

PRESS RELEASE

SESA FOOTBALL ACADEMY ORGANIZES FOOTBALL FOR FUN GRASSROOTS EVENT

Celebrates the spirit of the grassroots football

Panaji, May 29, 2017: Sesa Football Academy organized a grassroots event – 'Football for Fun' for children in the age group of 6 to 14 years at Sesa Football ground in Sankhali yesterday. The event welcomed 30 youngsters out of which 7 were girls. The parents attended in numbers and could be seen encouraging their little ones from the sidelines.

The 1.5 hour coaching clinic included warm up session, fun-games and small sided matches. The clinic was executed by the Sesa Football Academy coaches and was overseen by the chief mentor, Arjuna Awardee, Shri. Brahmanand Sankhwalkar.

The CEO of the Vedanta Football Project, Mr. Sukhvinder Singh said, "We are touched by the energy and passion of the kids and this encourages us to plan more of such activities that engages our communities. Sesa Football Academy would love to play a critical role to strengthen this connect. I am thankful to the members of the Vedanta Sesa Goa family who supported this in good measure and have come to enjoy the goodness of football in the heat on a Sunday. Our aim and objective is to inspire these little children to become healthy and skilled citizens of the country."

The event also celebrated the spirit of the AFC Grassroots day which is celebrated in the month of May every year.

Children were also given prizes on the occasion by Ms. Leena Verenkar-Head Corporate Affairs & Community Relations and Mr. Vijay Khanzode – Head Iron & Steel Project.

The winners of the prizes are as follows:

- Youngest girl participant – Beverly Dias – 6 years, Niece of Mervyn D'Souza
- Best Goal – Neha Narvekar, 9 years D/o Govind Narvekar
- Highest enthusiasm – Shayne Misquita, 6 yrs, S/o Boucette D'Souza e Misquita
- Best Celebration – Benigno Dias – 6 years Nephew of Mervyn D'Souza
- Promising Player – Danushka Fernandes – 12 years D/o Franky Fernandes

This grassroots football initiative was the first event after the recent re- launch of the Sesa Football Academy earlier this month by Mr. Annanya Agarwal, President - SFA and Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia. The organizers are buoyed by the success and the energy of the participants and are looking at hosting such engaging events for the communities.

Photo caption: Participants alongwith the Coaches and Management team of Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore and Sesa Football Academy.

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