

Parikrma Champions League draws 16 teams

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BENGALURU Plenty of energy and zeal was on display in the last edition of the Parikrma Champions League football tournament. This year's edition only promises to be better and grander.

Parikrma humanity Foundation, the NGO engaged in uplifting under-privileged children, in association with the Karnataka State Football Association and the Bangalore District Football Association, will hold the fifth edition of the Parikrma Champions League from Nov 26 at the HMT Sports Club grounds. The Under-16 age group tournament has attracted 16 school teams — including one each from Pudukchery and Kerala.

The year, to give the tourna-



Shukla Bose, founder and CEO, with the Parikrma trophy during the launch of the tournament

ment an “international feel”, Parikrma will have like large LED screens at the ground, with custom made animations, live video feed and unique score tracking system. This, the NGO says, is for the young players to feel like real professionals as they walk onto the field through a tunnel.

“The tournament will be played on a league-cum-knockout basis with the top eight teams advancing to the quarterfinals after the group stage,” said Shukla Bose, founder and CEO, Parikrma Humanity Foundation. “Special awards will be handed out for outstanding individual performances and skill. The school with the best sportsmanship, which creates a high energy atmosphere in the stadium will also receive an award.

“We are happy and proud that we are in the fifth edition of the Parikrma Champions League,” added Bose. “Each year, we have grown. We are working towards making the Parikrma Champions League one of the best state-of-the-art football tournaments in the city. We have also sent a memorandum of recommendation to the Karnataka government to introduce football coaching in all schools from primary level itself.”

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Ryan International, Inventure Academy, Greenwood High International School, Indus International School, St Aloysius School, St Joseph's Boys' High School, Vidya Niketan School, St Francis De Sales School, ONGC School, Puduk-

chery, Faroukh High School, Kerala St Patrick's High School, Stonehill Government High School, DPS East, DPS North, The International School Bangalore and, hosts Parikrma Centre for Learning