

Vedanta Aluminium launches heat relief measures in Jharsuguda

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AMID rising temperatures and ongoing heatwave conditions in western Odisha, Vedanta Aluminium has launched multi-pronged heat relief measures in Jharsuguda to support communities and mitigate health risks.

The initiatives, aimed at benefiting more than two lakh people, include the setting up of six water kiosks, locally known as 'Jalachhatras', at key locations such as BTM Chowk, Kishan Chowk, New Bus Stand Chowk, Badheimunda Chowk and



Old Bus Stand Chowk. These kiosks are intended to provide drinking water to residents, commuters and daily wage workers during peak summer months.

In addition, the company has strengthened drinking water supply through tankers and dedicated dis-

tribution points at over 20 locations, ensuring access to potable water in remote areas.

Within its plant premises, over 60 hydration kiosks have been installed to support more than 12,000 employees, business partners and drivers. These kiosks also provide oral

rehydration solution (ORS) and buttermilk to help prevent dehydration and heat-related illnesses.

Vedanta Jharsuguda CEO C Chandru said ensuring access to safe drinking water is critical during rising temperatures, adding that the company is focusing on last-mile interventions such as water kiosks and tanker supply to support people during summer.

A company official said the initiative is part of its efforts to strengthen access to safe drinking water and address challenges posed by extreme heat conditions.