

## **Vedanta Empowers Youth in Computer Skills**

- **2400 youth certified from 2012**

**Panaji, April 06, 2017:** Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore is committed to its Corporate Social Responsibility vision to ensure poverty eradication through a strong focus on skilling the youth and providing employment.

With this objective in mind the organization through its CSR arm the Vedanta Foundation partnered with local bodies viz. Municipal Councils and Village Panchayats to set up computer training centers to empower youth and provided free computer skills. The aim is to bridge the digital divide in the country and provide alternate means of employment and skill enhancement to the youth in the local communities.

Today, the initiative saw 60 students pass out meritoriously from the institute at the Bicholim center. The program that has been running since its inception in August 2012 has so far benefitted 2400 youth.

Speaking at the Certificate distribution Ceremony at Bicholim, Mr. Satish Gaonkar, Chairperson- Bicholim Municipal Council said, “I applaud the efforts of Vedanta Limited for their support for this noble cause. This is a good opportunity for the youth to learn computer skills and begin their own enterprise. It is heartening to see a large number of youth benefitting especially from the remote villages of Bicholim Municipality.”

Mr. Vijay Kumar, Head–IOB, Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore said: “It is a proud moment for us to honour the young buds and we are happy that majority of them are girls. We are aligned to the vision of the Honorable Prime Minister of India to contribute our bit to make the digital India dream into a reality. Youngsters are enthusiastic, industry is supportive and the government is proactive. India is yearning for a digital revolution. As a responsible mining company it is our endeavor to give back to the society and invest in our youth as they are our future. I am confident that this batch of students who pass out today shall do well and have a successful career path.

The function was attended by officials of Bicholim Municipal Council, Vedanta Limited, Vedanta Foundation, Teachers of the Centres and others.

**About the curriculum :** The content of the course is divided into two modules viz. 3 months ‘Basics of Computers’ and 3 months of ‘Advanced Course in Desktop Publishing & Financial Accounting’.



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Education, Child Care, Employment, Women Empowerment prioritize the Foundation's social development initiatives among others. Vedanta Foundation has woven its social programs to support the achievement of India's Millennium Development Goal.

**Photo Caption:** Students of the Bicholim Centre on the Certificate Awarding Day with Mr.Satish Gaonkar, Councillors, Vedanta Officials and others.

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