

Press Release

Vedanta constructs over 200 'clean kitchen Chulhas' across 12 villages in Karnataka

- *Vedanta's IOK under 'Alternative Livelihood Opportunity Project' (ALOP) constructed 'clean kitchen Chulas' for 200 households across 12 villages in Karnataka*
- *Vedanta IOK introduced innovative 'chulhas' for households cooking needs, that allows rural communities to cook three items on the stove simultaneously, while diverting the smoke out of the house.*

Karnataka, 27th April 2022: Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka recently introduced innovative 'Clean Kitchen Chulha' initiative benefitting over 200 households across 12 villages in Karnataka. As a part of umbrella CSR initiative of 'Alternative Livelihood Opportunity Project' (ALOP), the company launched this project to improve health of rural communities by eliminating indoor pollutions caused due to use of traditional Chulha. Vedanta IOK constructed Clean Kitchen Chulas with innovative systems that allow the users to cook three items on the stove simultaneously, while diverting the smoke out of the house.

The innovative 'Clean Kitchen Chulha' also contains a glass tile instead of a sheet/terracotta tile to increase the availability of light in the room. This initiative was highly appreciated by communities around.

Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO- Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited said *"Our Alternative Livelihoods Opportunities project (ALOP) is conceptualized in such a way to facilitate the holistic development of communities around. This initiative is a step ahead in our efforts to improve health of the communities and eliminate the health hazards caused due to pollution from use of traditional Chulha's. We are committed towards transforming communities through our structured CSR interventions and our ALOP initiatives is driving our endeavour across Chitradurga- Karnataka"*

Ms. Ratanabai, A project beneficiary from Medekeripura village said, *"I wish to thank Vedanta for this unique initiative which will help us with better health and get rid of health issues caused due to smoke generation from traditional Chulha's. I request Vedanta to further expand reach of such useful initiatives"*

Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, CEO- Iron Ore Karnataka, Vedanta Limited said *" Our 'Alternative Livelihood Opportunity Project' initiative is a way for us to improve the lives of the people from communities around. Indoor air pollution is hazardous and has serious consequences on the health of people, mostly women cooking indoors. Considering that we constructed innovative systems that would significantly minimize indoor pollution, improving the health and well-being of the people."*

Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka has implemented various high impact community development programs in Karnataka under the alternative livelihood opportunities project (ALOP) like drinking water project, drought mitigation measures, scholarship programs, numerous health initiatives, crop diversification initiative, etc. for communities.

About Vedanta Limited

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