

## Press Release

### **Vedanta's VAB organises football training camp for the youth from Navelim village**

- Football training camp organised by Vedanta's Value-Added Business (VAB) in association with Sesa Football Academy (SFA) benefitted 40 youth

**Navelim, Bicholim, 11<sup>th</sup> November:** In order to promote sports in the rural areas and to identify the young sporting talents from the surrounding villages, Vedanta's VAB in collaboration with Sesa Football Academy (SFA) & local sports club 'Maina Super League', organized a week-long football training camp at Maina-Navelim, Bicholim. The camp was conducted by the experienced coaches of Sesa Football Academy to nurture the footballing talent of local youth and to guide them to excel further in football. Coaches closely monitored all the participants throughout the camp and Star performers were identified, who will be trained further to hone up their skills. More than 40 young boys from Maina- Navelim village benefitted from this camp. The training camp was concluded with a friendly match between the trainees and the employees of Vedanta Value Added Business.

Vedanta's Sesa Football Academy (SFA) is one of the high impact Sports development programs in Goa state contributing to the upliftment of football since more than two decades and has a track record of grooming over 200+ professional footballers. SFA aims to expand the reach of their grassroots sports development initiatives with emphasise on identifying and nurturing the budding sports talents through multiple initiatives such as pop-up football camps, Vedanta Football schools, Summer & Winter camps, Football training camps for the youth etc. Vedanta's women football league is also remarkably contributing to the field of women football and has carved a path for many aspiring women footballers to shine at various sporting platforms.

**Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO- Value Added Products, Vedanta Limited** said "I congratulate the entire team and our employee volunteers for successfully conducting this football training camp. Since past many decades, Sesa Football Academy has been facilitating a conducive environment for the young sporting talent through grooming & learning at grassroots level and gradually paving their way into the field of sports. At Vedanta, we strongly believe that sports serves as a powerful medium for youth development as well as robust community engagement."

Appreciating Vedanta's efforts, **Mr. Uddesh Naik, President- Maina Super League sports club** shared that "Such camps play an integral part in providing a chance to rural youth to enhance their sporting skills. I thank Vedanta for organizing the camp and for supporting budding talents from the community".

**Mr. Saptesh Sardesai, CEO - Value Added Business, Vedanta Limited** said "At Vedanta's Value-Added Business we are committed towards holistic development of communities s

to hone up their skills and excel further in sports. Kudos to entire organizing team for this unique initiative.”

Vedanta’s Value-Added Business contributing to the holistic development of communities around through various high impact CSR programs such as Gram Nirman, Back to farming, MHU, development of infrastructure for upliftment of sports, sanitation programs etc.

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