

## **Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka Business contributing towards boosting the literacy rate and for upliftment of education in Chitradurga**

- Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka have supported close to 16,000 students from Chitradurga district through various CSR initiatives towards upliftment of education and enhancing literacy rate.

**26<sup>th</sup> July Chitradurga, Karnataka:** Education is one of the major thrust areas of Vedanta's CSR interventions. In line with larger group philosophy, Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka has been immensely contributed towards upliftment of education and enhancing literacy rate, across Chitradurga through various CSR programs. Vedanta IOK's structured CSR initiatives in the field of education have so far benefitted around 16000 students across the district.

The company implemented several programs in the field of education such as scholarship, school transports, Nandghar, school infrastructure development programs, evening study centers, Notebook distribution and special coaching centers. These structured CSR interventions are helping in creating conducive environment for students to enhance their academic performance and contributing to the larger purpose of improvement in enrolments for higher education. Vedanta IOK is also supporting in establishing the Kendriya Vidyalaya in Chitradurga with renovation of the building and other infrastructural support in the campus that includes construction of compound walls and sanitation complexes.

**Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO, Iron Ore Business - Vedanta Limited** said *"At Vedanta, we believe quality education is the most important aspect of holistic community development. I am pleased to see that our unique CSR interventions such as school transport facility, upgradation of school infrastructure, Nandghar, scholarship and many such initiatives across Chitradurga district, are massively contributing towards improvement in quality of education. We are committed to further expand reach of our community development programs to drive our larger goal of Transforming Communities."*

**Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, CEO, Iron Ore Business Karnataka** stated that *"Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) has been supporting the people of Chitradurga district through various structured CSR initiatives and We firmly believe that education is one of the important thrust areas for holistic community development. I am glad to see that we are expanding reach of our CSR programs especially towards upliftment of education, leading to the Socio- Economic transformation among the communities around. Our initiatives such as construction of school buildings, classrooms, school transport facility and scholarships for the students helping them in pursuing higher education and for better academic performance."*

Vedanta's IOK has created huge number of sustainable livelihood opportunities through Alternative Livelihood Opportunity Project (ALOP) and skill training centres across Chitradurga district. The company also contributing immensely towards the Women empowerment through various initiatives with special focus on upliftment of SHG's.

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