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## PRESS RELEASE

### VEDANTA'S DIGITAL LITERACY OUTREACH PROGRAM BENEFITS 350+ PEOPLE ACROSS CHITRADURGA DISTRICT

**Chitradurga, 14th February, 2020:** Vedanta felicitates its second batch of 128 graduates from Malappanahatti, Sirigere and Muttugudooru villages, on completion of their vocational computer training course. With this, the initiative of Vedanta Computer training centre has so far benefitted over 350 people from over 20 villages across Chitradurga district. Certificates were handed over to graduates of second batch by Mr. Eshwarappa A., Village Leader – Malappanahatti, Ms. Roopa Prakash, Panchayati President - Sirigere and Mr. Prabhu, Gram Panchayati Member – Muttugudooru.

Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business quoted "At Vedanta, We are fully committed to contribute to the holistic development of our communities. Quality education is extremely vital for any community to progress. It is our constant endeavor to impart quality skill training to our communities in order to make them competent for better career opportunities. Vedanta computer training center helps in fostering the digital skills among communities, providing them a much needed platform to excel in the arena of IT and technology, which has constant demand for skilled talent."

Vedanta village computer literacy program is conceptualized and implemented across the country which is in line with the digital India vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi. The main objective of the program is to bridge the digital knowledge gap particularly with more focus on reaching out to the rural areas of the country. The Vedanta Computer training course is divided into two modules that constitutes a Basic course for the initial three months and an advance course for three months subsequently.

On the occasion Mr. Krishna Reddy, Director, Iron Ore, Karnataka commented, "In our journey of positively transforming lives and serving our communities, Vedanta computer training programs have delivered far reaching impact. It has helped communities across Chitradurga district to upgrade their skills which will be instrumental in their career progression. We will continue to contribute towards the Socio-Economic upliftment of communities, peripheral to our Business operations through our structured CSR programs."

Established in the year 1992, the Vocational Computer Training program is a successful model of Vedanta foundation. A total of 211 centers functioning nationwide have imparted computer literacy training to about 4 million people so far. This program is set to expand further in the coming years in Karnataka to bring about an exponential growth in digital literacy.

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