

Press Release

Vedanta's IOK supports drought mitigation measures at Chitradurga: benefits 4800+ households across three villages.

- *Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) completed sinking and handover of 4 borewells to rural communities in Bommenahalli, Chikkenhalli, and B. N. Halli villages respectively.*
- *The project will benefit 4850 households through clean water facility and enhancing sanitation.*

Karnataka, 19th February 2022: In order to support drought mitigation programs at Chitradurga- Karnataka, Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka Business has completed sinking of four borewells in Bommenahalli, Chikkenhalli, and B. N. Halli villages respectively. A part of Vedanta's CSR initiative, this water project at Chitradurga will benefit 4850 households by providing permanent source of clean water to rural community. All 4 borewells are formally handed over to village communities in the distinguished presence of village panchayat members & Executives from Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka Division.

The initiative aims at providing access to sufficient quantity of clean water to communities and contributes towards sustainable development goal 6. The project is highly appreciated by all community members and village panchayat members.

Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO, Iron & Steel Sector, Vedanta Limited Said "At Vedanta we are committed towards holistic development of communities and this water project is yet another step towards our endeavour to support drought mitigation measures at Chitradurga. We will continue to reach out to communities around through our structured CSR initiatives."

Sushilamma, B.N Halli, Gram Panchayat Member, said "*We thank Vedanta Limited for drilling this borewell in our village. This support from Vedanta will guarantee safe water facility for our village.*"

Miss. Sharadamma. T, Chikkenhalli Panchayat Member, said, "*Vedanta Limited has shown immense support to our village by drilling this bore well. This will provide us with clean water and benefit the entire village. We thank Vedanta limited for this initiative.*"

Mr. Krishna Reddy, Director- Iron Ore Karnataka, Vedanta Limited quoted "*At Vedanta, we believe community development is at the core of our business philosophy. Our constant endeavour is to ensure robust stakeholder engagement and contribute maximum towards holistic development of communities through our structured CSR programs.*"

Vedanta's Iron Ore Business in Karnataka has implemented several high impact community development initiatives across Chitradurga district with mainly focussed on Health, Education, Livelihood generation & Skill Development, Rural infrastructure, Sanitation and Agriculture. Alternative Livelihood Opportunities project (ALOP) is helping the communities around in generation of sustainable livelihoods.

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