



# STATE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

22 ACADEMIES ♦ 74 TEAMS (Boys & Girls) and counting ...



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## State Football Academy launches with a Bang "



### 'Honble Sports Minister and Health Minister officially launch the Academy'

State Football Academy an initiative of J&K State Sports Council had its launching ceremony conducted here at Astro Turf TRC. The Academy had recently conducted its trial for the U13 U15 U18 age group under the dynamic eye of Valley Superstar Mehraj Ud Din Wadoo and other licensed coaches in the council.

The selected players were unveiled at the launching function along with the coaches. The event also saw legendary players from yesteryears being honoured by the academy which saw the likes of legendary players like Mohd Yousuf Dar, Abdul Majid Kukroo, Mohd Shafi Nari

and few other faces. The Guest of honour for the occasion former India team captain Mr Renedy Singh was also honoured at the occasion.

Honble Minister for Sports and Honble Health Minister also said few encouraging words and extended full support to the Academy in all manner who then cut the ribbon and unveiled the jersey.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Sports council member Prof Bashir Ahmed.

## SFA sent Muheet to attend a India U 19 Training Camp at Goa.



Muheet Shabir a class ninth student of New Convent High School hailing from Batmaloo playing as a Gk for State Football Academy is attending India U 19 training camp at Goa. Muheet was identified during the selection trials conducted by State Football Academy. He has already joined the training camp and is being trained by one of the best Goal Keeping Coach of the Country Mohammad Yousuf Ansari. Head Coach of AIFF U 19 Boys Team Mr Flyod Pinto is also providing useful tips to Muheet. This is the best opportunity for Muheet to raise his standard, this camp will surely benefit him and he can turn himself into a good GK.

We are thankful to AIFF that on a special recommendation from Sajid Yousuf Dar former head coach of Women

National Team and Technical Director of SFA Muheet has been given the opportunity to train with U 19 National Team Boys, said Mehrajuddin Wadool Incharge SFA.

Good thing for SFA is that they have a people like Mehraj and Sajid who need no introduction. SFA aims to nurture the talent and provide the platform and much needed exposure said Satpal Singh Football Coach JKSSC.

Secretary Sports Council Mr Waheed ur Rehman Parra appreciated the efforts of SFA, especially in providing the much needed platform to the budding talent. Mr Para stressed the fact that if talent was properly nurtured and groomed we can have lots of top sportsmen and has hopes that the way SFA are working soon the state will see top footballers playing at big stages.



# State Football Academy Launched at Bandipora & Ganderbal



Srinagar: State Football Academy of J&K State Sports Council launched its District Academies at Bandipora & Ganderbal today by Chief Guest of the occasion Mr. Waheed Ur Rehman Secretary J&K State Sports Council in a simple but impressive gathering.

State Football Academy which was launched on May 25 by Honble Minister of Sports, IT & Technical Education Mr Imran Raza Ansari, aims to establish Academy Units of SFA in every District in three age groups of U-13, U-15 & U-18. So far 250 players have been selected and trained at these three Districts and the SFA intends to targets 5000 players across the State by the end of the

playing season who will be professionally trained by Head of the Academy & Star Footballer Mr Mehraj Ud Din Wadoo & International Coach Mr Sajid Dar.

Recently State Football Academy was awarded 2 star rating by All India Football Federation (AIFF) which provides them berth to participate in major tournaments of National Level like Junior I-League, Youth League, IFA Shield Durand Cup etc.

Later in his speech Waheed Ur Rehman said "We want to see players from every part of the State performing at highest level and the platform has already been set by SFA".

## "SFA U 18 register debut victory against mighty JK Forest FC"



State football Academy registered a surprise 1-0 win over one of the top clubs of the state JK Forest FC in a tightly fought game of the Premier Division Football League here at Astro Turf TRC Srinagar..

As the crowd jeered on the young boys who were fighting tooth and neck against their experienced counter parts. It was evident from the fans who their support was for and the boys showed aggressive impact in their game keeping the opponents on toes always .

Amidst the pressure Tousif Ahmad from SFA scored a neatly taken goal with a peach of a finish.

SFA hold on to the lead till the final whistle to the delight of the fans and registered their first three points of the season.

