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THE FIRST LEG

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HUMBLE KICKOFF OF A POWER-PACKED PROGRAM



9th January, Chennai

Welcome to Gamesa Soccer League (GSL), a one-of-its-kind initiative in India, launched to revolutionize the way organizations approach Corporate Social Responsibility while laying the foundations to propel the nation's growing grassroots football development movement.

The progressive league came about as a result of a partnership between Gamesa India and Slum Soccer - the organizations whose great vision dictated the typical Slum Soccer coaching session that uses football as a sport to inculcate essential life skills such as teamwork, effective communication and leadership et al. Stay tuned.

SLUM PLAYERS JOIN THE WORLD CAMP

PUMPED-UP KIDS KICK HARD & FAST

21st January, Nagpur

Braving the cold, little feet came galloping at the Mankapur Stadium, in Nagpur, to participate at the U-14 Young Champs Football Festival organized by Slum Soccer - Krida Vikas Sanstha which became the playground to 300 ardent players from 24 community schools.

Three strenuous rounds of six matches were played among 36 teams to sieve the chaff from the heat for the next stage. The shortlisted players will compete at the nationals to be among the Top-20 who will receive professional football training at the GSL training camp.



SLUMS SPREAD SMILES

1st February, Nagpur

Smile. For the women and children of nearby villages at Krida Vikas Sanstha center that organized Arogya Shivir, a free Dental and Women's Health Check-up



28th January, South Korea

Yet again, Slum Soccer gifts three more rising stars to the United Nations Office on Sports for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) that organizes Youth Leadership Program (YLP) camp each year in different parts of the world. This year, Jyoti Verma, Umesh Deshmukh and Shivani Chaudhary, following the success of Slum students – Akash Barse, Prithvi Jagan, Shrushruti Ramesh and Homkant Surandsase – at YLP Camp 2014, brought back the laurels.

The camp trains the youth to become leaders in the field of sport for development while providing them with a toolkit on how sports can be used to improve the social conditions in the participant's home country.

camp which evoked a healthy response.

As many as 150 villagers including 100 women and 30 children took a thorough dental and basic medical examination while they were counseled individually.



The camp had a special focus on women's health and hygiene and as result Dr Alka Kumar, a gynecologist, addressed the women at length on women's health issues and concerns.

THE FAIR MAN'S GAME



13th- 15th February, Nagpur

The 13th National Slum Soccer Tournament held in March 2015, hosted a three-day football fiesta, witnessing some scoring moments and the edge of seat action, as twelve teams from different states battled it out for the top spot.

The tournament not only provided a platform for players

WATCH OUT FOR WOMEN ON FIELD

22nd February, Chennai

The Gamesa Soccer League hosted its first Girls Monthly Tournament attracting participation from seventy brave girls from the Government School in Sholinganallur, who took part in a day-long football event.

The girls studying in class 7, 8 and 9 participated in their first ever competition after putting weeks of training to practice.

As an outcome, the fierce game came to a thrilling finish with a penalty shootout. And even though emotions ran high, the girls celebrated together and looked forward to playing in the next tournament.



to showcase their acquired skills but also educated them on the significance of women empowerment and as well as leadership through classroom sessions taken by trainers of Slum Soccer.

The gala event concluded with Uttar Pradesh emerging as the winner. Out of 32 players selected as prospects, the top eight will play in the Homeless World Cup in Amsterdam, Netherlands, later this year.

Best Goalkeeper - Deepak Gosai (Delhi)
 Top Scorer - Saddam Hussain (UP)
 Best Player - Raqib Lawe (J & K)
 Fair Play Trophy - Jharkhand

ANOTHER PAIR CATCHES A WINNING BUG

28th February

The inspiring performance by Akash Barse secured him a winning spot at the YLP Japan 2015 camp as an assistant staff for the United Nations. While adding to your excitement, Ankit Anand became the second in row to be selected for the YLP Japan camp held in March this year. These participants have impacted Slum Soccer immensely after returning from the camp.

In his role as the Youth Projects Coordinator, Akash has carried out a number of training programs for the volunteers. Vikrem Vybhav has also been instrumental in shaping the Gamesa CSR project while handling the Football Development project in Chennai.

SLUM SOCCER PLAYS ITS WAY TO UK

The Slum Soccer staff, Akshay Madhavan and Vikrem Vybhav, visited the [Homeless World Cup](#) Office at Edinburgh, Scotland, to meet our friends from StreetSoccer, Scotland, and feel the chill. Catch their video [here](#).



SLUM SOCCER CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK WITH WOMEN OF NAGPUR



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