

# Vedanta's Nand Ghar crosses 10,000 mark across 16 states

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ON this Children's Day, the Anil Agarwal Foundation (AAF), the social impact arm of Vedanta Group, announced a significant milestone in India's social development journey. Nand Ghar, Vedanta's flagship initiative, has crossed the 10,000 center mark across 16 states, benefiting over 4 lakh children and 3 lakh women daily.

Nand Ghar is revolutionizing India's Anganwadi ecosystem by modernizing rural centers and empowering women and children through improved nutrition, early education, healthcare, and skill development. Aligned with the Government of India's Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), which marks its 50th year this year, the initiative modernizes traditional Anganwadis into tech-enabled hubs with tangible grassroots impact.

With 531 Nand Ghars in Odisha, 262 in Chhattisgarh, and many others across India, each center serves as a model of transformation. They are equipped with smart classrooms, digital tools, BaLA (Building as



Learning Aid) designs, reliable electricity, safe drinking water, hygienic sanitation, and child-friendly furniture, creating safe, inclusive spaces for children aged 3-6 years. Nand Ghars also function as community hubs, offering nutrition programs, health check-ups, immunization drives, and women's skill-building initiatives to foster healthier, more resilient villages.

Launched under the vision of Vedanta Chairman, Anil Agarwal, Nand Ghar initiative has evolved into a nationwide movement.

Speaking on this milestone, Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Group, said, "When we started the Nand Ghar journey, the dream was simple - to ensure every child gets the right nutri-

tion and early education and every woman has the opportunity to stand on her own feet. Today, on Children's Day, as we cross the 10,000 Nand Ghars milestone across 16 states, that dream is being translated to reality. Each Nand Ghar is a symbol of empowerment, education, and aspiration. This milestone has been possible only because of the unwavering partnership and support of the Government of India, state governments and local communities. My heartfelt gratitude to everyone who believes in this vision. We are fully committed to transforming the lives of 8 crore children and 2 crore women across India. I would like more and more people from all walks of life to join us on this mission."

From the mineral-rich regions of Odisha to the deserts of Rajasthan, and the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh, Nand Ghar is transforming traditional Anganwadis into critical development hubs. Children receive hot meals and nutritional supplements, with over 80 lakh supplements distributed, along with digital learning modules in regional languages to build strong preschool foundations. Health screenings and awareness drives have improved maternal and child health, impacting more than 90 lakh community members. Women also benefit from vocational training, allowing many to earn up to Rs 10,000 per month, fostering economic independence.

To deepen its impact, Nand Ghar has invested in large-scale infrastructure upgrades, making each center digitally enabled and sustainably powered. This has helped establish Nand Ghar as a replicable model of integrated community development, amplifying government efforts in child welfare and women's empowerment.

Anju Vaisnav, a Nand Ghar Didi from Korba, Chhattisgarh, shared, "Before Nand Ghar, our Anganwadi was just a small

room. Today, it is filled with facilities! Children love coming here, and mothers trust us more than ever. With smart TVs, clean facilities, and nutritious meals, our Nand Ghar is a place of learning and joy."

Rekha, a mother from Odisha, added, "Nand Ghar has changed how our village views women. I learned new skills, started earning, and now teach others. When women grow, the whole community grows, and that's what Nand Ghar has brought to our lives."

This year's Children's Day celebrations were especially significant, marking the completion of 10,000 Nand Ghars. Across multiple states, centers hosted art activities, storytelling, and community events that united children, mothers, and local leaders in celebration.

With an expanding presence in states like Rajasthan, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, Nand Ghar is rapidly growing its footprint. The next goal is to establish 25,000 Nand Ghars in Rajasthan over the next two years, impacting 2 million lives and setting a new standard for public-private partnerships in community transformation.