

## **VEDANTA INDUCTS "MIYAWAKI" JAPANESE PLANTATION TECHNIQUE IN GOA, FOR 10 TIMES FASTER VEGETATION GROWTH**

- Vedanta- VAB pledged to carry out plantation of 7000 saplings of 150 native species covering 3200 Sq.Mtrs. area using innovative Japanese technique in and around Amona & Navelim villages.

**Goa:** Vedanta's Value Added Business (VAB) initiated plantation drive in and around Amona & Navelim villages using the innovative "Miyawaki"- Japanese plantation technique, with an aim to plant 7000 saplings of 150 different native species. The plantation drive was initiated at Vedanta's VAB plant premise wherein company employees voluntarily carried out the plantation activity. Using this innovative Japanese technology Vedanta's VAB, planning to turn around 3200 Sq.Mtrs. area into dense green vegetation.

'Miyawaki' is the unique technique for development of dense forest using native species. The afforestation using this technique leads to 10 time's faster growth of the plants and forest becomes 30 times denser than usual.

Speaking about initiative **Adv. Premanand Gawas**, President of Laxminarayan Devasthan committee Naveli Said "We appreciate the efforts from Vedanta to adopt advance technology and practices to promote biodiversity. We also assure support from devasthan committee for further plantation activities in the village."

**Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO, Iron & Steel Sector, Vedanta Limited said**" At Vedanta We believe in adopting state of the art and best in class processes and technologies in all domains of our Business. The introduction of 'Miyawaki' plantation technique at our Value Added Business, is yet another step in our endeavor towards a greener Nation"

**Mr. Saptesh Sardesai, Director, Vedanta- VAB** Quoted "At Vedanta-VAB, Environment conservation and community development is at the core of our business philosophy. This plantation drive using 'Miyawaki' technique is yet another step towards our aim of ensuring the sustainable operations with utmost focus on advanced technologies."

Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business is at the forefront in introduction of innovative techniques in the field of Environment Management and Biodiversity conservation. The Sanquelim reclaimed mine of Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business is a classic example of the Biodiversity conservation along with development of high community impact projects on the reclaimed mine that is Sesa Football Academy and Sesa Technical School which are serving the communities for more than two decades now. At Vedanta's VAB around 60 MW of clean power is generated using waste heat recovery power plants, which is also catering to the electricity needs of the state to certain extent.

### **About Vedanta Limited**

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