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### GOAN FOOTBALL ICONS COME TOGETHER FOR 2nd EDITION OF VEDANTA LEGENDS MATCH

- 36 of the best yesteryear Goan footballers, including Arjuna awardees Brahmanand Sankhwalkar and Bruno Coutinho to participate in the game on 14th September at Duler Stadium

**13 September, Panaji:** Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore commemorates the Goan footballers of yesteryears by organizing the Vedanta Legends Match. The highly anticipated second edition of the Legends Match, with its fair share of rekindled rivalries and friendships, will be held on 14th September at Duler Stadium, Mapusa with a 6 PM kickoff.

The game organized in collaboration with Goa Football Association and The Association for the Wellbeing of Elderly Sportspersons promises to be an exciting affair. 36 of the biggest Goan footballing legends are all set to feature in the game which will be played between Goa Legends 'Blue' and Goa Legends 'Orange'. The legends invited for the game include Goa's first Arjuna Awardee and legendary goalkeeper, Brahmanand Sankhwalkar, along with renowned names like Samir Naik, Climax Lawrence, Roberto Fernandes, Lector Mascarenhas, Clifford Miranda, Jerry Fernandes, among others.

The current Technical Director of FC Goa and AFC A Pro License coach Derrick Pereira will be the captain of Goa Legends 'Blue', while Arjuna Awardee winner and former AIFF Player of the Year (1996) Bruno Coutinho will lead Goa Legends 'Orange'.

Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business said, "We are very excited to see the legends back in action tomorrow. We are commemorating the legends who have established a strong foundation for football in Goa and they always keep inspiring the young footballers of our country for generations to come. We at Vedanta are fully committed towards the development of grassroots football as part of our flagship CSR initiatives and community outreach programs - Sesa Football Academy, Vedanta Women's League and Vedanta Football Schools."

Levino Rebello, Vice President of Goa Football Association North said, "Goa is a hub of football and legendary footballers have helped maintain the quality of the game over the years by contributing in terms of coaching, mentoring and inspiring the young players. It is a remarkable initiative by Vedanta to bring back these legendary Footballers for a friendly game."

Legendary footballer and Goa's first Arjuna awardee, Mr. Brahmanand Sankhwalkar said, "It is a wonderful platform for the Goan football fraternity to come together, celebrate years of success and contribution of the legends to Indian football. I am looking forward to the game and meet my compatriots. It will be nostalgic for sure."

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