

Press Release

Vedanta Sesa Goa Recognises 250+ Academic Achievers under Project 'Vridhhi'

In a continued effort to support students from rural belt, Vedanta Sesa Goa – Iron Ore Goa (IOG) as part of its community development initiative Project 'Vridhhi', felicitated over 250 meritorious students from Maem with scholarships, at a ceremony held at Sateri temple, Kumbharwada Maem.

The initiative aimed to extend financial support to students of class 10th & 12th who have achieved academically, and to motivating them to continue to strive in their educational journey. Students from Ideal High School, Piligao; Mahamaya High School, Maem; Vijyanand High School, Maem; Vijyanand Higher Secondary School, Maem; and Government High School, Sirigao were awarded with scholarships during the programme.

The ceremony was graced by Mr. Premendra Shet, Hon'ble MLA for Maem Constituency who encouraged the students and said “ *I congratulate all students who have been provided scholarships by Vedanta Sesa Goa & wish them the very best for their future endeavours. I also commend Vedanta Sesa Goa for its consistent efforts in supporting educational development at the grassroots level. Recognising academic merit through initiatives like Project 'Vridhhi' not only encourages students but also strengthens the foundation for a progressive and educated society,*” said **Shri Premendra Shet, Hon'ble MLA, Mayem Constituency.**

Mr. Dhirajkumar Jagdish, Deputy CEO – Vedanta Sesa Goa - IOG, said, “We, at Vedanta Sesa Goa - IOG are committed to the holistic development of the communities and the support extended, as part of Project 'Vridhhi', to the students furthers our aim. We strongly believe that education is the cornerstone of sustainable development. Through these scholarships & through the Project 'Vridhhi' we are confident that the students will be able to pursue their academic objectives. IOG remains committed to supporting such initiatives that help shape a brighter future for our communities.”

The event also graced by Shri Vasudev Gaonkar, Sarpanch, VP Mayem, Smt. Vedika Shirgaonkar, Sarpanch, VP Sirigao, Shri Umakant Prabhugaonkar - Dy. Sarpanch, VP Piligao, Shri Dilip Shet - Member, VP Mayem, Shri Sunil Vainganakar – Member, VP Piligao. Representing Vedanta Sesa Goa were Mr. Laxman Gawas, Dy Head-Mining Operations, Bicholim, and other Company executives, who joined the community in celebrating the achievements of the students.

“It was a proud moment for our family. Seeing our child recognised on such a respected platform has given us renewed hope and motivation. We are truly grateful to Vedanta and Project 'Vridhhi' for this meaningful recognition,” said **Mrs. Sunita Naik, parent from Piligao.**

“Encouragement of this kind means a great deal, especially for children in rural areas. It shows them that their efforts are valued, and it pushes them to dream bigger. Sincere thanks to Vedanta and the organisers for making this day so special,” shared **Mr. Rajesh Sawant, parent from Mayem.**

Through initiatives such as Project 'Vridhhi', Vedanta Sesa Goa reaffirms its unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive growth by creating opportunities for quality education and youth development. The company remains dedicated to empowering future generations and building resilient communities through sustained, impactful social interventions.