

Vedanta's SESA Football Academy continues to facilitate players learning through E- Mentorship Sessions.

- *SFA facilitates interaction session of academy players with Glan Martins (SFA Alumnus & professional football player) and Mr. Jovito Lopes (General Secretary, GFA) through virtual platforms.*

Panaji, 23rd June 2020: In continuation with E-Mentorship program launched in April-20, SESA Football Academy (SFA) initiated series of interaction sessions for academy players with renowned football professionals and officials from Goa through virtual platforms. Recently SFA invited Glan Martins (Indian Professional footballer and SFA Alumnus) and Mr. Jovito Lopes (General Secretary, Goa Football Association) to interact and guide the SFA players through virtual E- Mentorship Sessions. The aim of the program is to provide the better exposure and ensure steady up gradation of the academy players during present situation due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Annanya Agarwal, President- Sesa Football Academy congratulated team for organizing these amazing program and quoted" Our focus is on football development programs at grassroot level, to groom footballing talents across the country and nurture them into professional footballers. Even during these challenging times, the SFA team is working hard to continue the learning process through virtual platforms and ensuring strict safety measures"

Speaking during the session **Mr. Glan Martins** said "My training at SFA has helped me a lot not only to develop my football skills but also in my overall personality development. I urge all of you to put in extraordinary efforts and utilize this training period to maximum extent possible which will definitely help you a lot in long run".

During the sessions **Mr. Jovito Lopes** mentioned "Playing football with your feet is one thing, but playing football with your heart and mind is another. Success is no accident it is hard work, perseverance, sacrifice, determination, respect for authority and most of all love and passion for what you are doing or learning to do. Set goal, make a plan, revisit the plan periodically, take course correction if need be, get to work, stick to it to reach a goal."

In order to support the players in physical and mental conditioning particularly during this difficult times due to COVID-19 pandemic, Sesa Football academy developed an E- learning modules for players and also helping the coaches to upgrade their computer skills which will help in smooth implementation of technology based training modules at academy in near future.

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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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