

Press Release

Sports Minister of Goa lauds Vedanta for setting up computer lab. at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Khandola

- Vedanta's 4th computer lab. in Goa was inaugurated by Shri Govind Gaude, Hon. Minister of sports, Art & Culture and RDA, Govt. of Goa at Khandola.
- Vedanta's various initiatives to promote digital learning and computer education supporting over 2000 + students & youth from Goa.

29th August 2022, Khandola, Goa: The Hon'ble Minister of Sports, Art & Culture, and Rural Development Agency, Shri Govind Gaude inaugurated computer lab. set up by Vedanta's Value-Added Business (VAB) at Govt. higher secondary school, Khandola, in the distinguished presence of Shri. Saptesh Sardesai, CEO, VAB, Vedanta Limited, Ms. Leena Verenkar, Group CSR Head – Vedanta Limited, Shri. Vishant Naik, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat, Betki -Khandola along with school faculties, Admin staff, students, and officials from Vedanta. In order to promote digital learning and computer education across the Goa, this is the 4th computer lab set up by Vedanta in the state.

The computer lab initiative will benefit 657 students at Govt. Higher secondary school, Khandola whereas Vedanta's computer education and digital learning programs have reached out to over 2000+ students & youth across the Goa state. The various CSR initiatives by Vedanta's VAB under the aegis of Anil Agarwal Foundation were highly appreciated by School authorities and other dignitaries present during the event.

Appreciating Vedanta's CSR initiative, **Hon'ble Minister of Sports, Art & Culture & Rural Development Agency, Shri. Govind Gaude** stated " I thank Vedanta on behalf of Govt. of Goa for setting up the computer lab at Govt. Higher Secondary school at Khandola. Education is one of the major thrust areas and Vedanta has been consistently contributing towards the same. As this is the fourth lab, Vedanta have set up, and they know how to shoulder the responsibility and move ahead in this direction. I thank the management and all those who have always supported the student community in all aspects."

Ms. Leena Verenkar, Group CSR Head, Vedanta Limited said "At Vedanta, upliftment of education facilities is one of the major focus areas of our CSR initiatives, and we believe digital learning & computer education is the key for the students to excel in this rapidly advancing technology-based world. I am extremely pleased, as we inaugurated our 4th computer lab. in the state, and this is a yet another step in our endeavour of 'Transforming Communities' in line with our larger group philosophy of 'Transforming for Good'".

Mr. Saptesh Sardesai, CEO – Value Added Business, Vedanta Limited said "At Vedanta's Value-Added Business, we believe community development is at the core of our business philosophy and we always strive to positively impact the communities around, through our well-planned CSR interventions. I am very happy that we inaugurated 4th computer lab. for the schools in & around our operations in order to facilitate digital learning among the students and provide them platform to excel further"

Vedanta's Value-Added Business has been persistently contributing towards holistic community development through various impactful CSR initiatives such as Gram Nirman, MHU, CMC, Utkarsh Scholarship, Cage fishing project, Infrastructure development activities, Skill trainings etc.

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