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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Vedanta – Sesa Technical School Faculty Receives Best Instructor Award on World Youth Skills Day**

**Panaji, July 18, 2016** : The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Directorate General of Training, Government of India awarded Mr. Dipchand Sancoalkar, Vice Principal of Vedanta - Sesa Technical School (STS) with the “*Best Instructor in the State of Goa*” at the World Youth Skills Day Program held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. The function was attended by Hon’ble Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) – Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Shri Rohit Nandan – Secretary MSDE, Shri Ashish Sharma-Director General of Training MSDE, Smt. Sandhya Salwan, Director Training MSDE, Shri Rajesh Agarwal, CEO – National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and a plethora of elite dignitaries from the government and cross sections of society.

Congratulating everyone on the anniversary of Skill India, Shri Rudy said, “Skill India Mission is like a “Start-up” of the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and urged everyone to contribute to the “Skill India” efforts and empower youth. “Skill India” is seeing great traction and is all geared to meet its philosophy of speed, scale and standards ensuring there is ample opportunity for skilled workers. In the past 15 days, MSDE has got cabinet approvals on 22,000 crore worth of outlay for programs like Apprenticeship Protsahan Yojana and PMKVY 2, to be implemented over the next few years. There has been additional support through World Bank Projects as well.”

Lauding the excellence of awardees in various fields, Shri Rudy said, “the changing demographic profile of the country with 54% population under 25 years, the rising aspiration of our youth to seek better jobs and higher incomes and the growing requirements of the industry for an efficient, well trained workforce – have contributed to a focus on skill development. The 21st century required that India’s Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) acquire global recognition for producing quality skilled manpower.”

Overwhelmed on receiving the prestigious award Mr. Sancoalkar said, “It is a great feeling to receive this coveted Award and I dedicate it to my company Vedanta - Sesa Technical School that has honed my technical skills and given me the platform and opportunity to receive this recognition today. Seeing Sesa Technical School as the Best Technical Institute in India is my dream and the day the institute gets this recognition, it would be the greatest achievement of my life. I will work towards that goal and am confident we will get there. I thank my superiors and colleagues who have supported me in this journey while discharging my duties”

Mr. Dipchand Sancoalkar, Vice Principal - STS joined the institution in 1994, the year it was born. He has been nurturing talent and has the distinction of moulding around 1245 students at

STS. It is worthy to note that Mr. Sancoalkar has earlier received Certificate of Merit/Appreciation from the Government of Goa around 18 times for the meritorious effort for imparting training in various trades at the State Level Skill Competition organised by the State Directorate of Craftsmen Training. Mr. Sancoalkar has groomed trainees in various trades viz. Instrument Mechanic, Fitter, Machinist, Draughtsman Mechanical, Welder, Multi-Mechanical, Multi-Electrical, Electrician etc. and further plays a key role in the placement of the students. STS products are sought after and well placed in MNCs like Nestle, P&G, HUL, Siemens, Guala, German Remedies, Bets India, Colgate etc.

Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore takes pride in having contributed in a big way towards this effort for more than two decades. Aligning ourselves with Skilling India and generating employment and wealth creation, Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore runs two Technical schools viz. Sesa Technical School (STS) established in 1994 in Sankhali and STS, Panchwadi which has benefited around 1341 trainees. Further, Sesa Football Academy has produced 123 footballers donning national and international jerseys. Further, in our endeavor to skill the local youth in Computer skills our noble efforts which began in 2012 by running four computer centres across our operations in Goa have so far benefitted 3000 youths. On World Youth Skills Day 2016, Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore organized various skilling events for our employees across all our units in Goa. By contributing our bit, Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore is determined to back the Prime Minister’s vision of Skilling India.

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**Photo caption :** Mr. Dipchand Sancoalkar, receiving the Best Instructor Award from Hon’ble Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship – Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy.

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