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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **New Head Coach Armando Colaco to Lead Sesa Football Academy in Goa Pro League**

**17<sup>th</sup> October, Panaji:** SESA Football Academy (SFA) has signed Armando Colaco, former Indian National Football Team coach and the most successful coach in the history of I-League, as their new head coach to bolster their football academies in Sirsaim and Sankhali. Mr Colaco would also be guiding the SFA First team captained by Melvin Lobo from Dug Out in their upcoming Round 3 Goa Pro League Fixture at Duler Stadium, Mapusa against FC Goa on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO, Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business said, "We are ecstatic to have a national football legend from Goa, on board with us at Sesa Football Academy. We hope our players, coaches, and staff will benefit a lot from Mr. Colaco's rich footballing experience and skills. Armando will help us drive our CSR initiative- Sesa Football Academy and enhance our contribution in the development of grassroots football in the state and country. I would like to congratulate him on his appointment and wish him all the best."

Armando Colaco has successfully spearheaded eminent Indian Football clubs in India such as Dempo SC (Guiding them to 5 I- league titles), Churchill Brothers SC and East Bengal FC. He was also the head coach of the Indian National Football Team in 2011.

Newly appointed Head Coach, Mr. Armando Colaco said, "Sesa Football Academy has a legacy in football, infrastructure, and resources that are suitable for a progressive footballing environment. I hope to contribute and impart my knowledge to these players in this new role. I am extremely happy to be part of the legacy wherein I will share my experience with the coaches and get the maximum potential out of the boys."

SFA won the GFA First Division League last season with 34 points (P 13, W 11, D 01, L01) to qualify for Goa Pro League. In the ongoing Goa Pro league, SFA won their last fixture against Salgaocar FC in round 2 fixture and face FC Goa next on Friday.

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