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### Vedanta concludes two-week notebook distribution drive in Chitradurga

-Notebooks were handed over to around 8,875 students of 45 schools from 24 villages-

**Chitradurga/ Bangalore, July 19, 2018:** Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore - Karnataka division today culminates its two-week notebook distribution drive in the presence of **Chief Guest, Sri P N Ravindra, IAS officer and CEO of Chitradurga Zilla Panchayat**. As part of the culmination, Vedanta organized a cultural event for the students of Shri Bheemeshwara Rural High School, Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga District, Karnataka. Around 8,875 students belonging to 34 primary and 11 high schools of 24 villages located close to the mines were benefitted from the drive.

Addressing the gathering, **Sri PN Ravindra, IAS officer and CEO of Chitradurga Zilla Panchayat** said, "Education is the first fundamental step towards the growth and development of a nation. It is everyone's responsibility to contribute for it. Students should understand the importance of education and put their heart and soul to achieve academic excellence. I appreciate Vedanta for its commendable and continuous CSR initiatives for the people of Chitradurga. The notebook distribution drive reflects Vedanta's commitment and support to inspire students towards education."

He further said, "A comprehensive plan for socio-economic development has been undertaken for Chitradurga district through SPV and DMF and we look forward to achieving it soon." He also shared career guidance and tips on time management and competitive exam preparation for the students.

Speaking at the occasion, **Mr. Chandrakant S Patil, Head, ER-PR, Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore - Karnataka division** said, "The commitment to promote and develop education has been one of the core values ingrained in our CSR list, along with infrastructure development and women empowerment. We have been constantly working on implementing unique initiatives that encourage education among the students in Chitradurga and Karnataka. We also recently inaugurated our first one-of-its-kind modern anganwadi 'Nand Ghar' in Dharward and also plan to launch computer centres in Chitradurga. We hope that it will aid the students."

The notebook drive is a special recognition to outstanding students and also motivate other students to follow the path of successful education for a strong career. Vedanta staff, faculty members of the schools, and villagers were part of the drive.

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