

## Press Note

### **Vedanta's Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business creates badminton infrastructure in Bicholim, reinforces support for Fit India Movement**

**Goa, 8 December, 2021:** In line with the Fit India movement, a national initiative that was rolled out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vedanta's Value-Added Business (VAB) has built and developed an outdoor badminton court at Bicholim police station with the objective of promoting awareness about fitness and sports among communities members. Recently, Vedanta also provided cricket kits to police personnel at Bicholim.

The outdoor badminton court developed at Bicholim was inaugurated in the presence of Mr Shobhit Saxena- SP, North Goa, Sandesh Chodankar- Dy. SP, Mahesh Gadekar- Police Inspector, Bicholim, Mr. Nand Bhatt- Chief Security Officer, Iron Ore Business, Santosh Mandrekar- Head, North Cluster Mining, Vedanta's Iron Ore Goa and other dignitaries. Mr Shobhit Saxena and staff of Bicholim Police station appreciated Vedanta's continuous interventions in supporting sports and fitness among the communities.

Sports development is one of the major thrust areas of Vedanta's CSR initiatives. Apart from providing support for establishing sports facilities, Vedanta's VAB team also organizes regular seminars to spread awareness about sports among the youth. Vedanta VAB regularly organizes various sports events & awareness sessions for employees.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Badminton Court, **Mr Shobhit Saxena, SP-North Goa** said, "We are very thankful to Vedanta and this will help us tremendously in improving the fitness of the police team. We have always had good co-operation from Vedanta and its security team and we are hoping to continue this. I, on behalf of the entire Goa police, thank Vedanta for the beautiful initiative."

**Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Iron & Steel Sector, Vedanta Limited** appreciated VAB team for the development of the sports facility at Bicholim Police station and said: "At Vedanta our constant endeavor is to contribute towards the holistic development of communities and sports development is one of the major thrust areas of our community development programs. We believe sports is a very important field to engage with our stakeholders and communities. This initiative is in line with our larger goal to promote sports and fitness across the country."

Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business is at the forefront in the promotion of sports and skill development for more than two decades. Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business is contributing to the development of Indian sports through several sports development programs such as Sesa Football Academy, Vedanta Women's League, Vedanta Youth Cup, among others.

#### **About Vedanta Limited**

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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 two waste heat recovery power plants of total capacity 68 MW 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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