

Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) supports 368 meritorious students for higher education through the "Utkarsh Scholarship" Program.

- Handed over scholarships to 368 students from surrounding **24** villages of Chitradurga district.

Chitradurga, 7th March 2023: Vedanta's IOK supported 368 meritorious students across Chitradurga district through its "Utkarsh Scholarship" program. The scholarships were awarded to students from various age groups and academic levels, including SSLC, PUC, and graduation. The selection process of the Utkarsh Scholarship Program was based on financial need and the academic records of the respective students. The aim of the programme is to support talented students, especially those from economically weaker sections of society, in pursuing their higher education and excelling further.

The scholarship distribution programme is part of Vedanta Sesa Goa's umbrella project, "Vridhhi," which aims to provide sustainable assistance for the educational needs of the students from the communities in the vicinity of their operations.

Mr. M. S. Dhiwakar, CEO – Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga said "It is very heartening to see all the young minds gather here for the occasion of Utkarsh Scholarship Distribution Ceremony, held by Vedanta Sesa Goa. I request every student to put the scholarship money for right use and work hard towards achieving success in their personal and professional lives. I wish to see many leaders from these students, who would drive our nation towards progress."

Mr. Navin Jaju, CEO- Sesa Goa, Vedanta Limited, said, "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the students who have benefitted from our "Utkarsh Scholarship" program. This is a significant step forward in our ongoing endeavours to "transform communities" by empowering young people through high-quality education and ensuring that aspiring students from the regions where we operate, have an equal chance to thrive and pursue their dreams with our unwavering support. We firmly believe that education is the key to unlocking a better future and this scholarship program is a testament to our commitment to the cause."

Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, Dy. COO- Mining, Sesa Goa, Vedanta Limited said, "We believe that education is the key to building a better society, and we are committed to supporting the meritorious students especially from economically weaker section of the society from our surrounding villages, to fulfil their career aspirations. We hope that these scholarships will empower them to create a brighter future for themselves and their communities."

Vedanta Sesa Goa has also undertaken projects like the construction of classrooms, school compound walls, sanitation facilities, the donation of school buses for commuting, and many other such initiatives for the development of education infrastructure in the surrounding 24 villages of Chitradurga.

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