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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Vedanta celebrates International Women's Day in Goa**

**Panaji, March 07, 2015:** Vedanta's SSLT Iron Ore Business unit in Goa, conducted a week long celebration to mark International Women's Day.

Aligning with the theme of the year 'Make it Happen', various activities were conducted for employees during the week, such as eco- friendly craft, health check-ups, poetry and poster competitions.

The dignitaries participating included, Prof. Sarita D'Souza, Professor and Consultant, Dr. (Mrs.) Preetam Naik, Health Officer – Urban Health Centre, Panaji, Advocate Shanti Fonseca and Dr. Sophia, Gynaecologist, Manipal Hospital.

Prof. D'Souza said: "You must engage with men to encourage dialogue and feedback; disagreeing does not mean disrespect and it is important to assert yourselves within your private spaces". While speaking on women empowerment she praised Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Resources Plc for aspiring to target a minimum of 25% female representation on the Board.

Dr. (Mrs.) Naik also shared her personal experiences and hailed the efforts of all women as homemakers and professionals.

Advocate Fonseca encouraged women, saying, "Take control of your lives; prioritize, decide and drive your passions".

Dr. Sophiya gave a talk on Gynaecology to all women employees present at the occasion.

Addressing the employees, Mr. Kishore Kumar, CEO, SSLT Iron Ore said : "I encourage all women to be proactive and discuss their concerns without any hesitation. We all will ensure the practice of our ethical values. He further added, "On Women's Day, let us pledge to make our work places and environment safe for our mothers, sisters, wives, daughters, colleagues and friends".

Vedanta is an equal opportunity employer and is playing a pivotal role in empowering the rural women by its various self-employment opportunities. In the last year, 2506 women benefitted through various self-employment opportunities in Goa.

***Photo Caption***

Dr. Sophiya examining a patient.

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