
PRESS RELEASE

Vedanta commemorates World Environment Day

-hosts an array of events to spread environmental awareness in mining belts-

Chitradurga/ Bangalore, June xx, 2018: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore - Karnataka division organized week-long celebration in various mining belts of Chitradurga. As part of its continued sustainability efforts, the company, from 1st June 2018 onwards, led many events to spread the message around best practices for environmental conservation and protection, under the guidance of Prof. H K S Swamy, a renowned environmentalist in Karnataka.

Emphasizing on this year's theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution', Vedanta's employees pledged for Zero Harm to Environment by taking onus to use sustainable substitutes to plastics in their homes and workplace. The varied events of the celebration include sapling plantation, cleanliness drive and awareness talk sessions on waste management and plastic eradication at Government High Schools at Hireguntunuru, Bommenahalli, Kadleguddu, Megalahalli and Chikkenahalli in Chitradurga. Essay writing, painting and speech competitions were conducted for students to impart them the importance and value of environmental stability for a good future and their responsibility towards it. Best students were felicitated during the celebration.

Speaking on the initiatives, Mr. Krishna Reddy, Head, Iron Ore Karnataka Division, Vedanta Sesa Goa said, **"According to the UN data, every year 500 billion plastic bags are used in various forms which are later transformed into plastic waste. India alone generates about 15,342 tons of plastic waste per day. It is high time for us to act upon the situation. The liability lies with each and every individual to adopt environment-friendly lifestyle that urges for reduced and sensible use of plastics."** He further added, **"As a responsible corporate, Vedanta has always been a front-runner in conceptualizing and implementing strong sustainability initiatives across the country. We firmly believe in giving back to the nature. Our mine lands reclamation concept testifies our belief and value towards developing a better environment."**

As part of the week-long environment awareness drive, Vedanta planted around 1200 saplings of different species in the school premises and mines, while it has set a target to plant 45000 saplings this year. The drive also witnessed participation of more than 350 students.

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