Vedanta Power Creates Awareness Against Child Marriage

Empowers 300 girls through education, skilling and community initiatives

Sakti, 12 October 2026: Vedanta Power Sakti Thermal Power Plant organised a student-led *Nukkad Natak* on the theme, **"End Child Marriage and Invest in Girls' Rights"**, under **Project Vidya** reinforcing its commitment to empowering girls and building inclusive communities. Held at Government Odekera Middle School, Sakti, the programme brought together hundreds of students, teachers, community members and local stakeholders to raise awareness against child marriage and advocate for girls' education and equal opportunities.

Using the power of storytelling, students delivered a compelling street play that challenged deep-rooted social norms and highlighted the transformative impact of education in shaping brighter futures for girls. Through powerful performances, they showcased the harmful consequences of child marriage, celebrated women achievers across professions, and encouraged communities to support girls in pursuing their aspirations without barriers.

The initiative reinforced a powerful message: when girls complete school, gain relevant skills and access opportunities, they become catalysts for stronger, more prosperous and more equitable communities. Through its sustained interventions under **Project Vidya** and **Project Sakhi**, Vedanta Power has supported the education, skilling and development of nearly **300 girls**, equipping them with the knowledge, confidence and opportunities needed to build independent and successful futures.

Speaking on the occasion, **Rajinder Singh Ahuja, CEO & Whole-Time Director, Vedanta Power Limited**, said, *"At Vedanta Power, our commitment extends beyond generating reliable power to enabling meaningful progress in the communities around us. Educating and empowering girls is one of the most powerful investments we can make for India's future. Through initiatives such as Project Vidya and Project Sakhi, we are working to ensure that every girl has the confidence, skills and equal opportunities to pursue her aspirations, contribute to society, and become a catalyst for positive change in her community."*

Appreciating the initiative, **Meena Chauhan, Sarpanch, Odekera**, said, *"Earlier, many girls were married at a young age, but today, education and awareness are empowering them to pursue careers and stand shoulder to shoulder with men. I sincerely thank Vedanta Power Limited's CSR team for encouraging students to spread awareness about gender equality and the importance of educating and empowering girls."*

Geeta Rathia, Member, School Management Committee, Odekera, added, *"Girls are equal to boys and should never be underestimated. The Nukkad Natak organised by Vedanta Power Sakti Thermal Power Plant and the students effectively conveyed this message and inspired the community to support girls' education and empowerment. Such awareness initiatives play an important role in bringing positive social change."*

Organised in observance of the **International Day of the Girl Child**, the programme reinforced the importance of investing in girls' education, rights and aspirations to build more equitable, resilient and progressive communities.

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