



FEBRUARY REPORT

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The Official Launch

After almost seven months of operations, we decided it was time to officially launch the Forca Goa Foundation and introduce ourselves to the whole of Goa and India. FC Goa, our sister organisation, helped us make this dream a reality by working tirelessly in collaboration with us to create an event that would give the Foundation the platform we were looking for.

We decided to use the last home game of FC Goa as the stage to unveil the Forca Goa Foundation and share our work with the world. Leading up to the launch was an incredibly busy month filled with redesigning our website, creating brochures, banners, and videos that could better represent the Foundation and the work we do.

Everyone at the Forca Goa Foundation would like to thank all our friends at FC Goa and Skarma for the tireless hours they put into helping make our vision a reality. The launch on the 28th of February could not have gone off any better, and it wouldn't have been possible without you.

Junior Gaurs League

The Forca Goa Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of the statewide mini league, "The Junior Gaurs League". The competition, which is being conducted for the second year running, has 64 participating schools from across the state.

There are 32 teams each in the North and South of Goa, including 16 schools that are part of the Foundation's Grassroots program. The North and South Zone teams are further divided into eight groups of four teams each that play each other on a home and away basis.

The tournament kicked off at 9:00 am on the 1st of February with four busloads of excited children making their way to field. Sunshine School, Fr. Agnel Central, Fairyland School and St. Andrews had the honor of being the first group to start off the league and FC Goa defensive stalwart, Bruno Pinheiro, lent his presence and kicked off proceedings.



The top teams from each group qualified for the quarterfinals. The mini league will run for 45 days and will see children participate across three age groups this year, as compared to just two age groups last year. Besides the inclusion of the new U-8 age category, this year will also feature girls participating in the league for the first time. This is a huge step forward for girls football in Goa, as it allows girls to participate in competitive football at a young age. This is also the first step towards realising our dream of having an inclusive grassroots program for children, irrespective of gender.



The Jersey Redesign

We had the honour of announcing the jersey change before the game along side Virat Kohli, one FC Goa's Owners, and the captain of the Indian National Cricket team. The jersey design change was incredibly well received and the team had an amazing game winning against ATK 5-1.



The FC Goa first team sported a new jersey with the brand colours of the Foundation's new branding for the final home game of the Hero Indian Super League season on the 28th February 2018 against ATK. The reason behind the change in the jersey colour and design for the launch was to generate awareness and curiosity about our foundation amongst spectators and the greater Goan community. This was the first time in the history of FC Goa that the team did a jersey redesign in the middle of the season.

At the half-time whistle, Virat congratulated the winners of the U12 Girls Junior Guaras League. This was the first time a league for girls at this age was organised in Goa. It saw teams from 19 different schools compete. The girls from Sharada Mandir School took 1st place and were incredibly happy to be able to receive their medals and greet Virat at the game on the 28th. Virat Kohli is an athletic icon for all aspiring young athletes, and helped reinforce the presence of girls in the game.

In addition, to commemorating the inclusion of girls at the Foundation's launch; we also switched out all of the Ball Boys for Ball Girls from our centres for the game against ATK. This was the first time in ISL history girls were given this important job. In addition, we choose girls from our centres to escort the players onto the field before the kickoff. All these initiatives were done in line with our #Football4All campaign. A program that seeks to create equal opportunity for women in the game. Here at the Foundation we are committed to creating space for girls to learn and grow from the game same as the boys.

Grassroots Festivals

Goa vs. Garbage

Holy Cross High School

When: Feb. 17th

Where: Bastora

Participants: 70

Age Groups: U10, U12, U13

Development Officer: Naresh Virnodkhar

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Keeping up our commitment to help Clean Up Goa and teach our young Guardians about proper waste management, we held 2 more clean ups throughout the last month.

AIFF Grassroots Leaders Course



FC Goa in association with Forca Goa Foundation and the All India Football Federation conducted a Grassroots Leaders Course at Fr. Agnel Ashram College Ground in Verna on 22nd February 2018.

24 Grassroots Coaches from across Goa participated in the three day course which was conducted by AIFF Instructor Gavin Araujo and Anju Turembekar. The participants were selected based on their playing experience and their involvement with grassroots football. The Course was designed to tutor the participants in AIFF's Grassroots philosophy in tune with FIFA and AFC's Grassroots philosophy.

FC Goa youth coaches facilitated the instruction and the Forca Goa Foundation helped provide the infrastructure required for the training. Eight Forca Goa Foundation grassroots coaches also participated in the training.

The Football Movement



India hosted the third edition of it's biggest football conference, The Football Movement in Mumbai earlier this month. The conference aimed to provide attending delegates with the best possible opportunities to network & explore potential business opportunities in football.

The Premier League is one of the associated partners of the conference. To showcase the work that they're doing in India, they invited grassroots coaches that were part of their Premier Skills Coach training program to be a part of the event. Orlando Viegas and Nathan D'costa took the opportunity and attended the conference on behalf of the Foundation.



Overall it was a great two days spent listening to some great people involved in the footballing industry in India and in England. There was a lot of ideas that we got which we now hope to put into practice at our own grassroots system.

Check out our new website to stay update about what we have on the horizon for our Junior Guars.

