

## Press Release

### **Lokesh Waran of Chennai Heat Team wins 'Vedanta Sesa Goa Most Promising Player' at INBL-1**

- **Team Chennai Heat emerged champions of the Indian National Basketball League (INBL) Season-1**
- **Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) supported Indian National Basketball League (INBL) Season-1 Finals at Bengaluru, Sree Kanteerava Stadium.**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> Bengaluru:** Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka sponsored the Indian National Basketball League (INBL) Season-1 final match recently held at Shree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru. Team Chennai Heat emerged Champions of INBL Season-1 and Mr. Lokesh Waran M was awarded as the 'Vedanta Sesa Goa Most Promising Player' and cash prize worth Rs. 50,000/- to honour the talented sportsman from the league.

The final match & closing ceremony of this prestigious basketball league was attended by respected dignitaries including Shri. Thawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Dr. K. Govind Raj, President – Basketball Federation of India, Shri. Rupinder Brar, Chairman and Director, INBL, Shri. Dushyant Khanna, Director INBL, Shri. Parveen Batish, CEO – INBL and others.

INBL is the first-of-its-kind basketball league in India, organized to promote the basketball sport and to provide opportunities to the player from across the country to showcase their talent and excel further in the field of Basketball. The objective of this mega tournament was to boost the appeal of Basketball in India and raise the standard of the sport, as envisaged by Basketball Federation of India (BFI) last year.

Sports development is one of the major thrust areas of Vedanta Sesa Goa's CSR interventions. Company is running high impact grassroot sports development initiatives such as Sesa Football Academy, Vedanta Women's League in Goa, Vedanta Football schools and so on.

**Mr. Parveen Batish, CEO – INBL** said, "I have been really impressed with the level of competition we have had through this competition. We are on a journey to discover talent, and this is just the start. We thank our sponsor Vedanta Sesa Goa for supporting our vision and making this season possible."

**Mr. Navin Jaju, CEO – Sesa Goa Business, Vedanta Limited** said, "I congratulate Mr. Lokesh from Chennai Heat Team for winning the 'Vedanta Sesa Goa Most Promising Player Award' and wish him all the best for his future endeavors. At Vedanta, we strongly believe that India has a great potential to unleash in the field of sports, especially at international platforms. We are excited and elated to sponsor the first-of-its-kind basketball league in India - INBL, which is envisioned to develop and promote the sport from the grassroots levels."

Under the aegis of Anil Agarwal Foundation, Vedanta Iron Karnataka has undertaken various CSR initiatives to promote the sporting culture in the local communities and encourage the youth to pursue careers beyond academics. Last year, Vedanta-IOK launched Vedanta Inter School Sports &

Culture Meet and Sesa Students' Talent Hunt. Besides these, the company conducted various awareness sessions and distributed sports equipment/gears to students to strengthen the sports infrastructure for the benefits of the communities around.

### **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 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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