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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Vedanta dedicates Goa's first 'Nand Ghar' to the State**

- **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Laxmikant Parsekar inaugurates Goa's first 'Nand Ghar'.**
- **Committed to the Prime Minister's vision of eradicating child malnutrition and providing education.**
- **Vedanta to construct 4000 such structures across the country.**

**Panaji, December 1st, 2016:** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Laxmikant Parsekar inaugurated Goa's 'Nandghar' – a Vedanta Project at Deulwada, Mandrem Pernem Goa in the presence of Mrs. Vaishali V. Shirodkar - Sarpanch, V.P. Mandrem, Mr. Shashikant Bhamikar, Deputy Director – Women and Child Development, Smt. Vijaya Vernekar - Child Development Program Officer and Mr. Kishore Kumar CEO, Vedanta- Sesa Goa Iron Ore.

On this occasion, Chief Minister of Goa, Laxmikant Parsekar said "I salute Vedanta for this noble initiative. It has been unbelievable for me that the Nandghar was completed in a record 75 days. It has indeed exceeded the expectations in terms of the infrastructure. I can see the smiles on the parents' faces which is evident of their appreciation for having being bestowed with such a modern facility for their children. The Nandghar is in sync with the Prime Minister's vision of eradication of malnutrition, providing education and skill development. I look forward to Vedanta's support for similar projects in future. "

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Kishore Kumar, CEO, Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore said, "It is gratifying for us to dedicate the first Nandghar to the state of Goa. We are thankful to the unwavering support of the state Govt. of Goa and the Ministry of Women and Child Welfare for giving Vedanta an opportunity to build this abode for children, thereby bringing to life the Prime Minister's vision of a resurgent India." He added, "This project will ensure that more and more parts of rural India get the opportunity to become an integral part of the mainstream economy and ride this spirit of new found confidence.

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Vedanta will create 4000 such 'Nandghars' that will serve the needs of children and women across the country. The well-being of children has been a priority and also an integral part of all our sustainability initiatives. We aspire to see the Nandghars develop the children of our country into healthy and productive citizens."

Vedanta is committed to nation-building through child development and nutrition. It has joined hands with the Government of India to transform Early Childhood Care and Education Centres, Anganwadis, in India.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Head Corporate Affairs & CSR, Ms. Leena Verenkar. Also, present on the occasion were Vedanta- Sesa Goa Iron Ore officials.

**About Nand Ghar:** Vedanta's 'Nand Ghar' initiative adds to the existing Anganwadi model of the Ministry's 'Integrated Women and Child Development Scheme' and this centre will act as a focal area for immunization, gender sensitization and maternal care. It also aims to enhance the learning environment through an e-learning module and skill enhancement program for women. The 'Nand Ghar' centres are proposed to be run as a shared space in which 50% of the time will be devoted to children's education and the remaining half will support women's skill development.

'Building as a Learning Aid' a concept piloted by UNICEF, which will feature learning concepts embedded within the structure, will attempt to increase attendance of children. In addition, the Centre will be equipped with solar panels, TV, toilets and water supply.

Nand Ghar uses state of art construction technology and has added benefits of round the clock electricity through Solar panels, e-learning in a stimulating environment, clean drinking water through RO purifiers. The 'Nand Ghars' will run as children's education and health center. The structure has low lifetime maintenance cost, is spacious with ample light, and is fire, dampness and earthquake proof. It offers amenities of smart education through interactive graphics, Hygienic toilets, Safe drinking water, a dedicate kitchen and storage space and will run on Solar Panel Power.

The cost of one 'Nand Ghar' centre, involving an area of 780 sq ft, is estimated to be around Rs 10 lakhs. It is proposed to have a gap funding model where the WCD ministry will allocate a funding of up to Rs 4.5 lakhs per 'Nand Ghar' for its construction using

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eco-friendly material. Construction of the 'Nand Ghar' centres will be under taken by National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC), a central government PSU, as per the guidance of the WCD Ministry.

The NBCC is a Navratna company having expertise in Project Management Consultancy (PMC), Real Estate Development & EPC Contracting. NBCC would coordinate with the respective state government for site allocation. Post construction, the constructed 'Nand Ghar' centres will be handed over to the respective Panchayat/ local urban body.

**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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**Photocaption:** Chief Minister inaugurates Nandghar at Deulwada, Mandrem Pernem Goa. Also, seen Child Development Program Officer-Smt. Vijaya Vernekar and CEO, Vedanta- Sesa Goa Iron Ore , Mr. Kishore Kumar

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