
PRESS RELEASE

Vedanta lays the foundation stone for the first ‘Nandghar’ in Karnataka

Dharwad, February 4, 2017: Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore has partnered with Directorate of Women & Child Development, Government of Karnataka to construct modern Anganwadi – ‘Nandghar’, a Vedanta initiative to skill and develop the woman and children of the society. The foundation stone for the ‘Nandghar’ at Maradagi Village, Dharwad was laid by Mrs. Shivaleela Kulkarni - President of Vaishudeep Foundation, Dharwad in the distinguished presence of Mr. Shivanand M, Rural CDPO, Dharwad, Mrs. Drakshayani Patil - President Gram Panchayat Maradagi, Mr. M.K Reddy - Head of Operations, Karnataka, Mr. Chandrakant Patil, AGM, Vedanta Limited along with teachers and students of the Government Primary school. The foundation stone for the second ‘Nandghar’ at Bommenahalli village – Chitradurga will be held shortly.

The ‘Nandghar’, a first of its kind Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, in partnership with the government has the potential to be a movement for a holistic approach towards child care and women empowerment. The land for the ‘Nandghar’ would be provided by the Education Department and the construction will be undertaken by MAAD Construction Private Limited.

Speaking on this occasion Mrs. Shivaleela Kulkarni President of Vaishudeep foundation, Dharwad said, “I am very delighted with this unique project of Vedanta Group in constructing the first Nandghar in Karnataka. It will benefit children and women resulting into an overall development of the village. This project will give access to e-learning, clean drinking water and sanitation which will ensure overall development of villagers.”

“We are excited about this unique partnership with the Vedanta Group to construct two more ‘Nandghars’ in Karnataka adding to the four thousand planned across the nation. ‘Nandghar’ will be developed in some of the high burden districts where the Ministry is proposing to launch the ‘National Nutrition Mission’ shortly. The mission will involve more non-government partners contributing collectively to one common objective of eliminating malnutrition,” said Mr. Chandrakant Patil, AGM, Vedanta Limited.

Mr. M.K Reddy, Head of Operations, Karnataka, said, “The ‘Nandghar’ project aligns with our Honorable Prime Minister’s vision and our commitment as a corporate citizen to the State of

Karnataka. The ‘Nandghar’ centers are devoted to child education, women welfare and skill development.”

About Nandghar:

Vedanta Group’s philanthropic arm the Vedanta Foundation has pioneered in the areas of child care. In collaboration with the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India the Vedanta Group has come together to construct 4000 modern ‘Nandghar’ in different parts of the country. Since 2008, the Vedanta Group has been dedicatedly working on the creation of ‘Nandghar’ for providing supplementary nutrition, primary education and health to underprivileged children.

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Photo caption: L-R [Shivanand M, Rural CDPO, Dharwad; Mr. Chandrakant Patil - AGM, Vedanta Limited; Mr. M.K Reddy - Head IOK; Ms. Shivaleela Kulkarni - President of Vaishudeep Foundation, Dharwad; Drakshayani Patil - President Gram Panchayat Maradagi]

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