
PRESS RELEASE

Vedanta's Sesa Goa assists Educational Excellence

PANAJI, October 9 2015: Vedanta's Sesa Iron Ore has partnered with the Goa Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (GSSA) in developing an educational excellence programme covering all the primary schools of Goa. As a part of this initiative, the company has assisted in printing of 70,000 copies of the Barkha Series books.

The Chief Minister of Goa, launched the programme on 9th October 2015. Speaking on the occasion, Hon. Chief Minister, Mr. Laxmikant Parsekar said, "I am deeply overwhelmed and applaud the efforts of GSSA and all who have pioneered for this stupendous achievement and I am confident the books released will inculcate good reading habits in our young children. I thank Vedanta Limited – Sesa Iron Ore for partnering in this noble cause". He further added saying, "Although Goa was liberated 14 years later and missed 3 development plans we do not lag behind rather we are in number one position compared to other states because we excel in the field of education. I appeal to other corporate houses also to emulate Vedanta Limited – Sesa Iron Ore and invest in the field of education which is a great investment for the generations to come".

Mr. Virendra Kumar- Education Secretary said, "It is indeed heartening to note the great efforts that has gone in the launch of the Barkha series and it is a joyful gift by all concerned to our young generation".

"Vedanta as a good corporate citizen is aligned to the nation's vision of ensuring that every child receives elementary education. We are most humbled to be associated with the State Government and playing our part in nurturing children and young minds. The company, even during the mining ban has played a vital role in contributing to the society through its various CSR activities," said Mr. Kishore Kumar, Chief Executive Officer – Sesa Iron Ore, speaking about the company's engagement in benefiting the people of Goa.

The conceptual basis of the Barkha Series is that reading should be a pleasurable experience for children, so they would learn to read. SSA is Government of India's flagship programme for achievement of Universalization of Elementary Education (UEE), in a time bound manner, as mandated by 86th amendment to the Constitution of India making free and compulsory Education to the Children of 6-14 years age group, a Fundamental Right.

The launch was attended by Virendra Kumar, Education Secretary, Kanta Patnekar-GEDC Chairman, Gajanan Bhat-Director of Education, Anil Powar-State Project Director, GSSA, Nagarai Honnekeri- SCERT Director, Prashant Naik- Ex-Chairman Konkani Bhasha Mandal, Suhas Thakurdesai-State Programme Coordinator, GSSA members of Konkani Bhasha Mandal, Block Resource Coordinators & Cluster Resource Coordinators and Vedanta's Sesa Iron Ore officials Mr. NL Vhatte, Head- Value Addition Business along with CSR Team.

Photocaption : Launch of Barkha series by Hon. Chief Minister, Laxmikant Parsekar, Virendra Kumar- Education Secretary, Kishore Kumar- Vedanta Sesa Iron Ore CEO, with other dignitaries

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