



DISCOVER FOOTBALL women's football and cultural festival in Goa/India
OUR BODIES, OUR RIGHTS, OUR GAME

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

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Delhi Women's Football Players Welfare Association

(New Delhi, Delhi) dwfpwa.com

The Delhi Women's Football Players Welfare Association was formed by a small group of players to give other girls like themselves an opportunity to learn and play football in a safe and fun environment. When founder Jyoti Burrett first moved to Delhi for college, she longed to find a group of girls with whom she could play football. Jyoti asked around and searched the internet but all academies in the capital were predominantly for boys. Without an option she played with the boys, but the fun of playing with other girls and forming a girls soccer community is something she missed. After meeting a group of like-minded girls they got together and decided to give themselves and other young girls in the city something they had longed for, for so long. They faced multiple issues related to access of a ground to play on, as all available grounds were already booked by boys football academies. Finally they went to the government and put across their plea. They were granted a ground in a government school that would be available for girls to play together, 6 days a week from 3 to 6 pm. Thus they formed the Delhi Women's Football Players Welfare Association in January 2017. It is open to girls and women of all ages and skill levels for free. Their coach Paritosh Sharma, an A-licensed AIFF coach has been extremely supportive through the entire process. The DWPWA hopes no girl, keen to play soccer in Delhi, ever feels she has no place to play or learn the game. They also strive to create a community of strong willed girls who will pave paths for themselves where there are none.



Goa Football Association

(Panjim, Goa) goa-fa.com

The Goa Football Association (Portuguese: Associação de Futebol de Goa) was founded in 1959. This year they organised three competitions for women – The Youth Women's League for college and school girls, the GFA U18 Knockout Tournament and the Women's Soccer Festival which saw participations from teams from Tibet and Kutch. Women's Football remains high priority as a key focus area in the forthcoming season. Goa FA shall be reviving their third major tournament after the Bandedkar Trophy and the Goa Police Cup – the Goa Senior Women's League this year. Additionally Goa FA will be hosting this year's DISCOVER FOOTBALL festival at their stadium in Mapusa (Goa).



Khelduar Foundation, is working towards empowering the young girls through structured programs. The activities are implemented not only to improve the football skills but many other life-skills that may lead to infuse greater sense of awareness amongst the young girls. Khelduar Soccer Girl program puts an emphasis on health and fitness of girls, improving self-esteem and confidence, developing effective communication skills for bridging the gap and improving leadership skills to lead a team under any circumstances.

Khelduar Foundation (Jalpaiguri, West Bengal) khelduar.org

Parcham Collective

(Mumbai, Maharashtra) parchamcollective.org

The work of the Parcham Collective has focused on breaking stereotypes, particularly around gender and of Muslim women in the country. Football has been a means for them to challenge the misconception of the vulnerable voiceless Muslim girl while also a being a means of bringing together Hindus and Muslims. In 2013, 40 young girls got together to train for football and the group decided to register the organization as Parcham. The activity of football brought together girls from both Hindu and Muslim community, building friendships across the religious divide. The girls not only learnt football but from experience of the difficulties girls face playing in an open field and the dropout it resulted in, initiated a signature campaign collecting nearly 900 signatures to lobby for a reservation of a sports ground for girls in Mumbra. Parcham Collective are proud to say the Commissioner of Thane Municipal Corporation agreed to the demand and created history with first such reservation for a ground for girls in any municipal corporation in the state of Maharashtra, probably the country. MISSION: Parcham envisions a just and equal society respectful of diversity and

celebrating interdependence. Their mission is geared towards empowering marginalized communities to access their fundamental rights, creating spaces for dialogue among diverse sections in society, and working with civil society towards justice and equity. Through their work, they attempt work to break stereotypes based on religion, class, caste, gender and other marginalization. Apart from football training for girls, they conduct a range of activities to encourage the reclaiming of public space. Parcham Collective also believe in the need to promote education and financial independence for women through jobs in the formal economy which is their other activity.





