vedanta foundation

- Service to the Under Privileged since 1992.
- Social part of Vedanta Resources Plc (Gr. of Industries)
- Projects to make everyone Vocationally Literate.
- Facilitating Economic Upliftment.
- Providing Employment opportunity

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About Us

Vedanta Foundation initiated on 15th September 1992 strives for the development of the less privileged through its Computer Education, Child Care, Women Empowerment and Tribal Welfareprojects.These areas have been chosen with the conviction to support the vulnerable and underprivileged sections of society so that they gain authority over their own destinies and join the main stream.

The Foundation is a public charitable trust registered under the Bombay Public TrustAct, 1950, of registration number E 14045 (Mumbai) 15.09.92. It also has anapproval of U/S 35AC, U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and has registeredunder the Foreign Contribution Regulations Act, 1976.

The Vedanta Group financially supports Vedanta Foundation to perform its philanthropic activities.Vedanta Foundation is an ISO 9001-2000 certified organization. Over the past 15 years, the organization has reached out to more than 9 lac beneficiaries through its various projects and aims to enhance the potentials of the beneficiaries.

The Foundation envisions helping the society achieve substantial growth and human progress through education and vocational training.

The mission of the Foundation is to strengthen the economic and social condition of the lesser privileged through focused social and educational programmes.

Vedanta Computer Literacy Project

With a large emphasis being placed on computer literacy skills in the labour market, it has become important for the less privileged to be assisted in acquiring these skills. Since the start of Vedanta Literacy campaign, a large number of youth have availed of the basic computer courses offered by the foundation at computer centers spread out across India.

The foundation reaches out extensively to educate and enhance the innate-qualities and prepare the less privileged for the greater career prospects through mandals, slums and NGO's to provide vocational training and support the youth of low-income groups. The main objective is to encourage the less privileged build their careers according to the demands of the modern world and support them for placements into industries by collaborating with the companies.

The Literacy centers have experienced faculty who equip students with the ability to handle various jobs. Courses are structured to give the students practical training to prepare them for the job market. The Foundation is now tying up with other National and International organizations so as to enhance its credibility and increase student's employability. The Foundation currently operates more than 322 Literacy Centers.

The computer literacy center are spread in 28 states of the country and have benefited more than half a million children/ youth since its inception and employs more than 1000 people to implement the project.

In terms of easy-identified certification after quality training of some selected courses, we are having association with:

Microsoft®

And

NCVT (Govt. of India)

Vedanta Rozgar Avsar

Livelihood / Unemployment is a very critical concern of the country, which also happens to be close to the Foundation's heart. The Foundation has initiated the project "Vedanta Rojgar Avsar" , to address the ever critical & growing issue of unemployment among the weaker sections of the society.

The Project "Vedanta Rojgar Avsar" aims to provide support and assistance to the less privileged unemployed youth of the country, in the form of appropriate employment opportunities absolutely FREE of COST.

Rojgar Avsar works on its belief in Empowerment, and offers a mix of services to impart the required knowledge / confidence building to / of the unemployed youth, to ensure successful Employment as the end result of the process.

Rojgar Avsar encompasses the following mentioned services to empower the youth:

- Resume Making.
- Workshop on Industry Trends
- Workshop on Latest Employment Market Trends
- Interview Grooming
- Successful Employment

Rojgar Avsar provides a common platform for the job seeker as well as the Employer to come face to face through its pioneering concept of Job Fair across the country.

10,000 youth have been successfully provided Employment in sectors such as Retail, BPO, Hospitality, Sales, Banking, Back office, Construction, Manufacturing etc, across the country so far under the project.

TATA TRENT, SPARSH, MC DONALDS, EUREKA FORBES, HDFC BANK, HP, GODREJ & BOYCE are some of the companies where the job seekers have been successfully employed through the Foundation.

The Foundation has set an encouraging goal of providing Employment to at least 25,000 youth across the country under the project in the year 2010, by leveraging its current recruitment network comprising of more than 200 companies of repute across the country.

Vedanta Umeed

Vedanta Umeed aims to rehabilitate India's prison population by providing them with tools to secure livelihood after the end of their jail terms. Vedanta Umeed was first launched in Tihar Jail, South Asia's largest jail. After it received a tremendous positive response, Vedanta Umeed was expanded to include various jails across India such as Rohini Jail in Delhi, Model and Women's Jail in Lucknow, Dehradun Jail, Amravati Jail as well as jails in Vadodara, Ajmer and Bhopal. The project focuses on imparting computer education to jail inmates. In the case of female inmates, the program provides tailoring courses.The training imparted to prisoners has helped them increase their confidence levels and have prepared them to re-enter the job market with new skills.

The Foundation aims to further spread the scope of Vedanta Umeed, and has replicated this project at Haridwar in Uttarakhand.

Vedanta E-Shiksha @ Govt. Schools

India is fast emerging as the IT capital of the world. However, there still exists a great digital divide, as the benefits of IT are savoured by only a few who can afford this education, making computer literacy inaccessible for many. Gaining basic computer education is expensive and out of reach for lesser privileged. Hence, at Vedanta Foundation, we have been working towards bridging the privilege gap, by providing equal learning opportunities to those deprived of it.

