

Vedanta Sesa Goa Partners with 'Hands to Help' Farmers' Group to Reclaim Fallow Land in Bicholim Taluka

Iron Ore Goa, announced its partnership with the 'Hands to Help' Farmers' Group to reclaim over 20 Ha of fallow land in Saramanas, Piligao. This collaborative effort marks a significant step towards sustainable agriculture and community development in the area.

During the course of the collaboration, there have been numerous sessions conducted by IOG to facilitate the objectives of the project by providing HTHFG access to expert guidance and resources. The emphasis has also been laid upon adopting sustainable farming practices and on measures to secure land against cattle/animal menace.

HTHFG has also been extended support by the Govt of Goa and acknowledging the potential of the Project as well as the support extended by Vedanta Sesa Goa, Mr. Premendra Shet, Hon'ble MLA for Maem Constituency, said that "The Project to reclaim fallow land is commendable and will benefit over over 75 households in the region. Sustainable and economically viable farming is essential & the partnership between Iron Ore Goa and HTHFG, along with the support provided by the Govt. of Goa, the Project is bound to succeed and have a transformational impact. I extend my appreciation to all involved parties and encourage continued collaboration for the betterment of our region."

Expressing his solidarity with the farming community, Mr. Dheeraj Kumar Jagdish, Deputy CEO of Iron Ore Goa, reaffirmed the company's commitment to giving back to the community in every possible manner. He said that, 'We are proud to partner with the HTHFG to reclaim fallow land and in supporting the local farming communities in Bicholim Taluka. By extending expert guidance we aim to create a positive impact on both the agricultural landscape and the lives of the people. The aim being to 'give back' to the society to foster prosperity in Goa."

As an initial step, the foundation stone for the fencing project of the identified tract of land was laid by Mr. Premendra Shet, Hon'ble MLA Maem Constituency.

The collaborative endeavor at Sarmanas has the potential for laying the foundation for numerous future projects. It will foster socio-economic growth and contribute to the overall prosperity of Bicholim Taluka. Vedanta Sesa Goa' initiatives aimed at improving farm yields and in introducing sustainable farming practices have been comprehensively undertaken as part of Project 'Gram Nirman' and have met with considerable success over the years. Over 6000 farmers have so far benefitted from the various initiatives undertaken.

