

Press Release

First edition of ‘Vedanta Inter School Sports & Cultural Meet 2022’ flags off in Chitradurga

- Over 40 children participated in the various interschool competitions including sports, drawing, extempore etc.

15th November 2022: On the occasion of Children’s Day, Vedanta Iron ore Karnataka (IOK) launched the first edition of ‘Vedanta Inter School Sports & Cultural Meet (VISSCM)’ in Chitradurga. This initiative is a part of Vedanta IOK’s umbrella CSR program i.e., Sesa Students Talent Hunt, which aims at discovering & nurturing talents among the students, at grassroot level, across Chitradurga district. The VISSCM event was flagged off by chief guest Mr. B Kallappa, President Sri Bheemeshwara High school, Bheemasamudra in the distinguished presence of school faculties and executives from Vedanta’s IOK.

The students from Bheemasamudra, Siddapura, Hireguntanuru and Kadleguddu villages have actively participated in VISSCM 2022 held at Sri Bheemeshwara High School, Bheemasamudra. During the VISSCM event, many competitions viz., track & field races (4*100 mts relay, 100 mts, 200 mts), Just A Minute (JAM - Kannada), Drawing & sketch, were conducted. The event received great response and appreciation from school administration.

Below teams/ Students emerged as the winners of various competitions

1. 4*100 M boys relay race - S.B.R.H.S Bheemasamudra
2. 200M girls- Anusha.N, S.A.H.S Kadleguddu
3. 100M Girls - Abhinaya Yadav, S.B.R.H.S Bheemasamudra
4. Drawing - Pavan Kumar.N, S.B.R.H.S Bheemasamudra
5. Extempore - Eshwari. M, S.B.R.H.S Bheemasamudra

Addressing the students during the event, **Mr. B Kallappa, President Sri Bheemeshwara High school, Bheemasamudra**, said “Education of a student should not be restricted to just four walls of a classroom. It has to go beyond any boundaries. Sports and extramural activities should be included in the curriculum of schools for a holistic development of students. I heartfully appreciate the efforts of Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka for initiating this program, which gives a platform to the young kids to showcase their talents.”

Mr. Krishna Reddy, COO – Mining, Vedanta Iron Ore Business, said, *“Today’s children are the architects of the India’s future. It is our responsibility to equip them with all the skillset and values that are required to mould them into responsible citizens. We, at Vedanta, believe in empowering Children and youth from the communities around through our structured CSR initiatives. I am delighted with the launch of VISSCM 2022 in Chitradurga,*

Karnataka, which is yet another step in our endeavour to discover & nurture budding talents at grassroot level.”

Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, CEO – Iron ore Karnataka, Vedanta Limited said, “At Vedanta, Sports and Culture is one the key thematic areas of our CSR initiatives. Recently we have launched Sesa Students Talent Hunt program to identify & groom the budding talents from nearby communities, and VISSCM is a step forward in the same direction, which provided platform to talented kids to compete and improve further. We are elated by the response received for the first edition of VISSCM from students, school staff and villagers. I personally congratulate all the winners and participants of the competitions who exhibited great spirits of sportsmanship.”

Vedanta’s Iron Ore Karnataka has been contributing towards upliftment of education across Chitradurga through various initiatives like Utkarsh Scholarships, classroom constructions, sanitation complexes for girl students, compound wall constructions for students’ safety, notebooks and stationery distributions, etc.

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