

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Vedanta continues to promote Agri. based livelihood opportunities through 'Back to Farming' project.**

- *Vedanta –Value Added Business (VAB) provided vegetable Seeds/Pulses at Amona Village in order to facilitate Rabi crops plantation to promote double crop, leading to higher agri. Yield.*
- *The 'Back to Farming' Project of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore, enabling revival of Agri. across the Goa state thereby contributing towards the larger vision of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat"*

**Goa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2021:** Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business continues to promote Agriculture through CSR program- '*Back to Farming*', leading to the creation of Sustainable Alternative livelihood opportunities in the state. Recently Vedanta's VAB provided Vegetable Seeds/Pulses to farmers from Amona Village with an aim to extend the support towards Rabi crop plantation, leading to higher income generation for farmers through double crop concept. The seeds were handed over to the farmers at the hands of Dr. Govind Parab, Assistant Agriculture Officer, Sankhalim in the presence of Mr. Sandesh Naik, Mr. Kashinath Mahto, Village Panchayat Members of Amona along with farmers and CSR Officers of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business.

The Back to Farming project of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business is based on the multi-pronged approach to ensure the holistic development of Agri. & allied livelihood opportunities through Agricultural Assistance in the form of finance for Agri. Equipment's, Seeds & fertilizers , Linkages to Govt. Agri. Schemes, Market linkages, Awareness programs, Irrigation facilities etc.

**Speaking at the occasion Dr. Govind Parab, Assistant Agriculture Officer, Sankhalim** said, "We are grateful for Vedanta's continuous support towards upliftment of Agriculture. I believe Agriculture is the most important sector to achieve the larger vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and US\$ 5 Trillion economy and our constant endeavor is to facilitate PPP model for the fast track growth the Agri. Sector."

Speaking about this Initiative **Ms. Leena Verenkar, Group CSR Head- Vedanta Resources Limited** said, "Our constant endeavor is to contribute towards nation building and self-reliance through our structured CSR Interventions. Agriculture & Sustainable Livelihoods is one amongst the major thrust area of our CSR philosophy and we will further continue to expand our reach in order to promote Agriculture based alternative livelihood opportunities across the country"

**Mr. N.L. Vhatte, Director- Vedanta's Value Added Business Quoted** " We strongly believe in creating maximum value for all our stakeholders. Community Development is an integral to our business philosophy and We will continue to contribute towards holistic development of communities through our robust CSR programs."

Vedanta Value Added Business implemented various CSR programs for the larger benefits of the communities around, such as Mobile Health Units, Community Medical Centers, Back to Farming for revival of Agriculture & Dairy, Scholarship program etc. Recently the company have renovated Village playground at Amona village to upgrade the infrastructure for development of sports.

### **About Vedanta Cares**

Vedanta is committed to reinvest in the social good of its neighbourhood 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 programmes for the underprivileged to make them employable. A key healthcare speciality 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 Goa Iron Ore Business**

Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business of Vedanta Limited is engaged in exploration, mining, and processing of iron ore. The company was founded in 1954 as Scambi Economici SA Goa and acquired by Vedanta. Since then, it has grown to be one among the top low-cost producers of iron ore in the country. During 1991-1995, it diversified into the manufacture of pig iron and metallurgical coke. It has also developed indigenous and environment-friendly technology for producing high quality metallurgical coke. Sesa Goa Iron Ore also has a 60 MW power plant that produces clean power by using the waste heat recovery from its coke ovens and blast furnace gas. Sesa Goa Iron Ore operations in India are in Goa & Karnataka.

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