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Vedanta Dedicates Goa's 2nd 'Nand Ghar' to the State

- **Goa's second 'Nand Ghar' inaugurated at Zakem, Netraulim.**
- **Committed to the Prime Minister's vision of eradicating child malnutrition and providing education.**
- **Vedanta to construct 4000 such structures across the country.**

Panaji, December 26th 2016: Hon'ble MLA, Sanguem Constituency, Shri. Subhash Faldesai inaugurated Goa's second 'Nand Ghar' – a Vedanta Project at Zakem, Netraulim Goa in the presence of Shri. Navnath Naik - ZP Member – Rivona, Shri. Shashikant Gaonkar - Sarpanch – Netraulim, Smt. Geeta Gaonkar - Panch – Zakem, Smt. Mala Gadkar, Program Officer, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) & Shri. Joseph Coelho - Head Operations - IOG, Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore.

On this occasion, Mr. Subhash Faldesai, MLA – Sanguem Constituency said, that, “We congratulate Vedanta for setting up the Nand Ghar project in Netravali Village which will promote Angawadi infrastructure and facilitate learning for the children. This is a unique concept which will attract more parents to enrol their wards who otherwise will have to spend a huge sum to seek admission in private pre-primary schools.”

“The 'Nand Ghar' model will provide targeted delivery of supplementary nutrition services along with related healthcare services for both mother and child including skill training for women. She also stressed on the need of having toilets in 'Nand Ghar' for women to strengthen the Swachh Bharat Mission. Healthy children and empowered women will eradicate poverty and malnutrition, and make a prosperous nation,” said Ms. Mala Gadkar Programme officer, ICDS.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Coelho, said, “The 'Nand Ghar' project aligns with our honourable Prime Minister's vision and our commitment as a corporate citizen to the State of Goa. The 'Nand Ghar' centres are devoted to child education, women welfare and skill development. Across the country 4000 such Nand Ghars will be constructed by Vedanta.”

About Nand Ghar: Vedanta's 'Nand Ghar' initiative adds to the existing Anganwadi model of the Ministry's 'Integrated Women and Child Development Scheme' and this center will act as a focal area for immunization, gender sensitization and maternal care. It also aims to enhance the learning environment through an e-learning module and skill enhancement program for women. The 'Nand Ghar' centers are proposed to be run as a shared space in which 50% of the time will be devoted to children's education and the remaining half will support women's skill development.

'Building as a Learning Aid' a concept piloted by UNICEF, which will feature learning concepts embedded within the structure, will attempt to increase attendance of children. In addition, the Centre will be equipped with solar panels, TV, toilets and water supply.

Nand Ghar uses state of art construction technology and has added benefits of round the clock electricity through Solar panels, e-learning in a stimulating environment, clean drinking water through RO purifiers. The 'Nand Ghars' will run as children's education and health center. The structure has low lifetime maintenance cost, is spacious with ample light, and is fire, dampness and earthquake proof. It offers amenities of smart education through interactive graphics, Hygienic toilets, Safe drinking water, a dedicate kitchen and storage space and will run on Solar Panel Power.

The cost of one 'Nand Ghar' center, involving an area of 780 sq ft., is estimated to be around Rs 10 lakhs. It is proposed to have a gap funding model where the WCD ministry will allocate a funding of up to Rs 4.5 lakhs per 'Nand Ghar' for its construction using eco-friendly material. Construction of the 'Nand Ghar' centers will be under taken by National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC), a central government PSU, as per the guidance of the WCD Ministry.

The NBCC is a Navratna company having expertise in Project Management Consultancy (PMC), Real Estate Development & EPC Contracting. NBCC would coordinate with the respective state government for site allocation. Post construction, the constructed 'Nand Ghar' centres will be handed over to the respective Panchayat/ local urban body.

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Photo Caption: SUBHASH FALDESAI - MLA, Sanguem Constituency inaugurates Nand Ghar at Zakem, Netraulim. Also seen, are (L-R) JOSEPH COELHO - Head Operations, Vedanta Sesa Goa, SHASHIKANT GAONKAR-Sarpanch Netraulim, NAVNATH NAIK-ZP-Rivona & MALA GADKAR-Program Officer (ICDS)

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