

Press Release

Vedanta Sesa Goa Bags ‘The CSR Universe Social Impact Award’ for Skill Development & Livelihood Generation

Goa, 29th September 2022: Vedanta’s Sesa Technical School (STS) has been bestowed with the prestigious ‘The CSR Universe Social Impact Award 2022’ in the category of ‘Impact through Social Project for Skill Development and Livelihood’, for its decades-long efforts towards imparting quality skill trainings to over 1600 youths. Mr. Nilesh Zore, Deputy Head-CSR, Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business received the award during virtual ceremony held in the distinguished presence of jury panel members including eminent academicians and social sector experts from India’s top institutions such as IITs, IIMs, NLU.

Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO, Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business congratulated Sesa Community Development foundation’s (SCDF) team on winning this prestigious award and said, “Established on a reclaimed mine, Sesa Technical School is part of the sustainability model and aims to impart quality technical skills and knowledge to the youth across Goa, in various vocational trades. This prestigious award holds testimony to our fruitful efforts towards empowering youth through generations of sustainable livelihoods with almost 100% success rate in job placements so far”

A CSR initiative of Vedanta- Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business, STS has been imparting quality skill trainings to the youth from across Goa since its inception in 1994. The institute established on reclaimed Sanquelim Iron Ore Mine by Vedanta, empowers youth from nearby communities with technical skills and knowledge by offering two years ITI course in the vocational trades of Machinist, Fitter, Electrician, and Instrument Mechanic, and helps them to secure employment in various top-notch industries. The Sesa Technical School is affiliated to National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) New Delhi through the Directorate General of Employment & Training (DGET).

Ms. Leena Verenkar, Group CSR Head- Vedanta Limited, said, “CSR at Vedanta focuses on understanding needs and creating long term impact in the communities. I congratulate my Sesa Technical School team for the well-deserved recognition. Sesa Technical School has been consistently reaching out to the aspiring youths across the Goa to support them with quality skill education and job opportunities, for more than 26 years now”

Set up under Sesa Community Development Foundation (SCDF) in 1994, STS boasts of almost 100% passing and placement record. The courses for students are exclusively designed to cover entire trade skills and suit specific job requirements of the local industries. Covering youth from across Goa state, STS imparts technical skills and knowledge in the vocational trades for two years.

About Vedanta Limited

Vedanta Limited, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Limited, is one of the world's leading Oil & Gas and Metals company with significant operations in Oil & Gas, Zinc, Lead, Silver, Copper, Iron Ore, Steel, and Aluminium & Power across India, South Africa and Namibia. For two decades, Vedanta has been contributing significantly to nation building. Governance and sustainable development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety, and environment. Vedanta has put in place a comprehensive framework to be the ESG leader in the natural resources sector. Vedanta is committed to reducing carbon emissions to zero by 2050 or sooner and has pledged \$5 billion over the next 10 years to accelerate the transition to net zero operations. Giving back is in the DNA of Vedanta, which is focused on enhancing the lives of local communities. The company's flagship social impact program, Nand Ghars, have been set up as model anganwadis focused on eradicating child malnutrition, providing education, healthcare, and empowering women with skill development. Under the aegis of the Anil Agarwal Foundation, the umbrella entity for Vedanta's social initiatives, the Vedanta group has pledged Rs 5000 crore over the next five years on social impact programmes with a thrust on nutrition, women & child development, healthcare, animal welfare, and grass-root level sports. Vedanta and the group companies company have been featured in Dow Jones Sustainability Index 2020, and was conferred Frost & Sullivan Sustainability Awards 2020, CII Environmental Best Practices Award 2020, CSR Health Impact Award 2020, CII National Award 2020 for Excellence in Water Management, CII Digital Transformation Award 2020, ICSI National Award 2020 for excellence in Corporate Governance, People First HR Excellence Award 2020, 'Company with Great Managers 2020' by People Business and certified as a Great Place to Work 2021. Vedanta's flagship Nand Ghar Project was identified as best CSR project by Government of Rajasthan. Vedanta Limited is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange. For more information, please visit www.vedantalimited.com

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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