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Vedanta inaugurates Bio-toilets in Kadleguddu Village

Chitradurga, June 6th 2017: The first eco-friendly bio-digester toilet towards a clean and beautiful Karnataka, constructed by Vedanta was inaugurated on 6th June in the true essence of local community participation at the hands of Mr. Prabhudeva, Regional Environment Officer-KSPCB in the presence of Mr. Muralidhar, Environment officer, KSPCB, Panchayat members students, teachers and the Vedanta CSR team at Sri Anjaneyaswamy High School, in Kadleguddu Village, Karnataka.

Mr. Prabhudeva, Regional Environment Officer - KSPCB expressed, “The lack of toilets puts the public health and sanitation in the country at risk. Roughly 60 percent of the country’s population still defecate in the open and the consequences on health and hygiene are huge for the society. We appreciate Vedanta’s initiative towards aligned to the Swachh Bharat Mission which will enable communities especially girls to sanitation and hygiene.”

Addressing the gathering on this occasion the Panchayat members said “We are indebted to Vedanta for taking up various developmental projects in our region. This initiative of constructing toilets in schools and for local communities will go a long way in eradicating open defecation in our area.”

4 bio-digester toilets have been installed which will benefit at unit around 565 students. Bio-Digester is a decomposition mechanism toilet system which decomposes human excretory waste in the digester tank using specific high graded bacteria further converting it into methane and water, discharged further to the desired surface. The Bio-digester is a total maintenance-free system, which does not require any sewage system. The inoculums bacteria used in these bio-digester procreate and generate new bacteria in an anaerobic environment which exclude the necessity of repeat dosing. This initiative will help reduce girls’ dropout from schools.

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Photo Caption:

1. **Mr. Prabhudeva, Regional Environment Officer-KSPCB inaugurates Bio-toilets at Sri Anjaneyaswamy High School**
2. **Sri Anjaneyaswamy High School students with Bio-toilets**

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