youth of India with basic computer education enabling them to improve their economic status by getting jobs and join the mainstreams of society.

Ms. Kiran Agarwal, *Trustee*
Besides having 1500 Child Care Centres where nearly 60,000 students are given care and basic skills, Vedanta Foundation is a pioneer in providing vocational training like trailoring and beautician courses for women.

Mr. Madhukar H. Kania, *Trustee*
The Foundation continuously upgrades their programs and tailor makes it for its beneficiaries. The aspiration is to consistently work towards positively impacting the development of communities.

Mr. T. Ravikrishnan, *CEO*
We at Vedanta believe that the word empowering defines a broader spectrum of responsibility, one that holds the key to uplift, educate, strengthen and bring about an optimistic path that leads towards achievement and faith.

VEDANTA COMPUTER LITERACY PROGRAM

Having a basic knowledge of computers is almost essential to compete in India's highly competitive and growing job market. For many this became a deterrent, as they could not afford the exorbitant fees of commercial computer training centres. This is when Vedanta Foundation stepped in and began running computer literacy centers across India targeted at the underprivileged youth to help them get jobs.

Today Vedanta Foundation successfully runs **over 300 computer literacy centres** in almost every state in the country in rural and semi urban areas.

The Foundation educates one-lakh students every year at these centres where they are taught the basics of computers. While the Foundation provides all the hardware, software, course material, teachers and certification, local associates and NGOs assist with space provision and student enrollment.

Over half a million students have benefitted from this program so far.

Vedanta Impact

*Coming from a poor family in the small town of Begumpur in Bihar, **Rahi Kumar Yadav** always had a desire to learn but the means were few and far between. Yadav often had to work in the fields as a child to pay his own school fees. With the help of a kind-hearted donor from the village and his own earning Yadav managed to complete his metric education.*

After a series of job changes as a rickshaw driver, medical shop worker and a kabadiwala Yadav decided none of these are for him and wanted to learn how to use computers. He could not afford the exorbitant fee of commercial computer centres but was determined to learn and get a respectable job after.

He then saw a hoarding of Vedanta Foundation's Computer Literacy Program and immediately enrolled in it. After completing the course Yadav got his desired job as a data entry manager at a respectable firm. He is now extremely thankful to the foundation for helping him realize his dream.

*With a family of five dependent on her, **Kusum Viras** was having sleepless nights as an unemployed graduate. Living in Lower Parel with an ailing and retired father, mother who is a home maker, unemployed older brother and a college going younger brother, Kusum was in desperate need for a job. She enrolled for the basic computer class at Vedanta's Computer Literacy Program where she passed with flying colors. She immediately got a job as a faculty member at Vedanta with a salary of Rs.750 a month. Two months after, her promising work saw her being promoted to the ranks of senior staff with a hike in her income to Rs.3,000 and now she is employed as a Centre Manager with more than double her previous salary of Rs.7,000 and continues to rise on her career path.*

Kusum is now able to support her family's basic needs and is thankful to Vedanta Foundation for giving her the opportunity to turn her life around.

VEDANTA ROJGAR AVSAR

There are thousands of capable unemployed youth in India who may not have the means or the confidence to go out and get a job... This is when Vedanta Foundation's Rozgar Avsar comes in to the picture. The foundation organizes periodic employment drives in communities where these unemployed young people are brought face to face with potential employers and given spot job offers.

The foundation makes resumes for these job aspirants, provides them with interview tips, industry and employment trends and most importantly gets them successful employment.

The Rozgar Avsar drives are being successfully carried out all over the country. 20,000 youth have been successfully provided employment across the country so far.

The goal is to place 25,000 youth in 2010.

Vedanta Impact

*Having a family of seven financially dependent on her, **Kamini Koshi** was under immense pressure. Her job paid her Rs. 5,000 from which she had to support her retired father, mother who is a housewife, older brother who is in the army, younger brother who is unemployed and two sister in laws who are also housewives. In October 2009, Koshi was laid off as the company was downsizing.*

This left her under even more pressure... She then came across Vedanta Foundation's placement drive and was immediately lined up for an interview with a BPO called Andromeda in a Mumbai suburb and was placed in their operations department for a salary of Rs. 7,000. She is happy at her new job and so is her family with her success.

VEDANTA UMEED (Prison Program)

Vedanta Foundation's reach is not limited to the urban and rural youth of India. It has reached the insides of our country's prisons as well to rehabilitate inmates and equip them with a skill set that will enable them to get respectable jobs upon their release.

Vedanta Foundation's centers are present in 14 central jails across India including six centers at Tihar Central Jail.

12,000 inmates have benefited from this program to date, many having found suitable employment after being released.

Sunil Singh
Ward no 8 , Block A,
Tihar Jail no 1 , Tihar, Delhi

Respected Sir,

I am Sunil Singh, at Jail no 1. In our Jail, when I heard announcement of Computer Course, I enrolled my name. I don't know anything about computer. But now I learnt lot about computers. Earlier I always have tensions and negative thoughts in my mind, but now I spend one hour to learned computers. I feel positive because of this one hour. I have some hope in my life. When I completed my period, I definitely start my life in a new way. I definitely give computer education to my children. I understand it's important. I am Thankful to Tihar Jail prashashan and Vedanta Foundation.