A morale boosting victory over one of the top teams of the state has now set the tone for the maiden campaign of the new generation players of SFA in their quest for a successful campaign



## State Football Academy launched in Jammu



Jammu: State Football Academy of J&K State Sports Council launched its District Unit Jammu at M A Stadium Jammu. Mr. Shiv Kumar Joint Secretary J&K State Sports was the Chief Guest of the occasion.

Out of 300 players in open selection trials 75 players have been selected who will undergo stern coaching preparing them for I League tournaments. By the end of month SFA will be reaching out to Udhampur, Samba, Kathua in its first phase and will be followed by Chenab Valley.

State Football Academy an initiative of Sports Council aims to establish Academies in all 22 Districts of State. Targeting 5000 players and 200 in house Coaches grooming them for highest competitions of the country. The idea is to reach out to the player from every corner of the State. The Academy is being overlooked by Honble

Sports Minister Mr Imran Ansari and Secretary Sports Council Mr Waheed Ur Rehman as its CEO.

The Academy is also being spearheaded by star international football MehrajUd Din Wadoo, Sajid Dar Former Indian National Women Team Head Coach as its Technical Director, Mr Satpal Singh as its Head Coach and qualified panel of Assistant Coaches.

The State Football Academy is registered with J&K Football Association and All India Football Federation and is all set to make debut in Youth I-League 2017-18.

Among guests Mr Surinder Singh Bunty Vice President JKFA, Mr. Arun Malhotra International Footballer, Mr. Ramesh Chander, Ms Krupali Singh, Mr. S P Singh and other Guest were present for the encouragement of players.

## SFA U 18 register emphatic comeback victory by beating United Punjab 1-0

Rest of India Zone - Group B				
Team		Pld	Pts	GD
 Minerva Academy FC		4	12	12
 Youngsters Club		4	9	5
 J&K State Football Academy		4	4	-7
 Real Kashmir		4	2	-6
 United Punjab Football Academy		4	1	-4

State Football Academy U18 boys made a glowing comeback after back to back loses to register their first win of the U18 Rest of India Zone here at Minerva Training Ground in Chandigarh.

Starting the match on a dominant foot SFA created early chances when Tauseef drew a save from the opponent keeper. The boys started to create chance after chance but couldn't capitalise as the referee drew the first half to a halt.

The second half again SFA started on the forefront with the attackers keeping the opponent defenders on toes and eventually they broke the deadlock when Tauseef in the 58 minute finished a one on one move with an emphatic strike which resulted in the back of the net. The defensive backline of SFA acted as a wall and thwarted

any chance that came in way of the opposition. Goalkeeper Kamran then produced a marvellous save to keep his clean sheet intact SFA boys then created numerous chances but couldn't double the advantage although enjoying the majority of the possession throughout the game.

The referee blew the final whistle in favour of SFA emerging victorious and registering their historic first ever win of the U 18 I-league.

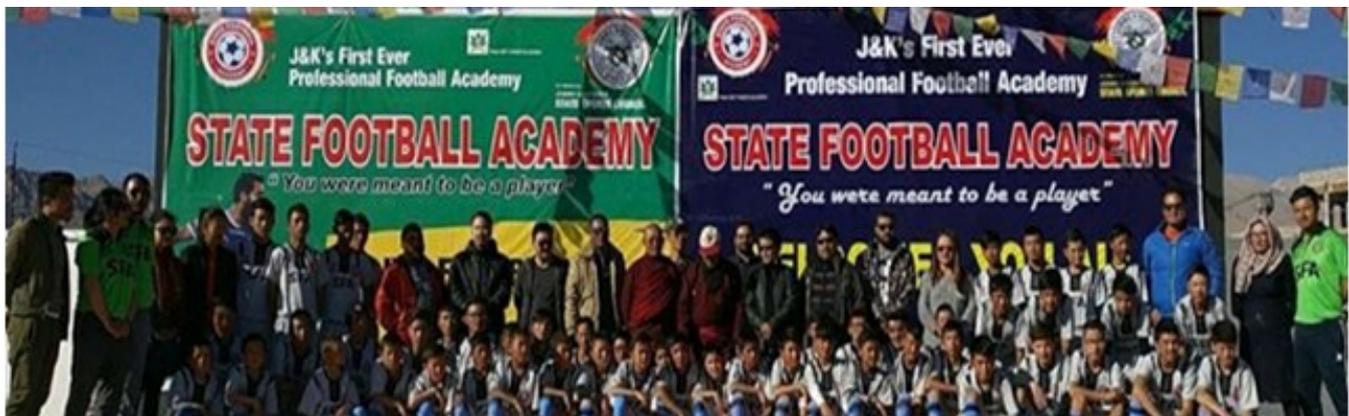
The team is playing under the coaching of Mehraj Ud Din Wadoo assisted by Sanjay Kumar and Tahir Hashmee and supported by Salman Ashraf as Team Manager, Dr. Sakib Ahmed as Physiotherapist and Abid Ayaz as supporting staff.



