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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VEDANTA INAUGURATES TWO MORE COMPUTER LABs AT NAVELIM-BICHOLIM AND USGAO**

- *These new labs increase Vedanta developed computer learning facilities number to 11, thus expanding the benefits from 3000 students so far to more in Goa.*

**Navelim, 8th October, 2019:** In line with Vedanta's nationwide program of computer literacy and E-shiksha, Sesa Goa Iron Ore business inaugurated two more computer lab facilities at Vividha Higher secondary school, Navelim- Bicholim and Sarvodaya high school, Usgao respectively, from existing 9 in Goa. Addition of these two computer labs make it to total of 11 Vedanta Computer facilities in Goa thus expanding the benefits from 3000 students so far to more in Goa. The brand new Computer Lab facilities will provide a unique and very useful opportunity to undergo computer-based E-learning program. The students will not only learn the basics of computer operations but also will be able to empower themselves for careers in this extremely lucrative arena, which has massive opportunities for qualified and technically competent professionals.

Computer lab facility at Sarvodaya High School, Usgao was inaugurated at the hands of Shri. Narendra Sawaikar (Ex-MP, South Goa) in the presence of Mr. Joseph Coelho, Director, Iron Ore Goa, Vedanta Limited and computer lab at Vividha Higher secondary was inaugurated by Shri Digambar Kamat, Hon'ble MLA, Margao constituency in presence of Mr. Saptesh Sardesai, COO- Coke & Power, Vedanta -VAB, Smt. Mayuri Gawas, Sarpanch-VP Navelim along with the respective school's Parent Teachers Association members, School Management Committees, its teaching & support staff and students.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri. Digambar Kamat said, "In today's technologically driven and digitalized world, this initiative by Vedanta will help the students to equip themselves in emerging as technocrats and gaining benefits of computer based learnings. I have high expectations from all of you, that you will optimally utilize this advanced facility to progress in your career and achieve new heights, bringing upon many more laurels to this village & to our state"

Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO - Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore quoted "Community engagement is one of the major driving force for our Vedanta growth story. We strongly believe that community welfare and business development should go hand in hand for any business to flourish sustainably. Community development is the vital element of our business model and we will continue to contribute our maximum efforts towards the socio- economic upliftment of the community"

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Speaking on the occasion of Computer lab inauguration at Sarvodaya high school Usgao Mr. Joseph Coelho- Director, IOG, Vedanta Ltd. said, "Education being one of the major thrust area of our Vedanta CSR initiatives, we always focus on creating a best in class infrastructure and learning facilities for our community. Though mining industry is going through tough time, we continue with our flagship CSR programs"

The initiative of providing a computer lab was deeply appreciated by the PTA Members and by the School's Management Committees. Presently Vedanta has 211 centres running nationwide and has managed to impart computer literacy to about 2 million people.

Photo Caption - Shri. Digambar Kamat Inaugurating Vedanta Computer lab. in Presence of Saptesh Sardesai and other dignitaries.

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