

Nand Ghar – Private Sector’s Role in Strengthening Anganwadis

Nand Ghars are a transformative leap dedicated to benefiting rural children and women in India. A measure undertaken by Vedanta together with MWCD, the project aims to ensure rural India is not left behind in India's march towards progress. The case for state-of-the-art Anganwadis in the form of Nand Ghars all over India has not merely arrived - it is now imperative.

Vision

Equipping Nand Ghars with televisions for e-learning, solar panels for reliable power, safe drinking water and clean toilets. Nand Ghars have shown a marked improvement in attendance, learning abilities and school readiness by deploying e-learning modules and playful learning for education, in collaboration with world-class partners. To make the model integrated, Nand Ghars are ensuring that women undergo entrepreneurship training, including skill enhancement to start their micro-enterprise with extensive skill training and credit linkages, thereby increasing their contribution towards the Indian economy.

Infrastructure

The state-of-art technology and infrastructure make Nand Ghar a model resource centre for the community.

- Constructed using the latest Schnell technology, which is earthquake resistant and fireproof.
- Solar Panels: 24 x 7 electricity for essential facilities
- Toilets: For healthy sanitation and inculcating behavioural changes
- Smart TV: E-Learning through 40 weeks of scientific curriculum for children
- Water Purifiers: Access to safe drinking water

Operations

The infrastructure is being utilized in the morning for children's education and nutrition and in the afternoon for skill development of women. The Nand Ghar centre daily provides Pre-school education to children (3-6 years) through e-learning, BaLA designs and smart kits; Nutritious hot cooked meals to children, pregnant and lactating women; Healthcare through Mobile Health Van and conducting health camps; and Women empowerment through skill training, credit linkage and entrepreneurship development.

Impact

Today more than 1250 Nand Ghars are running across Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha. The Impact is paving the way for the model Anganwadi movement across the country.

- Aiming to provide around 50,000 children with pre-school learning through advanced teaching-learning methodologies, including television.
- Aiming to provide hot cooked wholesome nutritional meals to about 50,000 children.
- Around 20,000 OPDs are being conducted per month for the community by Nand Ghar Mobile Health Vans
- More than 37,500 women being trained to achieve financial and social empowerment through employment

Reach

The Nand Ghar Project aims to touch lives of around 4 Million community members while directly impacting around 2,00,000 children and around 1,80,000 women on an annual basis.

Impact Indicators	Estimated Number
Total Nand Ghars	4,000
Children - 0-3 years	80,000
Children - 3-6 years	120,000
Maternal Health	60,000
Community Health	4,000,000
Women Empowerment	120,000
Sanitation (total toilets)	8,000
Safe drinking water(total water purifiers)	4,000
Environment (Renewable energy (kW) through solar power)	3,000

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