Three Days Football Refresher Course Kicks off at Synthetic Turf Srinagar. The course is organised by SFA of J & K State Sports Council under the aegis of J&K Football Association. Around 30 Coaches from length and breadth of the J&K State are participating in the course.



## "State Football Academy Launches its District Football Unit in Leh"



In the first of its kind initiative in Leh, State's First Professional Football Academy, State Football Academy

of J&K State Sports Council has launched its District Unit in Leh today at NDS Ground Leh.

## SFA launches Girls Football Academy Unit in Leh



Around 200 girls participated in open selection trials for SFA Girls Unit Leh. 40 girls were selected by the selection committee headed by Sh Javeed ah Sofi, Sh Muzamil Mahmoud and Stanzin Lakpa and the process was Coordinated by JKSSC Coach Tsering Angmo & SFA Women's Coach LehShahnaz.

The opening function was presided over by Executive

Councilor Health and Youth Services in Leh & JKSSC Member Mr Gyal Namgyal and Mrs. Rigzen...Lamo Women Councilor LAHDC Leh.

With this launch SFA Completed set up of its 7 girls football academy units in Jammu, Kathua, Srinagar, Budgam, Baramulla, Bandipora & Leh. Aiming to complete in all 22 districts by the end of playing season.



## SFA Inter Academy League Cluster Bandipora concluded today



In which SFA Baramulla emerged winners in U13 & U18 category against SFA Kupwara. All the matches were played at JKSSC Sports Stadium Bandipora. Manager JKSSC presented the mementoes to the best upcoming

players. With this conclusion SFA Baramulla U13, SFA Kupwara U15 & SFA Bandipora U18 qualifies for final round.

## SFA registers emphatic first win with 1-0 over Jammu United in the Youth I league U-15 ROI Group"



State Football Academy of JKSSC put in a spirited performance to notch up their first win of the campaign over Jammu United here at Astro Turf Trc in the U-15 Youth I-league.

The match started with SFA building up moves and keeping the majority of possession and pressing for the first goal. Eventually the persistence paid off when Parvez Hussain dribbled past three players to slot the ball in the net to give SFA the lead.

In the second half both teams had good share of possession. Jammu United tried their best but were kept at bay by the SFA defence line and the final whistle blew 1-0 in favour of SFA.

The win marks the first win for the U-15 boys in the campaign as they bounced back well after the first match defeat against RKFC to register a stunning win to qualify

for the final rounds.

At the end of all scheduled matches all teams have finished on equal points, goal difference and goals scored and even the head to head results were the same as well.

As per the regulations, AIFF had to force draw of lots option to identify the team which will qualify for the "Play-off" stage of U 15 Youth League 2017-18 .

Later Draw of lots was done by the Match Commissioner appointed for "AIFF U 15 Youth League 2017-18 -- ROI Zone (Group D)" in presence of all team managers at JKFA office in Srinagar, soon after the match.

Jammu United was declared the winner in the Draw of lots option and thus qualified for the Play offs round from this group.



## Inter SFA League 2017-18



"An exciting end to the Anantnag Cluster sees SFA Pulwama and SFA Kulgam through to final round"

The Anantnag Cluster saw four of the SFA District Units Ramban Anantnag, Kulgam & Pulwama clash against each other in all three age groups of U13, U15 & U18 over the past three days here at Anantnag Stadium.

The strongest two districts immersing as Pulwama and Kulgam fought tooth and nail against each other and dominated on the other districts and looked the likely teams to fight for qualification.

Eventually it was SFA Pulwama in the U13 and U15 age group who qualified into the main rounds with some emphatic performances which saw on display some great attacking football. While in the U18 age group SFA Kulgam qualified by a tight margin.

The group also saw SFA Anantnag and Ramban teams give their all and show the potential they have which in future will rise to be of a highly competitive nature and together all districts will give out some of the best talents that this state will see in the coming time.

