

Press Release

Vedanta Power's TSPL Launches Mega Drive on Stubble Burning Prevention and Paddy Straw Management in Mansa

~ Aims to protect 27,000 acres of farmland in Punjab from stubble burning ~

Mansa, Punjab | 16 October 2025 – Talwandi Sabo Power Limited (TSPL), Punjab's largest and North India's largest private thermal power plant, launched a **Mega Awareness Camp on Paddy Straw Management** at Village Raipur, Mansa, under its flagship CSR initiative *Navi Disha* promoting sustainable farming. The initiative seeks to **sensitize farmers on sustainable alternatives to stubble burning** and promote eco-friendly crop residue management practices. Over **270 farmers from 13 villages**, including Raipur, Moosa, and Banawala, participated in the camp.

The event was graced by **Harpreet Pal Kaur**, Chief Agriculture Officer, Mansa; **Kamaldeep Singh**, Block Agriculture Officer, Jhunir; **Chamandeep Singh**, Agriculture Technology Management Agency; **Amritpal Singh**, Agriculture Development Officer; and **Prabhdyal Singh**, Fishery Development Officer, Mansa. Village sarpanches including **Raju Singh from Raipur-1, Sukhraj Singh from Raipur-2, and Naib Singh from Talwandi Akalia** also participated. TSPL was represented by **Pankaj Sharma, CEO**, and senior leadership.

At the gathering, farmers were urged to **avoid burning paddy straw (parali)** and **adopt sustainable practices such as mulching, composting, and mechanized harvesting**. Stubble burning was highlighted as a threat to air quality, soil fertility, and biodiversity. Progressive farmers who have embraced these eco-friendly methods were felicitated as **role models**, inspiring cleaner and greener farming across Punjab.

Rajinder Singh Ahuja, CEO- Power, Vedanta Ltd commented, *"Vedanta Power remains deeply committed to sustainability and rural prosperity. TSPL's efforts last year helped protect over 20,000 acres of farmland and diverted nearly 8 lakh tons of paddy residue from burning, transforming an age-old challenge into an opportunity for cleaner energy and a greener tomorrow."*

Pankaj Sharma, CEO of TSPL added that this year, the company aims to expand its outreach and **protect 27,000 acres of farmland from stubble burning**.

To expand the campaign's reach, **three mobile awareness vans** were flagged off to spread messages across nearby villages on the dangers of stubble burning and practical eco-friendly alternatives. These mobile units will deliver demonstrations and guidance to ensure no farmer is left uninformed.

The awareness drive comes at a crucial time, as **paddy stubble burning typically begins mid-October in Punjab**, following the kharif harvest, a practice that contributes heavily to seasonal air pollution across North India and soil degradation.

Last year, TSPL's month long campaign successfully **saved more than 20,000 acres of farmland from being burned** redirecting nearly **8 lakh tons of paddy residue into biomass energy**. The campaign reached **2,200 farmers across 26 villages**, organized **30+ awareness camps**, rallies, and student competitions, and successfully redirected paddy



residue for biomass energy, demonstrating how collective action can **drive meaningful environmental change**.

The initiative underscores Vedanta Power's ESG vision of '**Transforming for Good**', reinforcing TSPL's commitment to environmental stewardship, community partnership, and sustainable rural development.

About Vedanta Power:

Vedanta Group is one of the largest private sector power producers with 12,000 MW of thermal power capacity and its power business is committed to playing a pivotal role in generating and meeting the nation's energy requirement. Vedanta Power has plants in Mansa, Punjab (Talwandi Sabo Power Limited); Singhitarai, Chhattisgarh (Vedanta Ltd. Chhattisgarh Thermal Power Plant); Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh (Meenakshi Energy Limited); and Jharsuguda (Jharsuguda IPP plant), together forming an installed capacity of 4,780 MW and serving various discoms, utilities, and industries across the nation.

Talwandi Sabo Power Limited (TSPL) is a highly advanced, supercritical 1980 MW world-class thermal power plant in Banawala, Mansa district, Punjab which supplies 100% of the electricity it generates to Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd and powers 30% electricity needs of Punjab state. TSPL deploys globally benchmarked environment and safety practices making it Punjab's greenest thermal power plant, and among the foremost zero-harm, zero-waste, zero-discharge thermal power producers in the country. The plant has been instrumental in the socio-economic development of the region since inception.

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