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SPECIAL OLYMPICS BHARAT



The Forca Goa Foundation signed an MOU with the Special Olympics Bharat at the beginning of August. The idea for the partnership arose after our coaches were invited to offer their technical expertise in a special training camp last April for a Unified Team with special needs athletes who were preparing for an international tournament in Chicago. Both our coaches and the team from the Special Olympics enjoyed the partnership and training immensely. The athletes' benefited from our coaches footballing experience and our coaches benefited by learning to work with these inspiring athletes. We decided we wanted to be able to deepen our relationship with this wonderful organization. The Special Olympics have more than 4000 registered special needs athletes in Goa alone.

The Special Olympics offered our coaches a focused one day coaching training on how to work with Special Needs Athletes. The training ended with our coaches getting the chance to conduct a quick training session and then join in a futsal game with a group of these talented players. Our coaches were blown away by these players passion and spirit. The Foundation coaches will continue to offer their technical support at the Special Olympics Goan football camps.

UNIFIED FUTSAL TOURNAMENT



The Special Olympics Bharat Goa Chapter organized a Unified Futsal Tournament for girls and boys on the 4th and 5th of August at Don Bosco in Panjim.

As part of the MOU signed between the Forca Goa Foundation and also to raise awareness about these special athletes, players from FC Goa participated in a exhibition futsal match played by unified teams on Sunday 5th August. The match saw FC Goa first team stars Laxmikant Kattimani, Pratesh Shirodkar, Lenny Rodrigues and Jonathan Cardozo play with special athletes in a thrilling game of futsal. The players later gave away the medals to the winners of the Special Olympics Unified Futsal Championship 2018.

The first team players thoroughly enjoyed the game with the special needs athletes and said they were impressed with the players passion and talent. All of them said they would be happy to play with these athletes again. We hope this is just the first of many opportunities this new partnership will create to bring players from FC Goa into contact with these inspiring youth.

ARPAN: CSA WORKSHOP



The Forca Goa Foundation Coaches took a short break from training at the centers to attend a five day intensive workshop with Arpan.

Arpan, is a leading NGO that specializes in Personal Safety Education for young people and conducting awareness programs for Child Sexual Abuse. The training was designed for all 16 of our grassroots coaches and covered topics like Child Sexual Abuse Awareness and Personal Safety Education .

The workshop started out by educating the coaches about child development and different stages of growth. The course then guided them through understanding the difference between sex and gender and the different gender biases that are prevalent in society.

Understanding the difference between sex and gender was extremely important as it showed our Coaches how we all have deep-rooted gender biases and how we structure gender roles based on societal needs. The Coaches also learned how these biases are then further propagated and passed down unknowingly to the children through their actions and behavior.

The next part of the course deep dived into child sexual abuse and all the different aspects of abuse. This section demonstrated how vulnerable children are to sexual assault and why they find it difficult to talk or deal with abuse.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY



The Arpan training was a fantastic program which helped our Coaches understand the role they must play to help create a safe space for all the children we work with on the football field.

The course ended with each of our coaches conducting mock workshops to children of different age categories as well as parents and teachers on the various topics they had learned throughout the course of the week.

After spending five days discussing these sensitive issues we realized it was imperative that the Forca Goa Foundation went a step further in our commitment to our children's safety by putting together a formal Child Protection Policy. Arpan kindly agreed to help us draft a policy which could be accepted and implemented by both the Foundation and Club.

We are currently in the process of finalizing our formal Child Protection Policy and hope to release it to the public with FC Goa in the coming weeks. We hope this policy shows the community that we work with just how seriously we take the safety of the children they put into our care.

The Forca Goa Foundation is committed to continuously building the capacity of our coaches. We see our Coaches as Educators and Mentors within the communities where they work. They have an incredibly important role to play in helping guide the next generation of Goans. We want to teach our youth about compassion and respect.



TECHNICAL TRAININGS WITH COACH DERRICK



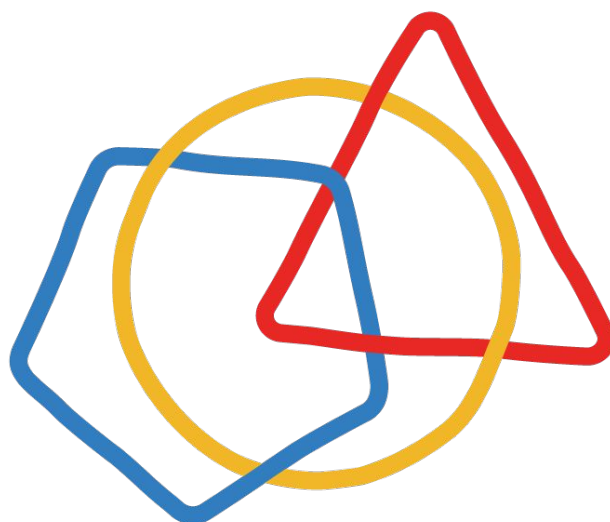
Coach Derrick who has recently been appointed the Technical Development Director for FC Goa, is committed to helping the Forca Goa Foundation develop a top notch grassroots program. This starts by insuring our coaches are constantly improving as coaches. To do this we have now set up monthly technical trainings and reviews under the expert eye of Coach Derrick.

At the end of every month all our coaches head to the pitch at Chowgule College to discuss the upcoming month's technical curriculum. Each coach is given a chance to test some various session plans that they have designed to help educate the budding players on the unified style of play we are developing as an extension of the FC Goa family.

The coaches are then given feedback on ways in which they can improve their style of coaching and session plan designs.

We hope that by the end of the year we will have a calendar of technical session plans and a team of coaches who feel confident that they can train our kids to play the FC Goa way. To get the ball rolling we have already developed a Coaches Manual and suggested a binder of session plans to help the coaches align their trainings with our mission, vision, and footballing philosophy. We plan to improve this Coaches Manual every year thus insuring all our coaches and future coaches are held to a high caliber.





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