

Press Release

Goa Forest Dept. officials laud Sesa Goa Biodiversity conservation initiatives

- Senior officials from Forest Dept. visited Sanquelim reclaimed mine and Miyawaki (Japanese technique) Plantation site at Value Added Business (VAB)
- Mr. Rajiv Kumar Gupta, PCCF, Goa Forest Department planted sapling at site.

Goa, XX May 2022: In view of International Day for Biodiversity, Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business organised a site visit of forest Dept. officials at Sanquelim reclaimed mine. Sapling was planted at the site by Mr. Rajiv Kumar Gupta -Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) in the distinguished presence of Mr. Santosh Kumar- Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dr. Dinesh Kannan - Conservator of Forests, Mr. Sujal Shah- CEO, Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited, Mr. Jagdish Desai - Head HSE, Iron Ore Goa, Vedanta Limited along with officials from Forest Dept. and Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business.

The senior Forest Dept. officials visited Nakshatra Garden, Butterfly Garden, Bamboo Setum, Bamboo Pavilion, Pisciculture project at the reclaimed Sanquelim mine and Miyawaki (Japanese technique) plantation site at Vedanta's Value-Added Business. Forest Dept. officials applauded the various Biodiversity conservation initiatives implemented by Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business and emphasized the need to replicate such green initiatives.

Shri Rajiv Kumar Gupta, PCCF, Goa Forest Department commented, *"Visited the area with my forest team and it is quite impressive. The reclamation work coupled with other innovative projects are really praiseworthy. May think of taking up Ecotourism in hinterlands"*

Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO – Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited Said " *At Vedanta's Iron Ore Business we are committed towards building sustainable business models with utmost focus on adoption of innovative green methods. Our various environment conservation initiatives including systematic reclamation of mine sites, introduction of plantation techniques like Miyawaki (Japanese technique), Geotextiles for mine reclamations, ESG excellence initiatives at all our operations to reduce carbon footprints & water conservation measures, testifies our core philosophy of creating harmony between ecological and economic growth for sustainable future to all."*

Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business of Vedanta Limited implemented various Environment conservation measures and community development initiative including afforestation, pisciculture project, Horti-Silviculture, medicinal garden, bamboo setum, butterfly park, bamboo pavilion, Sesa Technical School (STS), Sesa Football Academy (SFA). The company has planted over 7.5 Lakh sapling as a part of reclamation efforts. Vedanta's Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business has pledged to achieve carbon-neutrality by 2050 across all its operations and water positivity in near future.

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About Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business

Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business of Vedanta Limited is engaged in exploration, mining, and processing of iron ore. The company was founded in 1954 as Scambi Economici SA Goa and acquired by Vedanta. Since then, it has grown to be one among the top low-cost producers of iron ore in the country. During 1991-1995, it diversified into the manufacture of pig iron and metallurgical coke. It has also developed indigenous and environment-friendly technology for producing high quality metallurgical coke. Sesa Goa Iron Ore also has two waste heat recovery power plants of total capacity 60 MW that produces clean power by using the waste heat recovery from its coke ovens and blast furnace gas. Sesa Goa Iron Ore operations in India are in Goa & Karnataka.

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