Yours truly,
Sunil Singh.
Tihar Jail.

VEDANTA E-SHIKSHA @ GOVT SCHOOLS

Gauging the success of Vedanta Foundation's computer literacy centres for the youth, the program was extended to children studying at government schools. Multimedia e-content for subjects like Math, Science, Social Studies, Computers and English is provided to the schools to capture the interest of the students. This program aims to bridge the digital gap between the haves and have nots

Students in classes V-VIII are given a basic computer education.

The two states where this program is currently running successfully are Maharashtra and Rajasthan where 40,000 students are benefitting at 300 government schools.

The goal is to reach out to 10,000 schools benefitting 1 million children in 3 yrs.

VEDANTA SAKHI (Women's Empowerment)

By educating a man you educate a person. But by educating a woman you educate an entire family.

RINGUS COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

The Vedanta Post Graduate Girls' College popularly known as Ringus College enrolls over 800 students from rural villages in Rajasthan to complete their graduation and acquire a bachelor's degree in Arts or Science with a 97 percent graduation rate.

The college was started in 1995 with the aim of uplifting women from backward classes in Rajasthan and encouraging them to complete their higher education. The college also offers a post graduate in Arts.

In its effort to provide students with a well rounded education the college has a sports centre, literacy society, dramatics society, meditation and yoga centre for the students and also provides boarding facilities for students.

VEDANTA TAILORING & BEAUTICIAN CENTRE

Vedanta Foundation started vocational training centres for women across the country that offer tailoring, beautician and mehendi design classes. Women can avail of these facilities to add to their family income and also improve their self-confidence.

There are centres all across the country benefitting 2 lakh women so far.

VEDANTA BAL CHETNA ANGANWADI PROGRAM

Vedanta Foundation is concerned about the nutrition and basic education of children from zero to six years that live below the poverty line. The foundation has set up Bal Chetna centres in rural, tribal and urban India to care for children between the age of two and six focusing on the physical, emotional and psychological development of the child.

Teachers at these Bal Chetna centres inculcate good habits in their children, organize periodic health check ups, provide a warm and safe environment for their social and psychological development and prepare them for a formal education.

The foundation currently has 2140 Bal Chetna Anganwadi centers in rural and tribal areas of the country were over 1 lakh children are being nurtured.

The vision is to reach out to half a million children in 3yrs.

Kartik Khairnar's mother : *Kartik was a weak and malnourished child who would not mix with other children in his age group. I enrolled him in Vedanta Foundation's Child Care Centre at Vithalwadi and now he is a healthy and happy child who happily mixes with other children. He has learned to eat food on his own and has stopped being fussy. He has put on weight thanks to the nutrition program at the centre and has turned in to a "chatter box"!*

Prachi Pagare's mother : *Prachi has always been a shy child who would not make eye contact with other children. She would often burst in to tears when left by herself and cling on to the teacher when she first started school. After just a few months at Vedanta Foundation's Child Care Centre, I saw Prachi blossom in to a confident young girl who is full of confidence and a high self-esteem. She even participates in poem recitals in front of the class.*

When I first enrolled Prachi at the centre, I was not sure how she would cope in a regular school with up to 50 students per teacher... But I have been pleasantly surprised. Thank you for filling our lives with so much joy through our child.

OTHER PROJECTS

Vedanta Special School for the Mentally Challenged

Vedanta Foundation has also started a school for mentally challenged children in Vithalvadi, Mumbai where about 108 children have graduated. The school provides a conducive environment, education, recreational activities and adequate nutrition for the development of these children.

Sanjana Narode's grandmother comments : *Sanjana is a mentally retarded child who was very restless and would display odd behavior like talking nonstop, throwing objects, spitting at people and hitting those around her at no provocation. We enrolled her in Vedanta Foundation's Child Care Centre a month ago and we can already see a remarkable improvement in her behavior. She is now more articulate, sits in one place, follows instructions and her hitting and spitting behavior is almost non-existent. Her toilet training is almost complete and she is able to sleep through the night. I am truly happy to have found Vedanta Foundation and be able to see these changes in my granddaughter.*

OTHER PROJECTS

Temple Project

Vedanta Foundation also provides accommodation and basic amenities to the lakhs of devotees that visit religious places in India. The Vitthal-Rukmini temple in Pandharpur is one such example where the under privileged devotees called Warkaris are given shelter in a Dharamsala called Vedanta Bhakt Nivas.

Similar projects are being carried out in Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri.

Roti Making Machines

The staple Indian food – rotis are tedious to make for a large number of people. Vedanta Foundation has been donating machines that speed up the process to under privileged institutions like the Children Aid Society, Dongri, Ramakrishna Mission and Female Beggars Home, Chembur.