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Vedanta's week-long awareness drive culminates with zeal to nurture environment

Chitradurga/ Bangalore, June 07, 2018: Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore - Karnataka division today culminates its week-long celebration organized to mark the occasion of World Environment Day in Chitradurga. The successful awareness drive was concluded in the presence of the chief guest **Mr. Muralidhar, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga** and presided over by **Mr. Lohith Kumar, Environment Officer, Chitradurga** and **Ms. Afreenz Shunthi, Range Forest Officer, Holalkere**. The last day of the celebration witnessed a speech competition and plantation drive conducted at Shri Anjaneyaswamy High School, Kadleguddu village.

At the occasion, Vedanta launched its much awaited '**Mobile Health Unit**' initiative under its CSR belt. The MHU aims to provide doorstep health care facilities for eleven villages in Chitradurga. The MHU will visit these villages twice a week consisting of qualified and experienced doctor, pharmacist and nurse. The company has already implemented the MHU concept in other parts of the country and has received tremendous appreciation for it.

Emphasizing on this year's theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution', **Mr. Muralidhar, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga** said, "Plastic-free environment is the need of hour. Therefore, we must work on reducing the plastic consumption in our daily regimen and spread the message to our near and dear ones. I appreciate Vedanta for its wonderful initiatives and dedication on environment protection. Its commitment towards social welfare is always commendable. Today's launch of MHU will certainly aid the locals of Chitradurga."

Expressing his gratitude, **Mr. Shrishaila Gowda, Associate General Manager (operations), Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore - Karnataka division** said, "I thank each and everyone for making this awareness drive a success. As a responsible corporate, we are always committed to sustainable development in every operation of our business. Our philosophy "People, Planet and Prosperity" has laid foundation for various initiatives that thrive for holistic development of our society and nature. We strongly believe on the ideology that the company and society have to grow together."

As part of the celebration, Vedanta hosted an array of events under the guidance of Prof. H K S Swamy- a renowned environmentalist in Karnataka. The events included 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. Vedanta planted around 1,200 saplings of different species in the school premises and mines, while it has set a target to plant 45,000 saplings this year. The drive also witnessed participation of more than 350 students.

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