

Press Release

Vedanta's Sesa Football Academy earns Accreditation under Khelo India scheme

Panaji, 3rd November: Vedanta's Sesa Football Academy has earned accreditation under Khelo India Talent Development programme which will help to further strengthen the grassroots football training program of the academy. SFA has a rich legacy of over 2 decades in shaping the footballing talents to groom them as professional footballers and this association with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) through Khelo India scheme will help to further improvise training , infrastructure & expand the reach of the project.

Khelo India Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), Government of India aims to encourage sports all over the country and SAI has been entrusted with the implementation of the Khelo India Talent Identification & Development in order to Support National & Regional State Sports Academies. Sesa Football Academy has been accredited for this scheme for a period of 4 years. The Sesa Football Academy has a track record of robust grassroots training programs with over 200+ alumni who are shining at various prestigious footballing platforms across the country.

Speaking about the Academy's accreditation under Khelo India Scheme **Mr. Annanya Agarwal, President- Vedanta Sports** said "We are thankful to Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) for acknowledging our efforts towards development of sports in the country. This association will help us in long run to further drive our journey towards transformation of football in the country and contribute towards the holistic development of sports by expanding reach of our initiatives."

Mr. Brahmanand Sankhwalkar, GFDC Chairman Congratulated SFA and Said "Sesa Football Academy is one among the grassroots football training platforms which helps in identification and grooming of the footballing talents to help them pursue professional career in the sports. I congratulate the SFA for this accreditation under Khelo India Scheme which will help to further enhance the contribution towards sports development."

Based on the expression of interest for accreditation of Academies issued by SAI inviting applications from interested sports academies for the purpose of selection, accreditation and empanelment with Khelo India in order to provide the training, equipment and sports science support to Khelo India and the KITD, SFA has successfully completed the

assessment process including document verification & physical verification at the academy.

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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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