## State got its first Women I-League Football Team



State's First Women's Football team was formed under the title of Chief Minister's Women XI Football Team, on November 23.

The initiative was taken by State Sports Council (SSC) and Jammu and Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) with support from J&K Government. The team will participate in Indian Women's League (IWL) likely to commence from 25 November 2018 at Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Stating that it is a big initiative to provide platform to girls, Joint Secretary State Sports Council, Nazir Ahmad said, "Girls never showed interest in football due to which we couldn't form the team earlier. But this year, we took this initiative to form first women team of J&K, comprising players from Kashmir, Jammu and Ladakh Divisions respectively."

Technical Head of the team, CM's XI Sajid Yousuf Dar, "It is the happiest moment for us to see our women football team. Our main aim is to promote football among girls. With the support of SSC, I took this initiative and finally we came with bright colours." He said they would tap the talent from every nook and corner. He hailed the efforts of Chief Minister and Secretary Sports.

"They showed keen interest and provided full support besides allocating separate budget to develop football culture among girls."

Officials at JKFA said they get proposals every year from All India Football Federation to take part in Indian Women's League "but we were not having any team and this time SSC took this initiative to form one woman I-League team which will participate in IWL."

The state I-League team which is clubbed with players from other states will play their first match during the opening ceremony of Indian Women's League 2017-18 against Rising Student Club at Kolhapur, Maharashtra under the captainship of Reshmi Kumari.

The team comprises of 21 players of which four are from Kashmir, four from Jammu and 1 from Leh besides players from other states. Sajid Yousuf said it is just a beginning and they selected players from other states as well to boost their exposure. "In future we will select players from every nook and corner of our State." Meanwhile, 37 teams make it happen to get selected in India Women's League, Executive Officer State Sports Council, Majid Dar said, "Getting selected for the IWL and coming in the list of 37 teams it is itself a big achievement for J&K Women's Football Team."

"After completion of this championship, we will organize a tournament in which girls from school and colleges will also take part and showcase their talent," Nazir adds.



## Targets Achieved:

As on 25th May 2018, we have completed the formation of 66 no of teams in 22 Districts under the age group of

U13, U15 & U18. Besides we have launched 8 teams of Womens in 8 different centres.

## Spreadsheet:

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| • Players selected/trained in each district players Under 3 age groups | 100 per district | 2200 |
| • Womens players in 8 Districts  | 25 per district  | 200  |
| • Football Learning School   |                  | 2500 |
| • Total Trainers   |                  | 4900 |



**FIFA Refresher Course at Cuttack, Odhisa.**

TD of SFA (Sajid Dar) with other promising football coaches of Country. Good to see him highlighting the efforts of SFA and JKSSC for the development of football in J and K.

Thanks #AIFF

# Project Mission-22 by J&K State Sports Council

To set the new foundation for the development of football in Jammu and Kashmir, JKSSC penned the new chronicles of J&K football by initiating a pioneering project of Mission-22 (M-22) to enhance and flourish football across all the districts of J&K under the banner of State Football Academy.

## Mission

- The State Football Academy (SFA) was established in April 2017, to hunt budding footballers from every nook and corner of the State so as to produce qualitative and competitive product from the State.
- The role of academy is to prepare budding footballers for careers in the profession of sports and aims to provide an opportunity for district-based players to be scouted to play professional football either nationally or internationally.
- The target of academy is to select 5,000 players across J&K besides developing more than 200 professional coaches.
- To empower women by indulging them in sports.

## Vision

- The vision of State Football Academy is to revive football and set its footprints across all the districts of J&K in order to provide equal opportunities and platforms to the aspiring footballers.
- The academy aims to provide a professional and community focused football units which tailors three age groups U-13, U-15, and U-18 respectively besides to involve learners and football enthusiastic of all age groups, genders and abilities through Football Learning Schools.

- SFA will strive to create and nurture a valuable soccer learning experience with holistic approach to cherish the goal of making J&K a 'Sports-Centric State.'

