
PRESS RELEASE

Vedanta launches Sesa Girl's Scholarship Award

Panjim, 8th March 2018: Vedanta has always been at the forefront of girl child development and women empowerment. A part of its CSR initiative Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron ore today launched 'Sesa Girl's Scholarship Award' on the occasion of International Women's Day today at Goa Engineering College, Ponda. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mrs. Sunita Sawant-DYSP Goa Police along with key note speakers Ms. Leena Verenkar- Head CSR, Vedanta Sesa Iron Ore Goa and Mr. Vijay Kumar- Head, Vedanta Iron Ore Goa.

The Sesa Girls scholarship was awarded to six female engineering students of Mining, Electrical, Mechanical and Civil specialities.

Mrs. Sunita Sawant addressing the gathering said, "It is an honour to be part of this ceremony as Vedanta took an initiative to support these talented young women to achieve their dreams. Women's Day is not a day to be celebrated on a single day but it a value to be cherished every day".

Ms. Leena Verenkar, elaborately spoke about the various Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives that the organisation takes touching upon the emphasis of women and girl child. She said, "At Vedanta it is our constant endeavour to empower and develop the community through the various CSR initiatives in the field of health, education, alternate livelihood, agriculture etc. The Sesa Girls Scholarship is very close to our heart and we wish to see many more girls in the field of mining and engineering. We wish all the girls a very bright future."

"It is heartening to be part of this ceremony. During my college days there were hardly any women but today women are not only present in every field but they are outperforming men and contributing to the organisation's growth in vital roles. It is my vision to have a mine wholly run by women and we hope that this will be a dream come true." said Vijay Kumar, Head Iron Ore Goa.

The students who were awarded Sesa Scholarship are Nisha Mahendra Gupta, Naomi Hazel Pereira, Risha Milind Hegde, Teresa Bhat, Pooja Siyaram Sandilya , Pratiksha Nagraj Patil.

The award recipients expressed their gratitude towards the company's initiative and in snippets captured on video acknowledged that mining played a crucial role in their academics.

Also present on the occasion were Dr. Pankajam Vaidya, Consultant cardiologist, SMRC, Manipal Hospital. Dr. V.N Shet, Principal, Goa College of Engineering, Dr. H. G. Virani,

chairman, IETE, Goa sub center, Prof. Ujwala phadke, Convener, Women's Cell along with students and faculty of the organisation.

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Photo Caption: Vedanta launched Sesa Girl's Scholarship award. Present with the students who were awarded scholarship are from left Ms.Leena Verenkar, Mr. H.G Virani , Dr.Pankajam Vaidya, Mrs Sunita Sawant, Dr. V.N. Shet, Mr. Vijay Kumar and Prof Ujwala.

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