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Vedanta Power's Project Navi Disha Wins India CSR Award for Empowering Over 3,000 Farmers in Punjab

Punjab, 19th November 2026: Vedanta Power Limited Talwandi Sabo Thermal Plant has been honoured with the **India CSR Awards 2026**, recognizing excellence in CSR Enabling Innovation for Agriculture Development – Livelihood and Animal Husbandry for its flagship initiative, **Project Navi Disha**. Launched in 2017, the initiative has supported over **3,000 farmers across Punjab** by bringing together agricultural training, paddy straw management, access to essential farming inputs, water conservation practices and livestock healthcare. The recognition underscores Vedanta Power's sustained efforts to strengthen rural livelihoods by equipping farming communities with the knowledge, resources and institutional support needed to adopt more productive and sustainable agricultural practices.

At the heart of Project Navi Disha is a comprehensive approach to farmer empowerment that goes beyond conventional agricultural assistance to create awareness among farmers, promoting scientific crop-residue managament practices and facilitating access to suitable machinery, as well as address the everyday challenges faced by farming communities such as falling water tables and stagnating yields. Through regular capacity-building programmes, awareness sessions and the distribution of bio-fertilisers and vegetable seed kits, the initiative helps farmers improve agricultural practices while encouraging more sustainable approaches to cultivation. Practical training in water-saving techniques further promotes the efficient use of natural resources, supporting more resilient farming practices over the long term.

Rajinder Singh Ahuja, Chief Executive Officer and Whole Time Director, Vedanta Power Ltd, said, *"Growth means ensuring that communities have access to the opportunities, resources and capabilities needed to become self-reliant. This belief guides Vedanta Power's approach to community development, with a focus on education, healthcare, women's empowerment, and livelihood creation. Through initiatives such as Project Navi Disha, Nand Ghars and Project Arogya, we are working to address critical community needs while creating pathways for lasting social and economic progress"*.

Commenting on the award, Pankaj Sharma, Chief Executive Officer, Talwandi Sabo Thermal Plant, said, *"Farmers are at the heart of Punjab's economy, and supporting their progress is integral to our commitment to the communities around us. Initiatives such as Project Navi Disha, has helped us focus on building long-term capabilities by bringing agricultural knowledge, practical resources and institutional expertise closer to farmers. This recognition is particularly meaningful as it reflects years of sustained engagement with farming communities and our belief that rural*

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development must go beyond immediate assistance to create lasting opportunities for livelihood security and sustainable growth. "

Recognising the interconnected nature of agricultural livelihoods, Project Navi Disha also addresses challenges beyond crop cultivation, particularly livestock health and environmental management. The initiative facilitates animal health check-up camps and awareness programmes on stubble burning, helping farmers access veterinary support and adopt more responsible agricultural practices. Working alongside institutions such as **Krishi Vigyan Kendra and the Chief Agricultural Office (CAO)**, the programme brings specialised expertise to the grassroots, enabling farmers to address practical challenges through informed decision-making.

The **India CSR Awards 2026** recognition marks an important milestone in Project Navi Disha's journey since 2017. For Vedanta Power, the achievement also reflects its broader approach to corporate social responsibility, which prioritises locally relevant interventions across agriculture, healthcare, education and community welfare. By integrating these priorities into its operations, the company continues to contribute to inclusive development and improved quality of life in the communities surrounding its facilities.

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