**PRESS RELEASE**

**Vedanta lays the foundation stone for 2nd ‘Nandghar’ in Goa**

**Panaji, August 17, 2016:** Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore has partnered with Directorate of Women & Child Development, Government of Goa to construct two modern Anganwadis – ‘Nandghar’, a Vedanta initiative to skill and develop the women and children of the society. The foundation stone for the second ‘Nandghar’ at Zakem, Netravali was laid by Mr.Shashikant Gaonkar, Sarpanch Village Panchayat Netravali in the distinguished presence of Ms. Roshan Naik CDPO, Sanguem, Mr. Joseph Coelho – Head IOG Operations, Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore along with teachers and students of Anganwadi, Zakem. The foundation stone for the first ‘Nandghar’ was held at Deulwada-Mandrem in Pernem on 08th August.

The ‘Nand Ghar’, a first of its kind Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, in partnership with the government has the potential to be a movement for a holistic approach towards child care and women empowerment. The land for the ‘Nandghar’ would be provided by the Education Department and the construction will be undertaken by MAAD Construction Private Limited.

“We welcome the Nandghar project of Vedanta in Netravali Village which will promote Angawadi infrastructure as well as improve learning for the children. This is a unique concept which will attract more parents to enroll their wards who otherwise send them to private pre-primary schools and have to pay huge fees,” said Mr. Shashikant Gaonkar, Sarpanch - Village Panchayat Zakem.

“The ‘Nandghar’ model will provide targeted delivery of supplementary nutrition services along with related healthcare services for both mother and child including skill training for women.   She also stressed on the need for having toilets in ‘Nandghar’ for women to strengthen the Swachh Bharat Mission. Healthy children and empowered women will eradicate poverty and malnutrition, and make a prosperous nation,” said Ms. Roshan Naik CDPO Sanguem.

Mr. Coelho, said, “The ‘Nandghar’ project aligns with our honorable Prime Minister’s vision and our commitment as a corporate citizen to the State of Goa. The ‘Nandghar’ centers are devoted to child education, women welfare and skill development. Across country 4000 Nandghars will be constructed by Vedanta Foundation”

**About Nandghar:**

Vedanta Group’s philanthropic arm the Vedanta Foundation has pioneered in the areas of child care. In collaboration with the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India the Vedanta Group has come together to construct 4000 modern ‘Nandghar’ in different parts of the country. Since 2008, the Vedanta Group has been dedicatedly working on the creation of ‘Nandghar’ for providing supplementary nutrition, primary education and health to underprivileged children.

**Photo caption:** Mr. Shashikant Gaonkar, Sarpanch laying the foundation for the 2nd Nandghar at Zakem – Netravali.

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