

Press Release

Vedanta's IOK Extends Infra Support to Chitradurga District Administration

- *Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) Business constructs a compound wall at Chitradurga District's Taluk office.*

Chitradurga, 21st June 2022: As a part of its CSR initiative, Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka Business has provided infrastructural support to the Taluk office of Chitradurga district by constructing a compound wall to enhance security and control trespassing into the office premises. Through this initiative, the company has showcased its support to the administration of Chitradurga district and further enhanced their collaborative efforts with the government for the benefit of the communities.

The completed compound wall infrastructure developed by the company, was formally handed over to the taluk office administration in the distinguished presence of chief guests of the event Smt.Kavitha S Mannikeri, I.A.S Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District and Mr. G H Sathyanarayana, Tahsildar, Chitradurga District along with Mr. P Narayan, Chief CSR ER PR Officer, Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka, other Govt. staff.

Infrastructure development is one of the major thrust areas of Vedanta's CSR initiatives. The aim of this initiative is to further upgrade community infrastructure for larger benefits of the district Administration staff and people of Chitradurga.

Speaking about Vedanta IOK's CSR initiative, **Smt. Kavitha S Mannikeri, I.A.S., Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District** said *"Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka has been supporting the Chitradurga District Administration through various initiatives, be it construction of compound walls, installation of drinking water purifiers, establishment of Covid-19 critical care units. They have always sought the best for the society. I heartfully appreciate their contributions to our district and wish them all success to continue with their good community works in the future."*

Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO- Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited said *"Our constant endeavour is to partner with state Govt./district administration to contribute towards Socio-Economic upliftment of peripheral areas and to reach out to maximum number of people. We implemented various such programs in association with state administration including numerous community outreach initiatives towards combating COVID-19 pandemic, ALOP project, Nandghar etc. at Karnataka. This project is yet another step in our strive to join hands with Chitradurga district administration for upgrading community infrastructure and we will continue our strategic CSR interventions for larger benefits to community"*

Reaffirming Vedanta IOK's commitment towards community welfare, **Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, CEO – Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK)** stated, *"At Vedanta, our motto of "Desh Ki Zarooraton ke Liye" is at the core of our business philosophy & reflects in every aspect of our operations. This community infrastructure development initiative is yet another step, in association with district administration for improving the work conditions for the people of surrounding community. We are committed to work closely with our stakeholders, while contributing to the overall development of communities."*

Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka has played an active role and supported Chitradurga district administration amid the first and second wave of Covid-19. Company had provided masks, face-shields sanitizers, immunity boosters, PPE kits, ICU beds and other medical infrastructure to district administration and government hospital. A drone was made available to the department of Police for better surveillance apart from providing them with Covid-19 preventive equipment. Earlier this year, the company also installed 250-liter capacity water system at the Taluk office and donated two desktops to the Chitradurga District Police Department.

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