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Tree Plantation Drive by Vedanta on the Occasion of Vanmahotsav

Panjim, 30th June, 2017: Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron ore organized a plantation drive at the Government College ITI, Bicholim to celebrate the onset of monsoons. The dignitaries present on the occasion were Mr. Rajesh Patnekar, MLA of Bicholim Constituency, Mr. Satish Gaonkar, BMC Chairperson and Mr. Joseph Coelho, Head-Mining Operations (South Goa) Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore along with staff of Bicholim ITI and Vedanta officials.

Over 100 saplings were planted and 40 barrels were provided for protecting the plant.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Rajesh Patnekar, Hon'ble MLA Bicholim said, "I am honoured to be present here. The Bicholim Municipal council and ITI staff takes care of this area and we have pledged to make the environs beautiful and green. We are thankful to Vedanta for providing saplings and barrels and making this Vanmahotsav successful. We hope to receive continuous support from them even in future"

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Satish Gaonkar, Chairperson, Bicholim said, "I am thankful to Vedanta and ITI staff for giving me this great opportunity. Tree plantation is very important for the community and this initiative will go a long way in inculcating awareness among the students about environment conservation. Let us all resolve to use only cloth bags and make Bicholim a polythene free zone"

Emphasizing the need to protect and conserve the environment Mr. Joseph Coelho Head-Mining Operations (South Goa) Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore, said, "Vedanta has always protected and conserved the environment. We propagate sustainable ways in all our business practices. I am happy to see the high enthusiasm exhibited by the students who have come forth for the drive. Let us all pledge not only to plant trees but also nurture them"

Last year too Vedanta had provided saplings and wire mesh for protecting the plants. The barrels and wire mesh were built by ITI students as part of their project work which proved to be a great way to involve students actively in the drive and making them more conscious and aware about the environment and its conservation. One can see the success of last year's plantation drive inside the ITI campus with the plants having grown sizably tall.

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1. Photo Caption: Tree plantation drive at Bicholim. Present on the occasion L-R: Vijay Natekar, Joseph Coelho, Mario D'souza, Rajesh Patnekar, and Satish Gaonkar.

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