

## **Press Release**

### **Sirvodem SC emerge champions of Vedanta Women's Football League 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**

- *Goa CM lauds Vedanta & GFA on successful completion of 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Women's league which is helping in providing platform for aspiring women footballers across the Goa state.*
- *This season of the Women's league witnessed participation of 100+ women footballers and till date over 350+ Women Footballers participated in the league including all 4 editions since its inception.*

**Duler, Mapusa, Goa 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021:** Sirvodem SC emerged as the Champion of 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of Vedanta Women's League, while FC Goa secured Runners Up position and Futebol club YFA secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The winners, Runners up and all the successful players of the league were felicitated during the action packed closing ceremony at Duler Football Ground in Mapusa, in the distinguished presence of Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Goa CM, Mr. Churchill Alemao, President, GFA & MLA Benaulim constituency, Mr. Joshua D'Souza, MLA, Mapusa constituency, Mr. Annanya Agarwal, President, Vedanta Sports, Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Iron and Ferro Alloys Business, Vedanta Limited along with GFA & Vedanta Officials, Women players and team management. The closing ceremony was organized in strict adherence to social distancing norms while maintaining a minimal physical presence at the venue.

The super exciting month-long league tournament witnessed power-packed football action with 5 competing teams: Sirvodem SC, Goa United SC, Compassion FC, FC Goa, and Futebol Club YFA showcasing an incredible display of skillful football to secure the 'Champions' title. The individual women star performers of the league were awarded during the closing ceremony Ms. Stacy Cardozo of FC Goa team awarded with Golden boot, Ms. Rima Gadekar of Sirvodem SC team awarded with golden glove, Ms. Anrette Da'Costa of Futebol Club YFA team awarded with Golden ball, Ms. Vinoshka of Sirvodem SC team awarded as promising player.

Speaking at the closing ceremony Chief Guest **Dr. Pramod Sawant Hon'ble Goa CM** Said "*This is an excellent platform developed by Vedanta in collaboration with GFA to help aspiring women Footballers across the Goa. I urge all the players to take maximum benefit from this opportunity and excel further to achieve the greater heights in football. I congratulate the winners Sirvodem SC, Runners up FC Goa and all other participants of the league and hope to see many more talented Women footballers from Goa shining at National & International platforms in near future*".

Speaking at the closing ceremony of Vedanta Women's Football League- 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, **Mr. Annanya Agarwal, President, Vedanta Sports** said, "*I would like to congratulate the winning team*

*Sirvodem SC and the runner-up FC Goa for a fabulous display of football skills. My sincere appreciation also goes to all other participating teams for making this tournament a huge success. At Vedanta Sports, our constant endeavor is to contribute towards development of Indian sports through our robust grassroot training programs. I am extremely pleased to see this tournament grow in popularity while the star players from this league are shining at various prestigious footballing platforms. We will continue striving to expand the reach of our sports development programs across the country."*

**Mr. Churchill Alemao, President, Goa Football Association** said, *"Vedanta Women's Football League is an important initiative by Vedanta in collaboration with GFA for the upliftment of women football in the state. I am extremely happy that the star player of the tournament Karishma Shirvoikar shall be representing the Indian national team. I am sure going forward this tournament will be instrumental in helping more & more women footballers from Goa to fulfill their dreams to play for the national team and at the prestigious international platforms too."*

Vedanta Women's Football League is the first of its kind platform for aspiring women footballers in the state to pursue a professional career in football. It has seen the participation of over 350+ women footballers in the tournaments in the last 4 editions.

Vedanta is committed to the development of sports across the country through various sport development programs. Sesa Football Academy (SFA) has been dedicatedly working towards the development of football in the state of Goa for more than two decades now. SFA has a rich legacy of over 220+ alumni who are shining at various prestigious platforms across the country including few of them represented Indian national team and played in elite ISL.

### **About Vedanta Cares**

Vedanta is committed to reinvest in the social good of its neighborhood communities and the nation. The Group's flagship CSR project, Nand Ghar, is a network of model anganwadis where the thrust is on inclusive development of women and children at the grassroots level. The Group CSR initiative comprises of seven key verticals – Education, Healthcare, Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Livelihood, Skilling, Sports & Culture and Employee Volunteering. Vedanta Foundation, a philanthropic initiative of Vedanta Group is focused on skill development and vocational training programs for the underprivileged to make them employable. A key healthcare specialty CSR project is the Balco Medical Center, a 200-bed state-of-the-art Cancer care hospital located in New Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The company supports grassroots level sports through their Football academies in Goa and Udaipur.

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## **About SESA Football Academy:**

An initiative of SESA Community Development Foundation (SCDF), SESA Football Academy (SFA) was founded in 1999 for the holistic development of the local youths through football. The academy has created the conditions for discovering, creating and building talent for football. SFA does not restrict itself to football trainings but involves in a long-term residential program which takes care of the formal education, skill development of the trainees during the four-year training period.

The academy has a strong focus on women empowerment through football. Since inception, SFA has trained around 200 footballers and has made tremendous impact on the football fraternity in Goa as well as across India. The graduates from SFA are serving in the national teams, Indian Super League (ISL), I-League clubs of India and clubs in Goa. 7 players have earned the national team cap and several players played the elite ISL.

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