

## Press Note

### **Goa CM lauds Vedanta's infrastructure development initiatives at Navelim village.**

- Vedanta's Value Added Business (VAB) completed renovation and repair of 'Dhalo Mandap' – Common place for community events, festivals and cultural events etc.
- Vedanta's VAB upgraded infrastructure of Sub-Health centre, Fanaswadi, Navelim.
- Vedanta's Gram Nirman project contributing towards holistic development of village.

**Navelim, Bicholim-Goa, 16.10.2021:** Vedanta's Value Added Business (VAB) recently supported various infrastructure development projects at Navelim village such as renovation & repair of 'Dhalo Mandap' and infrastructure up gradation of sub-Health centre at Fanaswadi. Both infrastructure development initiatives by Vedanta at Navelim village, were inaugurated by Honourable Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant in the presence of Namrata Nanda Gawas, Sarpanch Navelim Village panchayat, Mr. Khushali Naik, Dy. Sarpanch Mr. Saptesh Sardesai- Director, Vedanta VAB, panchayat members and other villagers. Hon'ble Goa CM appreciated Vedanta's CSR interventions in the field of Agriculture and joint enterprise with Swayam Purna Goa to bring about 4.5 lakhs sq. m of land back to cultivation.

Rural infrastructure development is one of the major thrust area of Vedanta's CSR interventions. In order to further contribute towards village infrastructure development for the larger benefits of community, Vedanta's VAB completed renovation and repair of 'Dhalo Mandap' – Common place for community events, festivals and cultural events at Navelim village in order to facilitate community engagement. Further in order to extend the support towards quality health services especially in the remote village areas, Vedanta's VAB collaborated with Directorate of health services for up gradation of Sub- Health Centre at Fanaswadi, Navelim by providing basic furniture such as cupboard, tables, examination bed, bench and chairs to make facility operational.

**Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa** appreciated both the initiatives. Speaking at the occasion of the inauguration of the sub health centre at Fanaswadi, he said "I appreciate Vedanta's efforts in the field of health and especially in the times of Covid-19 for setting up 100 bedded Covid-19 care facilities at Goa Medical College." Further while inaugurating Dhalo mandap, he said, " The various decision making bodies in the village, like Panchayat, Comunidade, Devasthan committee, Schools, etc along with the company when work together, the village development shall happen in true & swift manner, as seen in current case. Such examples can be created starting from Navelim and can prove to be inspirational for other areas as well. I applaud Vedanta and Navelim village panchayat members for the infrastructure development initiatives at the village, which will benefit the community in long run."

**Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Iron & Steel Sector, Vedanta Limited** quoted “At Vedanta, We believe in holistic development of communities through our structured CSR initiatives. Rural infrastructure development is one of the most vital facet of community development and I am sure these initiatives at Navelim village will help to further add up to the Socio-Economic upliftment of the community.”

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Saptesh Sardesai, Director- Vedanta VAB** said ““At Vedanta’s Value Added Business, we are committed towards the larger benefits of communities around, through our robust CSR initiatives. We strongly believe community development and highest Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards are at the core of our business philosophy. Through our ambitious Project Gram Nirman, Vedanta aims to cater to the holistic development of the community by varied interventions in agriculture and sustainable livelihood. We aim to bring fallow land back to cultivation and strengthen the community further in line with our state’s vision of SwayamPurna Goa.”

Vedanta's Value Added Business is contributing to the Socio- Economic upliftment of the communities around through various CSR interventions such as Gram Nirman Project, Community Medical Centres, Mobile Health Units, Back to farming project, Utkarsh scholarship scheme, Infrastructure development projects etc.

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