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CM Visits Vedanta's Sanquelim Reclamation Site on World Environment Day

PANAJI, June 5, 2016: Chief Minister Mr. Laxmikant Parsekar today visited Vedanta's Sanquelim Reclamation Mine and participated in the World Environment Day celebrations. The Chief Minister planted a sapling and fed the fish in the pisciculture pond. He was given an insight into the entire technical process of the reclamation and taken on a guided tour.

As part of the itinerary the Chief Minister also visited the Sesa Football Academy and gave away the certificates to the successful candidates who passed out from the academy in April.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister said, "Vedanta has done a commendable job and proved to the rest of the world how a mine closure can be nurtured and brought back to life protecting the environment for our future generations. A restoration effort like this cannot happen overnight. It demonstrates that mines can be restored and Sanquelim is proof of that. He praised Vedanta for its efforts to protect environment. It is abundant with flora and fauna and should definitely be an eco-tourist destination."

Addressing the gathering Mr. Pratapsingh Rane – Leader of Opposition said, "On World Environment Day there is no other place better than the Sanquelim Reclamation Mine to be visited. Sesa Goa Iron Ore by this restoration exemplifies what responsible mining is all about. The Company has not only contributed to the state and the nation's economy, providing employment to the local population, socio-economic development of the state but also taken care of the environment. This place should definitely be on the itinerary of every school child and tourist. I congratulate Vedanta for keeping up the tradition of Goa green."

Mr. Anand Shet – Hon Speaker Goa Legislative Assembly, congratulated Sesa for the excellent ecological balance and for protecting the environment. He also appreciated the Company's efforts on Health, Safety and Environment. It should be our natural responsibility to protect our environment.

In his welcome address CEO, Mr. Kishore Kumar said, "Let us pledge ourselves to all the social and sustainable initiatives in our country. We are proud of the Sanquelim Reclamation Mine and have already walked the journey as stated in the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF). Vedanta is committed to protecting the environment and preserving the bio diversity. We have given back nature in its purest form after having taken from it. The pristine environs of Goa have to be preserved and nurtured. We are committed at all times to play an active role to that end and will work with all the stakeholders of the community. Sanquelim Reclamation site is a model of a mine closed and restored in a responsible way. For Vedanta as an organization it is not just about limiting our sustainability measures within our work areas and mines. We aim to build and work

for a safe Goa and in practicing and implementing clean and hygienic methods even outside the mining areas. Our initiatives in the direction of safety and sustainability shall continue.”

Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar delivered the Vote of Thanks.

Also present on the occasion were Mr. Rajendra Arlekar - Hon. Minister of Environment & Forest, Shri. Naresh Sawal - Hon. MLA of Bicholim Constituency, Mr. Pramod Sawant - Hon. MLA of Sanquelim Constituency, Mr. Ganesh Gaonkar MLA, Sanvordem constituency bureaucratic officials, a host of other dignitaries from the government and staff of Sesa Goa Iron Ore.

The 8th batch of trainees from Sesa Football Academy graduated and 14 boys passed out this year bringing the numbers to 123 from its inception in 1999. The Chief Minister felicitated the outgoing footballers at the convocation ceremony held on the day of World Environment Day. The Academy is proud of the budding sportsmen who passed out from the institution and are most sought after with some of them playing for India’s senior team, I-League clubs of India and local clubs in Goa.

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SFA imparts systematic and scientific training and lays emphasis to develop the potential and grooms the youngsters to become full-fledged professional players. SFA takes care of the formal education of the trainees during the four year training period. Within a span of 17 years, SFA has made tremendous impact on the football fraternity in Goa and across the nation. Young football enthusiasts aspiring to become professionals are showing keen interest to join the academy. 123 trainees benefitted from the Academy ever since its inception since 1999. The Academy is proud of the budding sportsmen who passed out from the institution and are most sought after with some of them playing for India's senior team, I-League clubs of India and local clubs in Goa.

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