

## Press Release

### **Vedanta IOK provides infrastructural support for upgradation of educational institute in Chitradurga**

- *Initiates renovation and infrastructure development at Govt Science College, Chitradurga campus*
- *The project with estimated budget of Rs 97 lakh will benefit thousands of students through development of better education facilities.*

**Chitradurga, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022:** As a part of its CSR initiatives, Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) has recently initiated renovation and infrastructure development projects at Government Science College, Chitradurga. The proposed infrastructure development project by Vedanta includes construction of a compound wall surrounding the entire campus space to ensure safety of students since the campus is located close to the national highway.

The present infrastructure at Govt. Science college needs upgradation to meet the required standards of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. Vedanta IOK has proposed to take up revamping of sanitation complexes, canteen, washrooms, meeting stage and other miscellaneous civil work which are required to set up Kendriya Vidyalaya in the same campus.

The foundation stone ceremony for the construction of the compound wall was organized at Chitradurga in the distinguished presence of Mr. A. Narayanaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment and Mr. K S Naveen, Member of Legislative Council, Principal & management staff of Govt. Science College and management members from Vedanta IOK.

**Mr. A. Narayanaswamy, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India** said, "I am thankful to Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka for initiating this infrastructure development work at Govt. Science college, Chitradurga. The construction and renovation will pave way to get the much-needed prestigious Kendriya Vidyalaya at Chitradurga and allow kids to pursue quality education in a safe, secure, vibrant and clean environment."

**Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO, Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited,** said "This infrastructure development initiative is an extension of our holistic approach towards upliftment of education facilities for the larger benefits of the communities in the periphery of our operations. We are partnering with Govt. at various levels to bring in positive transformation in the field of education with our nationwide flagship project 'NANDGHAR' and various other structured programs towards betterment of education facilities."

**Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, CEO-Iron Ore Karnataka, Vedanta Limited,** said, "We are committed towards the Socio-Economic upliftment of communities around through our structured CSR initiatives. Education is one of the major thrust areas of our community development program and this project is a step ahead in our endeavour to contribute towards betterment of education facilities."

Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka is organising various CSR activities across Chitradurga including umbrella initiative of Alternative Livelihoods opportunities project (ALOP) through which company has created many sustainable livelihood opportunities across the district.

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