## Rise of State Football Academy in the State:

- In order to reach to the neglected areas and districts of the State, JKSSC came with an idea to launch the professional State Football Academy (SFA), the first of its kind in J&K. In April 2017, SFA came into being and blew its trumpet from its traditional base Srinagar by conducting trials and within no time the main SFA Srinagar unit was formed.
- The challenges were aplenty while setting up football centres but keeping the mission rolling SFA successfully launched their units and Football Learning Schools in far away districts to complete its ground-breaking project M-22.
- Pertinently, the trials were conducted under three age groups, U-13, U-15 and U-18 respectively, with an aim to groom and nurture the young raw talent of J&K. From each age group almost 20-25 footballers were selected i.e. from every district SFA latched 75-80 potential footballers.
- Moreover, to tap talent from grassroots level, SFA of JKSSC came up with the whistle-blowing thought to launch Football Learning Schools (FLS) in each district of the state. By launching FLS, SFA provided the football fanatics of the State a new window of opportunity to learn football professionally which received overwhelming response from both boys and girls.



## No Academy can run smoothly without the pool of professional coaches:

- Almost 40 professionally trained coaches and trainers from both genders are engaged with SFA in order to provide coaching to the players on professional lines at their door steps.
- To have professional pool of coaches, SFA conducts four-day Football Refresher cum Clinical Course after every three months for coaches and trainers which is designed to aware and educate coaches about latest trends, techniques, means and methods of football coaching besides acquainting them about instant injury rehabilitation, first-aid training and much more.
- The initiative involves the capacity building of coaches to get quality and professional pool of coaches so that best and competitive footballers will be produced from the Academy.
- Coach Education is one of the important aspects of football besides preparing players with latest and innovative techniques.

## Rise of SFA Girls Football: A step towards women empowerment

***"Girl is not always a gender that is what we have to tell to the world": CEOSFA***

- Defying all odds and pushing boundaries, Jammu and Kashmir State Sports Council (JKSSC) run State Football Academy (SFA) has taken a giant leap by initiating a pioneering project to break the gender stereotypes by launching SFA Girls Academy besides to set District Football Units for girls in each district of the State under the footprints of Mission-22 after achieving the target of launching 22 District Football Units of SFA for boys.
- SFA Girls Academy conducted selection trials besides launched its district football units in seven districts of

the State so far including Jammu, Kathua, Baramulla, Bandipora, Srinagar, Budgam, and Leh.

- The girls will march on the marks of Middle-East countries where girls juggle with the ball donning hijab. SFA girls will also lead the pitch in full-dress uniform including sports headscarves of Nike` brand.

*"The initiative not only aims to indulge women in sports but also involves empowering girls through the very meaningful activities. Sports have always been seen as men dominated arena but now the environment is being set where female folk can also play and participate in sports. Gradually things are changing and we are putting in our efforts to encourage girls and bring them in this arena. Girl is not always a gender that is what we have to tell to the world," CEOSFA, Waheed-Ur-Rehman Para Waheed.*



**SFA U 18 Player Asif Ashraf Malik will be representing J&K in upcoming Santosh Trophy at Noida.**

# Tournaments and Activities by SFA:

## SFA Inter Academies Football League 2017-18

- State Football Academy has started its first ever domestic league "SFA Inter Academies Football League (IAFL) 2017-18" as per the format of Junior I-League of All India Football Federation to groom and harness football talent of the State.

## U-18 and U-13 SFA boys paved way in much coveted I-League and Youth League

- To provide platform and exposure to budding footballers, SFA league teams' under-18 and under-13 participated in I-league and Youth League Championships at Chandigarh.

## Girl footballers are not behind

- Moreover, SFA Girls of eight districts will also be provided with an opportunity to wrangle in the ongoing Inter-IAFL 2017-18 which will run parallel to the boys League so as to boost the exposure of girls besides will act as a learning tool for them.

## Two-day under-12 Girls-7's Football Tournament:

- To provide a new window of opportunities for girls to take part in football, Jammu and Kashmir State Football Academy for the first time conducted two-day under-12 Girls Sevens Football Tournament in November 2017.
- The "exclusive girls' tournament", which was played on knockout basis was initiated with a sole focus of providing a stage for girls from school level besides empowering them through such measures.

## First Exhibition match: A trailer

- To mark initial steps for the initiative of M-22, SFA conducted exhibition match in October 2017, with a motto to display the level of players that SFA has produced besides the functioning and execution of work by SFA besides to spread a message that SFA-ians have fastened their shoe-laces to start their new journey and such competitions will be held on regular basis in every district to groom and enhance their skills.

