

## Press Note

### **Mrs. Uma Mahadevan, IAS, Principal Secretary, Govt of Karnataka appreciated Vedanta's contribution of 1000 ration kits for Migrant Labourers to Combat Covid-19**

**Chitradurga, 08.06.2020:** Vedanta Iron Ore at Karnataka, to battle the widespread outbreak of deadly COVID-19, handed over 1000 dry ration kits to the Principal Secretary Office, Govt of Karnataka. The official handover of the ration kits was carried out by Ms. Meghna Ghosh, Chief External Relation Officer, Vedanta Iron Ore Business, Karnataka to Mrs. Uma Mahadevan, IAS, Principal Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Govt of Karnataka. These ration packets will be provided to the migrant labourers as they battle the Covid-19 pandemic in these exceedingly difficult and challenging times. This contribution will emerge as a big relief to the people who have suffered the most during this pandemic - the migrant labourers.

The dry ration packets consist of basic amenities viz rice, wheat atta, potato, onions, refined oil, turmeric, chilli, coriander powder, salt, sugar, tea etc. for the migrant labourers to survive this unprecedented crisis situation. Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka is extending support to the communities and all other stakeholders to battle against this difficult situation through all possible means including support to State Government's endeavours in this regard.

Mr. Krishna Reddy, Director - Vedanta Iron Ore Business, Karnataka said, "This situation has united us all to help each other and I am hopeful that through our collective efforts, we will succeed in fighting this dreadful pandemic. Vedanta as a responsible corporate has been ramping up varied community outreach programs to reach out to the ones in need to battle against this pandemic."

Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka, has initiated several on-ground support activities to overcome this difficult situation. Recently, Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka provided the Office of Superintendent of Police with drone camera along with tablet that would help them monitor and keep a close track of the movement of the people in Chitradurga District. Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka donated Rs. 1 Crore to Karnataka's CM Relief Fund while also handing over 10 ICU cots and 10 Multi-Para Monitor to the District Administration to get these units installed at the Chitradurga COVID – 19 Relief District Hospital. Previously the company also provided Personal Protective kits, hand gloves, masks, sanitizer bottles, ration kits and an ambulance for emergency medical facilities to the Chitradurga District Collector's office along with handing over 3400 ration kits to the Chitradurga District Administration Office to help them be well prepared in the current situation. Besides this, Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka distributed hand gloves, masks, sanitizer bottles to police officers, health workers and the government officials across Chitradurga district. Also, Fumigation services were provided to police stations, Dy. DMG office and Forest office in the Chitradurga District.

Vedanta has planned certain initiatives which will support the nationwide fight against COVID - 19 pandemic. Implementation of most of the initiatives are already initiated at Goa, Karnataka and Jharkhand, respectively.

We wish everyone a healthy stay at home.

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