

Press Release

Vedanta supports organic farming at Chitradurga; provides bio-fertilizers to over 100 farmers

- *Vedanta IOK under 'Alternative Livelihood Opportunity Project' (ALOP) supported 100 farmers across 10 villages with bio-fertilizers to promote organic methods of farming.*
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Karnataka: As a part of CSR initiatives Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) recently provided Bio-fertilizers to over 100 farmers from across 10 villages. The objective of this initiative is to promote organic farming across Chitradurga district and support farmers in enhancing agricultural yield in a highly sustainable manner. This unique initiative is a part of ALOP- the umbrella CSR project of Vedanta's IOK which is helping farmers to minimize reliance on harmful chemical fertilizers and motivating them to shift towards organic methods of farming.

The bio-fertilizers contain microbes that prevents pests, facilitates nitrogen fixation, and ensures proper nutrition for the plants without harming them or without having any negative affect on the soil quality. The microbes present in bio-fertilizers are very soil friendly which can multiply with moisture in the soil and stimulates the plant growth through synthesis of growth-promoting substances.

Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO – Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited said "We are committed towards holistic development of communities from the periphery of our operations in Chitradurga through our structured CSR interventions, and ALOP is one of the important wings of our CSR initiatives which is highly successful in positively impacting thousands of lives across Chitradurga through generation of sustainable livelihood opportunities. This initiative towards promotion of organic methods of agriculture is a testimony of our focussed efforts towards sustainable future"

Mr. Chandrappa, Gram Panchayat Member of Bommavanagathihalli said, "*I would like to thank Vedanta for their immense support. Biofertilizers are very helpful to cultivate vegetables and other agriculture crops with a good yield. Farming is how we make our livelihood, so any help in preserving and enhancing our ability to do that is very much appreciated.*"

Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, CEO – Iron ore Karnataka, Vedanta Limited' said "At Vedanta's IOK we are committed towards the holistic development of communities around and it is an integral aspect of our business philosophy. Through ALOP initiative we are consistently contributing towards creation of sustainable livelihood opportunities across Chitradurga. This initiative is yet another step in our endeavour towards sustainable future"

Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka has implemented various high impact community development programs in Karnataka under the larger umbrella of Alternative Livelihood Opportunities Project (ALOP) such as drinking water project, drought mitigation measures, Women empowerment programs, WADI initiatives, crop diversification initiative, clean kitchen chulas, etc. for communities.

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