

Press Release

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi Inaugurates Second Vedanta Cares COVID Field Hospital in Karnataka

- **Vedanta's second COVID field hospital at Hubli is fully equipped with critical care facilities with 20 ICU beds and 80 oxygenated beds.**
- **With the Launch of two Vedanta Cares COVID Field Hospitals at Chitradurga & Hubli, Vedanta has added 200 beds Medical infrastructure for COVID patients in the state.**
- **Company delivering on its commitment to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in the State**

Bengaluru/Hubli, June 12, 2021: Delivering on its commitment to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in Karnataka and support communities in the fight against Covid-19, Vedanta today commissioned its second state-of-the-art 100-bed Covid field hospital in the State in Hubli. Vedanta's first COVID field hospital in the state was recently inaugurated at Chitradurga.

Vedanta Cares COVID Field Hospital at Hubli was inaugurated today by Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India, in the virtual presence of Shri. Anil Agarwal, Chairman of Vedanta.

Other dignitaries present at the inauguration included Shri Jagadish Shettar, Minister of large and medium scale industries and district Minister Hubli- Dharwad, Govt. of Karnataka, Shri. Basavaraj Horrati, Chairman of Karnataka Legislative council, Shri Arvind Bellad, Hon'ble MLA- Dharwad West, Shri. Prasad Abbayya, Hon'ble MLA, Hubli- Dharwad east, Shri Amrut Desai, Hon'ble MLA, Dharwad, Shri. Pradeep Shettar, MLC, Hubli- Dharwad, Shri. Nitesh Patil, Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad-Hubli, Shri. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Iron & Steel Business, Vedanta Limited, Shri. Sujal Shah, Deputy CEO- Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited and other executives from state & District Administration and from Vedanta.

The COVID Field Hospital at Hubli is equipped with best-in-class medical infrastructure including oxygen and ventilators for critical patients. 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 partner with the Government to counter the second wave of Covid-19, **Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs of India Shri. Pralhad Joshi** said, *"I would like to thank Shri Anil Agarwal ji for immediately coming forward and setting up Covid Care Hospital in Hubli-Dharwad on my request. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister had asked all the industrialists to support the country when the second wave of Covid was grappling the country. Shri Anil Agarwal Ji and Vedanta Group has been very efficient and aggressive and has set-up 2 Covid Field Hospitals in the record time in the state of Karnataka. Even during the first wave. Vedanta had been very prompt to provide medical equipment infrastructure support, medicines etc. On the behalf of the Government of India and people of Dharwad, I would once again like to express my gratitude to Shri Anil Agarwal."*

Shri Jagadish Shettar, Minister of large and medium scale industries and district Minister Hubli- Dharwad said, *"I had sensitized Shri Pralhad Joshi ji about the need of a Covid hospital and on his request, Shri Anil Agarwal ji sanctioned this hospital and within a short period his officials installed this important makeshift hospital in Dharwad district. I am thankful to Anil Agarwal ji for his service to the society, which is very important during this crisis period."*

Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta said, *"We are fully committed to our philosophy of giving back. The second wave of the pandemic has disrupted lives and livelihoods and we are doing all that we can to support the Centre and the State governments in the battle against Covid-19. Karnataka is one of the two states in the country where we are setting up two Vedanta Cares field hospitals and this is a testimony to our commitment to serving the communities here through state-of-the-art medical facilities. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi Ji and the entire State administration for providing us support to set up the second hospital at Hubli. Vedanta stands united with the Nation in overcoming this challenge."*

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO, Iron & Steel Business, Vedanta Limited**, said, *"We are committed towards the collective support to the Karnataka Govt. in combating COVID and I am confident the expansion of State's medical infrastructure with commissioning of two Vedanta Cares COVID Field hospitals adding 200 beds fully equipped Medical facility will massively help in providing the best healthcare facilities to the communities around. At Vedanta our constant endeavour is to ensure the Health and Safety of people and I am sure we will tide over this crisis situation due to COVID, very soon."*

Mr. Krishna Reddy, Director, Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka said, *"Vedanta COVID Field hospitals at Karnataka is the testimony of our commitment to 'care' for our communities. As a responsible corporate, Vedanta is dedicated to augment the medical infrastructure and we are partnering with government and local administration to strengthen the country's fight against Covid-19"*

With the launch of this new facility, Vedanta has already rolled out COVID hospitals in record time in Delhi NCR, Naya Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Barmer (Rajasthan), Bokaro (Jharkhand), Chitradurga and Hubli (Karnataka) besides which company has provided 100 bed medical infrastructure support at Goa. The company has committed to set up 10 field hospitals with 1,000 COVID care beds across India to support the central and state governments in combatting the second wave of Covid-19.

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 1313 MT 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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