## Workshop

- In September, 2017, SFA holds two-day workshop on modern goalkeeping which was conducted by the renowned Former International Footballer, Coach of the Indian National Football Team, and A.F.C License Holder, Mohammed Yusuf Ansari.
- The workshop featured 'Modern Art of Goalkeeping' was attended by 30 coaches including goalkeepers from each district of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Opportunities and platforms:

- Adding a new feather to its cap, State Football Academy's Team Manager, Salman Mir has been appointed as an Assistant Team Manager by Pune City Football a reputed football club of India for Indian Super League (ISL) season 2019.
- Burhan Wani, a well-known physiotherapist who was associated with SFA was appointed as physio for Under-16 National football team of Indian Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Championship.

## Synergy and Teamwork:

- We work together collaboratively to achieve our



strategy in a spirit of cooperation and support, valuing each other's skills and contributions.

### Professionalism:

- We fulfill our responsibilities to be leaders in our professional discipline through the application of best practices in a scientific, caring and committed way.

### Our Team

- The entire process is run and managed by the CEO SFA: Waheed-Ur-Rehman Para.
- Executive Officer SFA: Majid Yousuf Dar.
- In-charge SFA: Mehraj-Ud-Din Wadoo, renowned footballer.
- Technical Director SFA: Sajid Yousuf Dar.



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## SFA earns 3-star rating from AIFF for 2018-19



State Football Academy (SFA) of J&K State Sports Council (JKSSC) added another feather in its cap by achieving three-star rating by qualifying Academy Accreditation on Tuesday from All India Football Federation (AIFF).

With this achievement SFA has joined leading football academies of the country like, TATA Football Academy Jamshedpur, Sesa Goa, Mohun Bagan Academy and few other reputed Academies.

The rating was done after assessment of documents that were submitted by J&K State Football Academy besides subsequent inspection conducted by Academy Certification under the Non-Residential Criteria.

Meanwhile, the ratings for star gradation as per AIFF is 1-star - 135-170 points, 2-star - 171-220 points, 3-star - 221-260 points, 4-star - 261-300 points, 5-star - 301 and more. SFA has secured a total of 225 points to get 3-star ratings.

Executive Officer and Spokesperson of SFA said that they have got 3-star rating from AIFF after successfully qualifying Academy Accreditation process which was followed by physical inspection.

"It is an honour to share the rating with leading football giants of the country that too in its 2nd year of existence," he said. Achievement wouldn't have been possible without the support of J&K Football Association, he added.



State Football Academy U 18's leaving for Bangalore for the invitational friendly matches... Secretary Sports Council Mr Waheed ur Rehman Parra met with the boys and distributed the match day kit among the players and also wished them a successful and thorough learning expedition...



## SFA completes one year, celebrates first anniversary with fervor



State Football Academy (SFA) of Jammu and Kashmir State Sports Council (JKSSC) celebrated its first anniversary on Thursday at TRC Ground Srinagar.

On the occasion, Minister for Roads and Buildings, Naeem Akhtar was the chief guest and interacted with the SFA players comprising of both boys and girls of 22 districts who were donning variant and colourful jerseys. Secretary Sports Council and CEO SFA, Waheed-Ur-Rehman Para was the guest of honour on the occasion. The anniversary was also graced by the International Footballer and In-Charge SFA, Mehraj-Ud-Din Wadoo, Technical Director SFA, Sajid Dar, Executive Officer SFA, Majid Yousuf besides coaches and in-charges of 22 districts and technical crew of SFA.

While addressing the gathering of almost 2000 players besides SFA crew, Nayeem Akhtar hailed the

achievements of SFA besides of Secretary Sports for such ground breaking project.

He also announced Rs 5 lakh package for SFA and its district units for its further progress and development.

“It’s a huge achievement and SFA has succeeded to set its footprints in the field of football. That day is not so far when the people would be chanting State Football Academy’s name,” he said.

CEO SFA, Waheed-Ur-Rehman Para congratulated the whole SFA team besides players for making this initiative successful.

The event was organized by State Football Academy in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir State Sports Council.

## SFA kicks off Under-12 Girls Football Tournament



State Football Academy of J&K State Sports Council Organised a two-day 7v7 Under-12 Girls Football Tournament which was kicked off on Sunday at Synthetic Turf TRC Ground, Srinagar.

Almost 12 teams of various schools are participating in this tournament which is played on knockout basis. During the first day eight matches were played in which Baramulla School, International School, Mallinson Girls School, and Bandipora made it to Semi-Finals.

