
PRESS RELEASE

Women's Football League Launched – Vedanta takes the Lead

Panaji, 6th November 2017: Vedanta Limited in association with Goa Football Association (GFA) today launched the 'Vedanta Women's Football League' in a simple yet enthusiastic ceremony held in Panaji.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Shri. Manohar Parrikar was the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering on the launch of the league he said, "My hearty congratulations to Vedanta and Goa Football Association for this collaboration and initiative. Together we all need to work towards the betterment of football. I am willing to support this initiative in full measure. Let us endeavor to make this game big." The Chief Minister also launched the official logo on the occasion.

Mr. Kishore Kumar- CEO - Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore in his welcome address said, "We have received a tremendous response for the Women's League. The enthusiasm seen at the ground level for this initiative is very evident. Vedanta with the help of Goa Football Association wants to promote the sport and encourage women. We currently have only one Goan woman player representing the sport on the national scene and intend to triple it. Our commitment to skilling women and empowering women through this platform intends to take women's football to the top 10 ranks on the national scene."

On May 09th this year, the multinational natural resources conglomerate, announced a strategic roadmap to actively foster skill development in sports across the country. The Sesa Football Academy (SFA) has been doing this since its inception in 1999. The organization has now taken the lead to harness and provide a platform to the skilled and talented female footballers of the state.

120 female players from all over Goa are drafted into six clubs through a draw of lots. The participating teams include 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 Club.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Elvis Gomes – President - Goa Football Association said, “Women had to be given their due share in sports. This is one good platform to empower women. We as an association have not been very successful in the past. We are very thankful to Vedanta for taking the lead through this initiative.”

Ms. Juliana Gurjao thanked Vedanta for the support without which this would not have been possible.

The event also witnessed felicitation of the legends for the 40th anniversary of the historic victory at the National Women's Football Championship held in 1977. The league anthem, sung and composed by famous Goan musician Varun Carvalho got the gathering into the football fever instantly.

Also present on the occasion were Smt. Vijaya Devi Rane- President-Women's Football Association,1977, Mr. Brahmanand Sankhwalkar- Arjuna Awardee, Ex India Captain Football Team, 30 girl players from the Goa state team, Members from Goa Football Association, Mr. Varun Carvalho Singer and team along with the staff and employees of Vedanta Sesa Goa.

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.

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.

Photocaption:

- 1. L-R (Mr.Kishore Kumar- CEO Vedanta Sesa Goa, Hon'ble CM Shri Manohar Parrikar, Smt. Vijaya Devi Rane, Ms. Juliana Gurjao, Mr. Brahmanand Sankhwalkar)**
- 2. Official Logo of 'Vedanta Women's Football League'.**
- 3. Hon'ble CM Shri Manohar Parrikar addressing the gathering.**

About Vedanta Limited

Vedanta Limited is a diversified natural resources company, with a market cap of US\$ 14 billion & US\$ 7 billion free float, whose business primarily involves producing oil & gas, zinc - lead - silver, copper, iron ore, aluminium and commercial power. The company has a presence across India, South Africa, Namibia, Australia and Ireland.

Vedanta Limited is the Indian subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Plc, a London-listed, 6th largest natural resources company, globally. Governance and Sustainable Development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety and environment and on enhancing the lives of local communities. The company is conferred with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) 'Sustainable Plus

Platinum label', ranking among the top 10 most sustainable companies in India. To access the Vedanta Sustainable Development Report 2016, please visit <http://sd.vedantaresources.com/SustainableDevelopment2015-16/>

Vedanta Limited is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange in India and has ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

For more information please visit www.vedantalimited.com

For further information, please contact:

Sangeetha R Chakravarthy

Head – Corporate Communications, Sesa Goa Iron Ore Division

Tel: +91 832 2460613

Sangeetha.Chakravarthy@vedanta.co.in

Sukhvinder Singh

CEO – Sesa Football Academy

Tel: +91 9871720351

Disclaimer

This press release contains “forward-looking statements” – that is, statements related to future, not past, events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance, and often contain words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “seeks,” “should” or “will.” Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain. For us, uncertainties arise from the behavior of financial and metals markets including the London Metal Exchange, fluctuations in interest and or exchange rates and metal prices; from future integration of acquired businesses; and from numerous other matters of national, regional and global scale, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive or regulatory nature. These uncertainties may cause our actual future results to be materially different that those expressed in our forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements.