

## Press Release

### **Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka celebrates 'Swachhata Pakhwada' to support Swacch Bharat Mission**

- *Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) distributes 2300 facemasks and 40 litres of sanitizers at Bommenahalli, Kadleguddu, and Megalahalli villages in Chitradurga district*
- *Promotes health & hygiene through awareness sessions among communities and organises cleanliness drive in & around operation site.*

**Karnataka, 20 December, 2021:** Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka Business celebrated 'Swachhata Pakhwada'— a fortnight-long program on cleanliness & hygiene in line with the larger vision of Swacch Bharat Mission.

The company organized multiple initiatives such as mass plantation drive, de-weeding, and fertilizer application on planted saplings within premises. As part of 'Swachhata Pakhwada', local community members were sensitized about scientific handwashing techniques for prevention of transmissible diseases and were provided with hygiene kits. Vedanta IOK organized cleanliness drives in schools and organized essay writing competitions for the students covering the topics including environment protection and importance of hygienic lifestyle.

The 'Swachhata Pakhwada' campaign was inaugurated by Mr. Vijay Mehta, Head - Operation and Maintenance at Vedanta IOK. The three villages that were covered under the 'Swachhata Pakhwada' program included Bommenahalli, Kadleguddu, and Megalahalli in Chitradurga District, Karnataka. Vedanta distributed more than 2300 masks and 40 litres of sanitizers in these villages.

**Mr. S. B Keerthi Kumar, Headmaster, Sri Anjeneya Swami High School, Manangi** appreciated the role of Vedanta and said, *"We would like to thank Vedanta for educating students about healthy and clean living. The events organized by Vedanta helped students learn more about cleanliness and importance of clean environment. Various competitions and Prizes distribution was organized to encourage students."*

**Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO, Vedanta Iron and Steel Sector** stated, *"At Vedanta, we are committed towards contributing to the nationwide Swachh Bharat Mission through various initiatives. 'Swachhata Pakhwada' at Chitradurga- Karnataka is yet another step towards our goal of promoting health, hygiene and cleanliness among our operations and communities around. Our endeavour is to further ramp up our plantation and cleanliness initiatives across the communities to expand the reach of initiatives manifold."*

In line with Vedanta philosophy of care and community welfare, Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka Business has been working in close- coordination with the community of Chitradurga and contributing to the community development through various structured CSR interventions such as Alternative Livelihood Opportunities program (ALOP), Medical facilities etc.

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