

## Press Release

### **4th Edition of Vedanta Women's league kick starts with power packed opening**

-Exciting opening day witnessed battle between FC Goa and Futebol Club YFA followed by nail-biting encounter between Sarvodem SC Vs Compassion FC.

**Margao, Navelim, Goa 28th Feb 2021:** The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Vedanta Women's League commenced in style with opener between FC Goa and Futebol Club YFA followed by match between Sarvodem SC & Compassion Football Club. The league commenced with a glorious kick start ceremony on the opening day, in distinguished presence of Chief Guest Ms. Carol Fernandes EGomes – Chairperson, Women's Committee, Goa Football Association (GFA), Ms. Leena Verenkar, Group CSR Head, Vedanta Limited, along with other dignitaries at Rosary Ground, Navelim- Margao. The Opening ceremony was organized ensuring minimal in person attendance and strict adherence to new normal.

On the opening day FC Goa registered 1-0 Win over Futebol Club YFA whereas in second encounter of the day team Sarvodem SC Edge past Compassion FC to register their first win of the league. Ms. Jozima Fernandes of FC Goa and Ms. Daisy Crasto of Sarvodem FC emerged as the player of the match for the respective matches.

On opening **ceremony Mr. Churchill Alemao, President GFA** said " "Goa Football Association is on the frontline in the development of football across the state of Goa through myriad football development programs. At GFA we are extremely happy to launch the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Vedanta Women's League in collaboration with Vedanta to provide a platform for women footballers to upskill and excel in the football arena. It is great to see this collaboration of GFA with Vedanta to launch one of its kind football platform for women's in the state is gaining popularity and proving to be a huge success"

**Mr. Annanya Agarwal, President - Vedanta Sports** quoted "As we kick start the 4th edition of Vedanta Women's League in partnership with GFA, I am extremely pleased to see the progress of women's football across the state of Goa. This tournament is very special to me. At Vedanta Sports we believe that Indian Sports has a huge potential to excel further and our constant endeavor is to further strengthen our sports development initiatives in order to take Indian sports to greater heights."

This season of Vedanta Women's Football League have garnered participation of Over 100+ aspiring women footballers from the state of Goa. The league comprises of 5 teams - FC Goa,

Futebol club of YFA, Goa United sports Academy, Sirvodem Sports Club and Compassion Football club.

Vedanta Women's Football League have provided a platform to over 300+ footballers across the state to showcase their talent and helping them to pursue their dream of having a professional career in football. Vedanta Women's League Football prodigies like Karishma Shirvoikar, Michelle Castanha are shining at Prestigious National & International platforms.

### **About Vedanta Cares**

Vedanta is committed to reinvest in the social good of its neighbourhood communities and the nation. The Group's flagship CSR project, Nand Ghar, is a network of model anganwadis where the thrust is on inclusive development of women and children at the grassroots level. The Group CSR initiative comprises of seven key verticals – Education, Healthcare, Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Livelihood, Skilling, Sports & Culture and Employee Volunteering. Vedanta Foundation, a philanthropic initiative of Vedanta Group is focused on skill development and vocational training programmes for the underprivileged to make them employable. A key healthcare speciality CSR project is the Balco Medical Center, a 200-bed state-of-the-art Cancer care hospital located in New Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The company supports grassroots level sports through their Football academies in Goa and Udaipur.

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### **About SESA Football Academy:**

An initiative of SESA Community Development Foundation (SCDF), SESA Football Academy (SFA) was founded in 1999 for the holistic development of the local youths through football. The academy has created the conditions for discovering, creating and building talent for football. SFA does not restrict itself to football trainings but involves in a long term residential program which



takes care of the formal education, skill development of the trainees during the four-year training period.

The academy has a strong focus on women empowerment through football. Since inception, SFA has trained around 200 footballers and has made tremendous impact on the football fraternity in Goa as well as across India. The graduates from SFA are serving in the national teams, Indian Super League (ISL), I-League clubs of India and clubs in Goa. 7 players have earned the national team cap and several players played the elite ISL .

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