

# On World Tribal Day, Vedanta Aluminium Reflects on Kalahandi's Remarkable Transformation into a Model for Tribal-Led Development

Bhubaneswar: On World Tribal Day, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, celebrates the inspiring transformation of Kalahandi, a district once synonymous with poverty and deprivation, now emerging as a national model for tribal-led development and grassroots empowerment.

In 2001, Kalahandi's contribution to Odisha's Gross District Domestic Product (GDDP) was less than 1%, and the average per capita income barely touched ₹19,000. Kalahandi has evolved into an Aspirational District, ranking #1 in Odisha

for Health & Nutrition and #2 in Education under NITI Aayog's programme. Rajiv Kumar, CEO of Vedanta Aluminium, said, On World Tribal Day, we take immense pride in the transformation story of Kalahandi, a region once known for its abject poverty, which is now rising through the resilience of its tribal communities.

