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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Vedanta Women's Football League - Panjim Dolphins vs SCC SOWS finals**

Panaji, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017: With a commitment and passion to nurture skill development with the objective of empowering the girl child through sports, Vedanta launched the 'Vedanta Women's Football League' on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with the support of Goa Football Association. The six teams along with 137 players with their skills and finesse made the league a grand success.

The participating teams included Flaming Orange by Sporting Club de Goa, Panjim Dolphins by Panjim Footballers, Cuncolim Warriors by Cuncolim Union, SCC SOWS Football, Goa Velha Saints by Goa Velha SC and Albert's Princesses by Albert Developers Sports Clubs.

The kick off held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 saw the six teams playing single leg matches and double legged semifinals. A total of 19 matches were played with 58 goals scored till league matches.

Panjim Dolphins and SCC SOWS emerged as the finalists and will battle for the trophy on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 under flood lights in Duler Stadium, Mapusa.

Mr. Annanya Agarwal- President SFA quoted, "It is very heartening to see such a tremendous response within such a short time for the Vedanta Women's League. We firmly believe we have everything in our Goan girls to make it big and they are ready to take off."

Speaking in a pre-match conference, Mr. Elvis Gomes- President Goa Football Association shared "We found our Goa girls immensely talented. Through this league we hope girls will receive more encouragement from educational institutions to play the game. We welcome all football enthusiasts to be a part of this historic finale match."

Excited for the final match, Ms.Sujitha Murgaonkar- Captain SCC SOWS quoted, “We want to thank Vedanta and Goa Football Association for giving us this amazing opportunity to showcase our talent. We will give a tough fight to Panjim Dolphins and make sure we win the title of Vedanta Women’s League”

Geared up for the match, Ms. Michelle Castanha- Captain Panjim Dolphins said, “We want to thank Vedanta and Goa Football Association for giving us this platform. We are very excited and ready for the match. We will make sure Panjim takes the trophy.”

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**About SFA:** Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore as part of its commitment to serve the community established Sesa Football Academy (SFA) in the year 1999, with the prime objective of nurturing young football talent from Goa. SFA is built on the reclaimed mine at Sankhali-Goa and is run on a residential basis and 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 show keen interest to join the academy. From the inception of SFA around 123 trainees benefitted from the Academy. 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. SFA patronized and mentored the sportsmen even during the critical times of the mining ban.

On May 09<sup>th</sup> this year, the multinational natural resources conglomerate, announced a strategic roadmap to actively foster skill development in sports across the country. Sesa Football Academy (SFA) has contributed immensely to the development of football players in Goa and has now opened doors of the academy to develop budding players in football from across the nation and Africa. The skill development model that the company has adopted is to scout young talent and hone them in the sport and equip them with sports related skills that could help carve professionalism. 22 boys in the age group of 14 – 17 have been selected from Rajasthan, Punjab, Kerala, Manipur, Sikkim, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Zambia (where the Group has its operations), apart from the 36 boys from Goa who are already being trained.

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**Photo caption:**

**Panjim Dolphins vs SCC SOWS on Vedanta Women's League Finale**

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