

Vedanta Nico Promotes Sustainable Farming Practices in Goa Through Community Seed Distribution

- Vedanta Nico distributed Jhoti paddy seeds to support 150 South Goa farmers.
- Initiative promotes sustainable agriculture under Vedanta's Transforming Communities vision.

Cuncolim, Goa; 6th January 2025: Vedanta Nico, India's Primary Nickel Producer, organised a special community event to support 150 farmers across Simpler, Talwada (Cuncolim), and Akamol (Ambaulim) by distributing Jhoti paddy seeds. This initiative is part of Vedanta Nico's commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture under its Transforming Communities vision.

The program, coinciding with the sowing season for rabi crops, highlights Vedanta Nico's dedication to empowering farmers and enhancing agricultural livelihoods in Goa. Community leaders Mr. Devidas Deikar (Sarpanch, Ambaulim) and Ms. Rupa Gaonkar (Ward Councillor, Simpler and Talwada) joined Vedanta Nico's team at the event, distributing 25 kg bags of Jhoti paddy seeds, marking the onset of a season of hope and renewal.

Speaking about Vedanta Nico's CSR initiatives, Mr. Prashuk Jain, COO – Vedanta Nico, said, *"Farmers play a pivotal role in sustaining communities, and their efforts deserve our support and recognition. Through this initiative, Vedanta aims to promote sustainable agricultural practices that align growth with environmental care, ensuring mutual progress."*

This seed distribution aligns with Vedanta's broader ESG vision, Transforming Communities, which focuses on sustainable and inclusive growth. Through such initiatives, Vedanta Nico remains committed to strengthening local economies, fostering environmental stewardship, and enhancing societal well-being, especially during times that symbolize prosperity and gratitude.

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