

OORJA-CAPFs YOUTH U-19 FOOTBALL TALENT HUNT TOURNAMENT 2017 TO BE HELD IN GOA IN MAY

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At the outset of **FIFA Under-17 World Cup** to be held in October 2017 in India, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) will jointly organise OORJA CAPFs Youth U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament 2017 for boys and girls under the aegis of All India Police Sports Control Board throughout the country from May 1, 2017 to July 25, 2017 in three phases. The first phase will kick off in Goa from May 1, 2017 to May 15, 2017. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is tasked to conduct tournament for the state & Union Territories of Maharashtra, Telengana, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Dadara & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu. The Curtain Raiser event of the same was held at Kala Academy, Panaji today on April 28, 2017.

Minister for Revenue, Shri Rohan Khaunte, Union Minister for AYUSH-Independent charge(IC) Shri. Shripad Naik, IG-CISF Shri Satish Khandare, IPS, Brand Ambassador of OORJA 2017 CAPFs Youth U-19 Football Talent Hunt Shri Bruno Coutinho, Chairman of Marmugoa Port Trust Shri I. Jeya Kumar, Goa Football Development Corporation (GFDC) Chairman Dr. Rufino Monteiro, Sr. Commandant CISG Shri. Himanshu Pandey and eminent sportswomen FROM Goa Smt. Yolanda D'souza were present on the occasion. The program was attended by staff of CAPF, CISF, Football team captains of various school, clubs and football enthusiasts.

The program began with lighting the traditional lamp followed by welcome address by IG-CISF, Shri Satish Khandare. In his address Shri Khandare informed that OORJA CAPFs Youth U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament 2017 is an opportunity to draw mass attention towards sports. "Hon'ble Prime Minister has stated that the FIFA Under-17 World Cup in October 2017 must be a catalyst for change. This can be done by creating a mass moment around it. The Central Armed forces has accepted this call of Hon'ble Prime Minister and has decided to organise the tournament," he told.

Brand Ambassador for the tournament Shri. Bruno Coutinho in his address mentioned that sports has the ability to bring people together, to create communication and to foster relationship that can be last lifetime and extended his best wishes to the teams.

In his address, Chief Guest Shri Rohan Khaunte congratulated the CAPFs and CISF for their initiative. "Sports teach us discipline, ethics, team work and a lot about life. Football runs in the blood of every Goan. Participation is important, not winning or losing. Talent cannot be bought, it is born and there will be new starts that will be born from this tournament." he said.

Union Minister for AYUSH(IC) Shri. Shripad Naik said that Government will support sports in all the forms. "Football is admired all over the country of and OORJA is a major step in the world of sports," he said.

Shri Khaunte and Shri Naik later unveiled the Trophies and Game Mascot respectively. The girls' team trophy is instituted in the name of Smt. Yolanda D'Souza, eminent sports personality in Goa. The guests also unveiled the sports kit and football, followed by an introduction of team captains from various schools and clubs. The program ended with felicitation of the guests.

Approximately 1200 matches will be played in all three phases of this tournament involving close to 12,500 young players, both boys and girls from schools and clubs. The matches in Goa will be played at Nagoa and Navelim Football ground whereas the inaugural and final match will be played at Bambolim Football ground on May 1, 2017 and May 10, 2017 respectively. The winning team will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-, Runner up will get Rs. 30,000/- and hard life team will be awarded Rs. 20,000/- The Second phase of the tournament will be held from June 8-June 25, 2017 in Gujrat in which the teams from States and United Territories will participate. The third phase will be July 8-July 25, 2017.