

## Press Release

### **Vedanta inaugurates ‘Jivika’ tailoring training centre to empower women from Chitradurga District**

- *Vedanta’s CSR initiative will benefit women from across 4 villages from Chitradurga district*

**Chitradurga, 26 February, 2022:** Vedanta’s Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) recently inaugurated tailoring training centre at Bheemasamudra village, reaching out to aspiring women from across 4 villages in Chitradurga district. As a part of ‘Jivika’ project- A CSR initiative of Vedanta’s IOK, a first tailoring training centre is started, to provide skill development opportunities for the women wherein 30+ women enrolled in first batch. The ‘Jivika’ Tailoring Training centre at Bheemasamudra was inaugurated in the distinguished presence of GP President, Parvatamma along with Vedanta’s staff.

This initiative is a part of Vedanta IOK’s umbrella CSR initiative in collaboration with NGO partner BAIF, that is Alternative Livelihood Opportunities Project (ALOP). Aim of ‘Jivika’ program is to foster women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) activities and provide the quality skill training to women for generation of sustainable livelihood opportunities for them. Women from surrounding communities can enrol for two months tailoring training program at this centre and will be awarded certificate upon successful completion of the course.

**Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Iron & Steel Sector, Vedanta Limited** said “At Vedanta we are committed towards contributing to the country’s larger vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and this initiative is yet another step towards generation of sustainable livelihoods for women from communities around our operations through robust skill training initiatives.”

**Ms. Sowmya, SHG Member, Bheemasamudra,** said “*This initiative by Vedanta shall provide rural women with much needed skills of tailoring that would help us become independent or even provide for our families. This programme would make a life-changing difference in the lives of these women and their respective families. We are grateful to Vedanta and BAIF for initiating this tailoring Training centre. This initiative will help empowering us and allow us to support our family economically.*”

**Mr. Krishna Reddy, Director- Vedanta Iron Ore Karnataka Business, Vedanta Limited** said “We believe holistic development of communities around is at the core of our business philosophy. Our constant endeavour is to reach every section of the community through our structured CSR initiatives and our recently launched project ‘Jivika’ will support women by imparting quality skill training for sustainable livelihoods.”

Vedanta’s IOK have implemented various community development programs across Chitradurga in the field of Health, Education, Rural infrastructure, Agriculture, skill training & livelihood generation. Vedanta IOK’s umbrella CSR initiatives - ALOP has benefitted over 4900 people from Karnataka in past two years.

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