Dream a Dream (Jayanagar, Bangalore) dreamadream.org

Started in 1999, Dream a Dream is a registered, charitable trust empowering young people from vulnerable backgrounds to overcome adversity and flourish in a fast-changing world using a creative life skills approach. Currently, Dream a Dream engages with over 10,000 young people directly every year, referred from over 40 partners; has transformed over 2200 educators, working with 3000 volunteers impacting over 100,000 young people till date. Dream a Dream believes in football as a medium to instill life skills into young people from vulnerable background. Their sessions are equal for boys and girls where they promote gender equality and women's empowerment. Dream a Dream wants to empower young girls to get ready for the future, to get able to make important decisions on their own and to resolve life challenges.



Slum Soccer (Nagpur, Maharashtra) slumsoccer.org

Slum Soccer is an award winning Football 4 Development organization having operations in various states across India. Their aim is to provide long-term solutions for poverty, to fight homelessness and to improve the living standards within underprivileged areas. One of our biggest desire is to empower the oppressed and disadvantaged girls from rural backgrounds and to form a gender equal future. We noticed the interest of girls in football and their concentration while playing and realized the potential of sports in personality development which led us to initiate a program for girls named "Shakti Girls". This programme has been specially designed to help young women to overcome basic barriers to their participation in society which sadly are still too prevalent in Indian culture. "Shakti" means power in the Marathi language and the programme seeks to empower participants to fulfil their potential through providing a range of opportunities for development. A key element of the programme is the selection and development of girls who can take up roles as leaders within their communities, which helps to multiply the effect of the programme as they reach more and more girls. The programme has run successfully for two and a half years in Nagpur, with 2,000 cohorts of girls having graduated.



Tibet Women's Football (Dehradun, Uttarakhand) tibetwomensoccer.org

Since 2011 Tibet Women's Football, a registered NGO in India, has been bringing football to the women of the Tibetan refugee community. TWF bases its programs on the winning combination of fitness-empowerment-football, using physical exercise and friendly competition as a tool for the integration of leadership, communication, and teambuilding skills. TWF supports grassroots women's clubs in refugee settlements, and invites promising players to participate in month-long camps that have resulted in competitions with India's elite teams. In 2016, five of their first batch of players will engage in professional coaches training, making football the focus of their careers and ensuring a long tradition of women's sports within the Tibetan community. Tibet Women's Football are co-organisers of this year's DISCOVER FOOTBALL festival.



Youth Football Club Rurka Kalan (Rurka Kalan, Punjab) yfcrukakalan.org

The Youth Football Club Rurka Kalan is a non-profit social organization working for the uplifting of underprivileged children in numerous villages of Punjab, India. It's a community based grassroots organization setup in 2001, which aims to restore the childhood of children in disadvantaged societies of Punjab by means of care, protection, opportunities, participation and most significantly sports. The YFC was founded over 15 years ago to stem the increasing use of drugs and early child marriages in the villages. They aim to do so using a sports and activity based curriculum, which develops social, emotional and physical skills as well as excellence in sports for the children. They work with schools and communities to enhance education levels and gender equality. Also they try to raise awareness for health issues like drug abuse, malnutrition and taking care of our environment. The YFC's programmes are free for everyone and address the whole community, especially girls. Through projects like "Kick for Tolerance" (KFT) or "Sports for Development" (S4D) they are empowering young girls to play football and participate in their daily sessions. In order to give the young children and especially the girls perspectives for their future and role models to look up to and get inspired by they 17 female "Youth Mentors" (YM) run daily sessions in 17 schools in the area for over 1500 participating girls. In addition to that they have an under-14 girls team, which is running under our "Sports for Excellence" (S4E) program. As a consequence of this hard work towards empowering girls and women, YFC Rurka Kalan has been short-listed in the "Sports for Equality" category of the global "Beyond Sports Awards".