On this occasion, Asian Football Confederation Technical Observer, Anya Palusevic of Germany and Assistant Manager of All India Football Federation, Sapna were the Chief Guests while as, Director Radio Kashmir Srinagar, Syed Himayun Kaiser, Joint Secretary Sports Council (JKSSC), Nazir Ahmed, Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir, Nuzhat Ara, Senior Member of JKSSC, Professor Bashir Ahmad, Technical Director of SFA, Sajid Yousef Dar, General Secretary JKFA, SA Hameed, District President JKFA, Fayaz Ahmad Sofi were the Guests of Honours. The event was also graced by the presence of other members

and coaches of SFA and JKFA.

While presiding the event, Joint Secretary Nazir Ahmad hailed the initiative taken by SFA for holding such tournament.

“With such tournaments it will boost girls to play football besides it will help for the development of football at grassroots level,” he said.

Moreover, the qualified teams will face each other in Semis which will likely be held on Monday at the same venue.

The 12 participating teams are Baramulla School, Tyndale Biscoe and Mallinson Society, Green Valley, GreenLand, Holy Faith, International School, Bandipora School, GVS, Sun Rise, Paramount School, Madre Meharbaan, Mallinson.

Moreover, the tournament is organized by State Football Academy of Jammu and Kashmir State Sports Council under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Football Association.



## State Football Academy Ganderbal conducted it's final trail today...



Star footballer Mehraj din Wadoo and coach Satpal Singh were selection panellists for the trials. Over 800 budding players of various age groups ranging from under 17 to under 12 gave trials in two day trials session.

Selection panel were surprised to see large interest for football in Ganderbal. Players from far flung villages of Sonmarag and Kulan turned up for the trials traveling about 100 KM.

Mubashir 12 year old who came from Ladakh stunned every one with his skills and won heart of Wadoo. Addressing to player after the trials Wadoo said that grass root development is top most priority of SFA. He would give every contribution to grass root

development of football in Kashmir.

Meharjudin Wadoo also promised to setup offshoot academy at Kangan which will cater aspiring footballer of far flung areas of Ganderbal.

Early Wadoo was welcomed by large gathering of fans and footballers with flower bookies. Many of the fans were excited to see Wadoo first time and were clicking selfies and asking for autographs..

Muzamil Mohammed State Football Academy coach hailing from Ganderbal praised Wadoo and Satpal Singh for working dedicatedly for development of football in Jammu and Kashmir.

# SFA in News

**SFA organises workshop 'Modern Goalkeeping'**

**Overwhelming response to State Football Academy trials in Ganderbal**

**SFA Inter-academies League gets underway**

**SFA launches three more units in Kashmir**

**Refresher course for SFA coaches concludes**

**JKSSC SFA launches Budgam unit**

**SFA launches three more units in Kashmir**

**SFA establishes 4 more district units**

**SFA launches 3 more district football units**

**SFA kicks off U-12 girls football tournament**

**SFA conducts selection trials in Poonch**

**SFA holds selection trials at Poonch under Mission-22**

**SFA conducts selection trials in Doda, Kishtwar**

**SFA conducts selection trials in Rajouri**

**J&K State Football Academy: Reaching Rural Dreamers!**

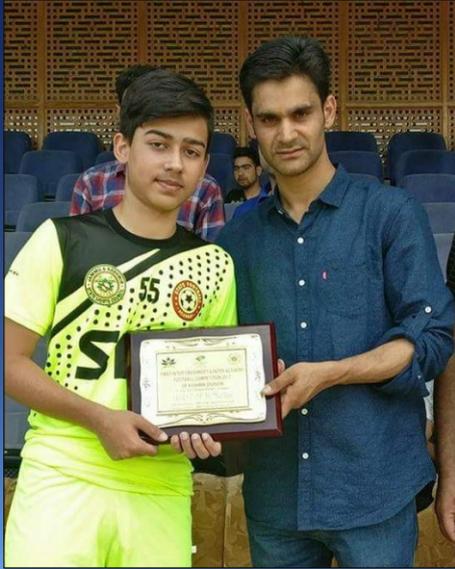
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State Football Academy U 15 academy player Ali Khan was recently awarded as the upcoming talent at the Grassroots tournament. Ali is a highly talented boy with great work ethics attitude and discipline and looks to embark on a successful journey to become a professional footballer.



J&K U19 football team creates history to qualify for final first time. 7 SFA Boys were part of JK Team.



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