Realising the need for quality computer education for underprivileged children, Vedanta Foundation started Vedanta E-Shiksha @ Govt. Schools project in 2004. Under this project the components of the services are providing E-content for CAL subjects, E-content for basic computer Education, Training of Teachers, monitoring of the program, Pre and post survey and analysis of the program and the project.

The objective was to introduce students of Govt. schools of class V-VIII to computers. To begin with we associated with the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai under the PPP model in over 800 Govt. schools for the period of 5 yrs. Under this association 4, 00,000 Govt. school students have benefited. Currently we have 100 Govt. schools in Mumbai and also 200 schools in Rajasthan benefiting 40,000 students. Further to the success of the above project Vedanta Foundation has signed a MoU with Maharashtra Government for 2,950 Govt.schools in all 34 districts. We are soon starting with the first phase of 500 schools in Maharashtra and 500 schools in Rajasthan benefiting 1 lakh students.

To expand this program we are in talks with other states like Chattisgarh, Orissa and West Bengal.

The vision is to reach to 10,000 schools benefiting 1 million students in the span of 3 yrs.

Vedanta Bal Chetna

The early stages of a child's life are of crucial importance for his or her future development. A recent survey conducted among below-poverty-line (BPL) families has shown that there is a strong underlying need for childcare, nutrition and education. In view of this, Vedanta Foundation has set up Bal Chetna centres all over India in rural and tribal areas, as well as urban areas where low-income migrant labourers and lower-middle-class families reside. Bal Chetna centres focus on the physical, emotional and psychological development of the child by teaching them through creative means such as games, drawing,colouring and thorough use of alphabets. The aim is to create well-rounded young children capable of entering formal schooling successfully.

Teachers at Bal Chetna assist parents to select suitable schools for their children. At times, the Foundation provides financial support to children in order to help them through school. Through Bal Chetna the Foundation is committed to ensure that children do not miss out on educational opportunities simply because of their constrained financial status.Observing the conditions of the Government run anganwadis Vedanta Foundation adopted 1000 anganwadis in Rajasthan and Orissa.

This project reaches out to approximately 40,000 children. Other than the Government Aganwadis, the Foundation has 96 Vedanta Bal Chetna centres of its own. Through this project approximately 4000 children in the age group of 2½-5 years are benefited every year.

Vedanta Sakhi

Despite universal acknowledgement that providing avenues of socio-economic development to women is the key to a better society, educational facilities for women at present are dismal. Vedanta Foundation has developed programs to empower women in an effort to rectify this anomaly.

To provide better access to educational opportunities for women, the Foundation started 'Vedanta Post Graduate Girls College' in Rajasthan in 1995. More popularly known as Ringus College, this institute currently enrolls 823 students primarily from 30-40 economically backward rural villages surrounding the college. The college offers residential facilities to its students. There are courses offered in Art and Science stream.

Graduates of this program have gone on to pursue career paths from nurses at hospitals to teachers to police constables. Moreover the program continuously monitors its graduates' career progression by keeping in touch with them even after they have finished their programs. For women who are more anchored within their families by way of marriage, the Foundation provides vocational training in order to make them more self-reliant.

At Vedanta Sakhi centres, women are taught how to become tailors, beauticians, mehendi designers etc. Women at these centres, apart from securing economic self-sufficiency have also displayed increased levels of self-confidence. Vedanta Shiksha initiated as a community outreach program to educate, enhance capacities and prepare the less privileged for the job market. As part of this program the Foundation works with low-income communities, mandals, slums and NGOs to provide vocational training to the less privileged. The aim of this project is to ensure that the poor are able to overcome their financial difficulties and acquire skills that will make them well-placed to secure good jobs in an ever-changing labour market.

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A) Special School for the Mentally Challenged.

The foundation started the school in 1997 for the mentally challenged at Vithalwadi. The Foundation is proud to have graduated 108 special children with basic education and vocational training for the past 12 years. The school provides facilities like special education, vocational training, play and recreational activity and provides its students with nutritional support and traveling to and fro.

B) Religious Projects.

In yet another social initiative by Vedanta Foundation we are supporting the Vittal- Rukhmini temple at Pandharpur by providing a Dharmashala, "Vedanta Bakht Niwas". This temple at Pandharpur is visited by mostly under privileged devotees namely "Warkaris". The objective is to provide accommodation and basic amenities to the innumerable devotees visiting the temple. We have planned to come up with similar projects in Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamanotri.

C) Roti Making Machine.

As a new initiative the Foundation is donating "Roti Making Machine" to institutions serving a good no of under privilege sections of the society. This plan is in progress where we are in the process to donate more machines to such institutions. We have donated Roti making machine to Children Aid Society, Dongri, Ramakrishna Mission and Female Beggars Home at Chembur.

Message board (Trustee): Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman,
Vedanta Group of Industries

"Vedanta Foundation" was created to further deepen and enhance the impact of our Industries' socio-economic initiatives along with the company's CSR activities. This philanthropic arm of Vedanta operates on our primary principal of "giving back to the society in one's own lifetime."

In accordance with this principal, our focus is to create sustainable economies by supporting initiatives that bring about sustainable changes in the lives of people, especially in the field of education. Whilst, there are several programmes to make a positive contribution to the underprivileged communities, one of our primary focuses has been education. Vedanta Foundation endeavors to provide computer education to the less privileged through its flagship project "Project Vedanta".