

Press Note

Vedanta introduces comprehensive Water conservation programme for enhancement of Agriculture and drought mitigation across Chitradurga.

- Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka Division implemented numerous water conservation initiatives across drought prone areas in Chitradurga, to promote agriculture through improved irrigation. 50 Ha. Agri. Land brought under irrigation.
- Vedanta's Water conservation programme have benefitted over 986 people from across 10 villages leading to harvesting of 6.1 Cr. Litres of water till date.

Chitradurga, Karnataka, 15.10.2021: Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) introduced comprehensive water conservation programme including activities such as rooftop rain water harvesting, Rejuvenation of natural water reservoirs, Development of garland drains, Trench cum bund and water channels, Development of Water percolation ponds to enhance ground water recharge etc. Vedanta's water harvesting initiatives have benefitted over 986 farmers from across 10 villages of Chitradurga district & periphery. Vedanta's holistic water conservation programme focuses on rejuvenation of agriculture through adequate irrigation facility and enhancement of ground water recharge, especially in drought prone areas. Vedanta's numerous Water harvesting initiatives have benefitted communities through harvesting of 6.1 Cr. Litres of water and have contributed massively to the rejuvenation of Agriculture bringing around 50 Ha. Agri. land under irrigation.

Water harvesting programme immensely contributed to soil erosion control through systematic channelization of water and development of catchment areas to arrest & prevent fertile soil wash off. The silt generated during the Water channel & Water reservoir work is used by the farmers in their agriculture fields leading to the improvement in soil fertility and enhancement of Agri. yield.

Speaking about the initiative **Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Iron & Steel Sector, Vedanta Limited** said "At Vedanta, We are committed towards adoption of best in class Environmental, social and Governance (ESG) practices. This holistic water conservation and harvesting programme is yet another step towards our larger vision of sustainable growth with highest emphasis on conservation of resources through reduce, reuse & recycle"

Nataraj Heggere, Muthugadur Gram Panchayat member appreciated Vedanta and Said "Vedanta Ltd. has taken up the tank rejuvenation activity at Muthugadur village, which has increased the storage capacity of existing tanks. I am extremely happy to see the dried bore wells getting recharged and working properly. This has also increased the yield of the crop as the local farmers have applied the silt from the tank to their farm lands which has enhanced the soil quality. I sincerely thank Vedanta Ltd. for such initiatives and helping our farmers in many ways. "

Mr. Krishna Reddy, Director- Iron Ore Karnataka, Vedanta Limited quoted "At Vedanta, We believe in the sustainable usage of precious natural resources with maximum emphasis on recycling and reuse. Water is very precious resource and our constant endeavour is to conserve the water through all possible means not only within our operations but also among the peripheral areas of our operations."

Iron Ore Karnataka Division of Vedanta Limited, is supporting communities through various high impact development programs such as Alternative Livelihood Opportunities Project (ALOP) for generation of sustainable livelihood opportunities for the communities, providing of healthcare facilities at the doorstep etc. Recently company inaugurated two COVID field hospitals at Chitradurga & Hubli, adding 200 Bedded Medical infrastructure in the state of Karnataka to extend support to state administration for combating COVID. Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka is reaching out the various section of society through numerous community development initiatives in the major thrust areas that is education, Livelihoods, skill development, Health & Sanitation, Infrastructure development, Agriculture.

About Vedanta Limited

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indigenous and environment-friendly technology for producing high quality metallurgical coke. Sesa Goa Iron Ore also has a 60 MW power plant that produces clean power by using the waste heat recovery from its coke ovens and blast furnace gas. Sesa Goa Iron Ore operations in India are in Goa & Karnataka.

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