

Press Release

Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa inaugurates Vedanta Cares COVID Field Hospital in Chitradurga

- **COVID Field Hospital at Chitradurga equipped with critical care facilities with 12 ICU beds with Ventilators and 88 oxygenated beds**
- **Vedanta setting up second field hospital in Karnataka at Hubli, adding total 200 COVID care beds in the State.**
- **Company delivering on its commitment to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in the State**

Bengaluru/Chitradurga, June 3, 2021: Delivering on its commitment to enhance the healthcare infrastructure in Karnataka and support communities in the fight against Covid-19, Vedanta today commissioned its first state-of-the-art 100-bed Covid Field Hospital in the State, in Chitradurga. The Vedanta Cares Field Hospital was inaugurated virtually by Shri BS Yediyurappa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, in the presence of Shri. Anil Agarwal, Chairman of Vedanta.

Other dignitaries present at the inauguration included Shri B Sriramulu, Minister Social Welfare & District Minister Chitradurga, Shri Narayana Swamy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri GH Thippareddy, MLA Chitradurga, Shri P Ravi Kumar, Chief Secretary Govt. of Karnataka, Shri. M Chandrappa, Hon'ble MLA , Shri. Manjunath Prasad, ACS, Revenue, Ms. Radhika, SP Chitradurga, Smt. Kavitha S Mannikeri, District Collector, Chitradurga,

The COVID Field Hospital in Chitradurga is equipped with best-in-class medical infrastructure including oxygen and ventilators for critical patients.

Vedanta is also setting up a second Covid Field Hospital at Hubli in Karnataka with 100-beds which is in the final stages of completion. The two Vedanta Cares hospitals in Karnataka with a total of 200 Covid care beds are in line with Vedanta's commitment to set-up 1,000 COVID care beds across India to support the Government in combatting Covid-19.

Appreciating Vedanta's endeavour to join hands with the Government of Karnataka to counter the second wave of Covid-19, **Karnataka CM Shri. B S Yediyurappa** said, *"I am extremely happy to note that Vedanta Group has joined hands with Government to fight against Covid-19 pandemic. On behalf of Government of Karnataka, I extend my heartfelt*

thanks to Vedanta for helping to set up Covid Care Hospital in Chitradurga. Thank you, Anil Agarwal ji and team, for your continued support and extensive efforts."

Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta said, *"I am anguished to see the impact of the second wave of Covid-19 and loss of precious lives. Vedanta is committed to beef up the medical infrastructure and is working closely with government bodies and local administration to strengthen the country's fight against Covid-19. The Vedanta Cares field hospital in Chitradurga is a testimony to our commitment to serving communities through state-of-the-art medical facilities. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Honourable Chief Minister Shri BS Yediyurappa Ji for taking out time from his busy schedule to inaugurate the field hospital and compliment him for providing the much-needed support to people whose livelihoods have been hit by the pandemic."*

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO, Iron & Steel Business, Vedanta Limited,** said, *"Upgradation of healthcare infrastructure is incredibly important in response to the Covid pandemic which has put tremendous stress on existing healthcare infrastructure. Our 100-bedded Covid field hospital equipped with critical care support at Chitradurga will help to take some stress off the healthcare system in Karnataka and will help to ensure the safety of our local communities around Chitradurga. We are committed to support the Karnataka Government in combating Covid and will soon be completing second Covid Field hospital at Hubli thereby adding 200-beds medical infrastructure in the state of Karnataka"*

Mr. Krishna Reddy, Director, Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka said, *"At Vedanta we are committed to the health and safety of all our stakeholders and communities around. In this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic, Vedanta is providing relief to people through various community outreach initiatives by supporting the State & District administrations. This Covid field hospital is the testimony to our philosophy of care, and we will continue in our endeavour to partner with Karnataka Government and our country at large, to overcome this health crisis."*

During the first wave of Covid-19 last year, Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka provided relentless support to the people of Karnataka and frontline warriors by contributing to the CM relief fund, providing masks, sanitizers and supplying groceries during the lockdown. Vedanta group is working on several initiatives to support the fight against the second wave as well and has supplied 8.26 Lakh litres of medical oxygen and set up three oxygen plants.

About Vedanta Cares

Vedanta is committed to reinvest in the social good of its neighbourhood communities and the nation. Under the aegis of Anil Agarwal Foundation, Vedanta is setting up 10 'field hospitals' with 1,000 beds for COVID -19 patients across India. The company has pledged Rs.

150 Cr to help the country in its fight against the rapidly spreading second wave of Covid 19. The company had contributed Rs 201 crore last year in the wake of the Covid crisis catering to the livelihood of daily wage workers, preventive health care and support to all its employees and contract partners across its plant locations.

About Vedanta Limited

Vedanta Limited, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Limited, is one of the world's leading Oil & Gas and Metals company with significant operations in Oil & Gas, Zinc, Lead, Silver, Copper, Iron Ore, Steel, and Aluminium & Power across India, South Africa, Namibia, and Australia. For two decades, Vedanta has been contributing significantly to nation building. Governance and sustainable development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety, and environment. Giving back is in the DNA of Vedanta, which is focused on enhancing the lives of local communities. Under the aegis of Vedanta Cares, the flagship social impact program, Nand Ghars have been set up as model anganwadis focused on eradicating child malnutrition, providing education, healthcare, and empowering women with skill development. Vedanta and its group companies have been featured in Dow Jones Sustainability Index 2020, and were conferred Frost & Sullivan Sustainability Awards 2020, CII Environmental Best Practices Award 2020, CSR Health Impact Award 2020, CII National Award 2020 for Excellence in Water Management, CII Digital Transformation Award 2020, ICSI National Award 2020 for excellence in Corporate Governance, People First HR Excellence Award 2020, 'Company with Great Managers 2020' by People Business and certified as a Great Place to Work 2021. Vedanta's flagship Nand Ghar Project was identified as best CSR project by the Government of Rajasthan. Vedanta Limited is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange in India and has ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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