
Press Release

Vedanta signs MOU with Directorate of Education to implement Vedanta E-shiksha

Goa, 17th Nov 2015: Vedanta Foundation & Vedanta Limited – Sesa Goa Iron Ore, signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Directorate of Education (SCERT) to implement Vedanta E-shiksha in 457 schools in Goa. As per the MOU, Vedanta Foundation & Vedanta Limited will be providing e-content from classes V to X on all subjects.

Vedanta E-Shiksha @Schools is a PPP (Public Private Partnership) model implemented in coordination with various state governments. During 2009 and 2012 the Vedanta E-Shiksha @ Schools Project was successfully implemented in 349 Schools across 11 Blocks of Goa reaching out to students of Std. V to VII. Further, 755 teachers have been trained and 39,500 computer books distributed benefitting 66,965 students.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Gajanan Bhat – Director of Education said, “I applaud the initiative of Vedanta Foundation & Vedanta Limited – Sesa Goa Iron Ore for their liberal efforts in strengthening the educational process and I urge corporate houses to emulate Vedanta Limited. We must do all we can to maintain the number one position of Goa in the field of education,” said Mr. Bhat.

The Vedanta E-Shiksha, offers Interactive Multimedia E-Content, training teachers, providing library and technical support team to monitor the project. Through this model, Vedanta Foundation has been working towards bridging the privilege gap, by providing equal learning opportunities to those deprived of it. The objectives of the project is to incorporate technology as an aid to support and enhance the teaching / learning process in schools, increase enrollments, decrease dropout rates, improve the pass percentage, implement an innovative and creative curriculum and also provide scalable quality teacher training to support the overall education system.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Gajanan Bhat, Director of Education, Mr.A.N.Joshi,Head Corporate Affairs, Vedanta Limited – Sesa Goa Iron Ore and Mr.Taher Vohra - Regional Manager West, Vedanta Foundation. Present on the occasion were Mr Nagaraj Honnekeri–SCERT Director, Mr. Shailesh Zingade – Deputy Director (Academic), Mr. Ramkrishna Samant – Deputy Director (Planning), Mr. Dayanand Chavdekar – Legal, Ms. Leena Verenkar–AGM CSR, Ms. Sangeetha R Chakravarthy –Head Corporate Communications, representatives from Vedanta Limited and other officials from Education Department.

Photo caption: Signing of MoU between Vedanta Foundation and Directorate of Education, Goa and exchange of MoU by Mr. Taher Vohra – Regional Manager West, Vedanta Foundation and Mr. Gajanan Bhat, Director of Education.

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Vedanta Ltd, formerly Sesa Sterlite Ltd. is the Indian subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Plc, a London-listed company. Governance and Sustainable Development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety and environment and on enhancing the lives of local communities. Vedanta Ltd is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange in India and has ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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About Vedanta Foundation: Vedanta Foundation is a Public Charitable Trust registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 which was setup in the year 1992, as an extension to the company's efforts for focused sustainable development of the underprivileged population of the country.

Education, Child Care, Employment, Women Empowerment prioritize the Foundation's social development initiatives among others. Vedanta Foundation has woven its social programs to support the achievement of India's Millennium Development Goal.

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