

Parikrma Champions League returns for its 6th edit



Parikrma Champions League 2016 promises to be a cracker.

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The 6th edition of the Parikrma Champions League is set for launch

We are back with the 6th edition of the Parikrma Champions League, 2016, which once again has a lot in store for young footballers in the city. A total of 16 teams, thirteen of Bengaluru's best Under-16 teams, 1 team from Kerala and 2 teams from Goa will battle it out for this year's cup!

After raising the bar for Bangalore school football in the last five years, the Parikrma Champions League in association with the All India Football Federation, Karnataka State Football Association and Bangalore District Football Association, a one-of-a-kind U-16 boys football tournament, is back with its 6th Edition, and promises to be the 'Finest in Football!'



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This year, we have CEO of **I-League**, inaugurating the tournament on the 24th of November. Parikrma Humanity Foundation has always had an infectious enthusiasm for sports and this year all teams will battle it out for the Equality Cup, a uniquely designed trophy that symbolizes the breaking down of social barriers and celebrating the spirit of football in its truest sense.

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This year we continue with the Coachers' Pledge – where all participating coaches pledge fair play. In keeping with the belief of fair play, the players undergo a Bone-density test to determine their ages correctly. In an effort to raise the level of the game each year, the matches this year will have 20-minute halves and the Semi-Finals and Finals will have 30-minute halves.

The Parikrma Champions League 2016 will be a ranking tournament for the top 8 teams who will move into the Quarter Finals after the league stage. Outstanding individual performances and skill will be awarded exciting prizes and the school with the best spirit of sportsmanship that creates a high energy atmosphere at the stadium will also receive a thrilling award.

Highlights – Special Exhibition Under-13 mixed match (both girls and boys) – something that is unique to PCL. Taking the tournament to the next level, there will also be a CEO exhibition match on the day of the finals.

Spotters will identify the most skilled players from across the 16 teams to form a 'Parikrma All-Star' team that will take on CEOs of Bengaluru's leading corporate companies in a 20-minute exhibition match. Getting corporates to get out of their boardroom and come to the field is a way of inculcating a sense of leadership & management training through sports.

On ground facilities – Expect large LED screens with custom-made animations, live video feed and a unique score tracking system. Young players will feel like real professionals as they walk onto the field through a tunnel, being cheered on by crowds. The players are provided with proper nutritional and healthcare facilities. Manipal Hospital will provide medical support for the tournament, ensuring that a doctor and nurse are present at the stadium on all three days in case of any injuries or medical emergencies.

Parikrma Humanity Foundation 2016 – The Parikrma Champions League has been made possible thanks to the support of the All India Football Federation, Karnataka State Football Association, Bangalore District Football Association. Identiti will provide all the clothing for the officials. Manipal Hospital will provide an ambulance, a doctor and a nurse on duty at all times.

What's new this year - For PCL 2016 we have collaborated with Coaches Across Continents, global leader in the sport for social impact movement. Their aim is to bring about social change through football.

5 of their coaches from across the globe will be conducting a 5-day training workshop for our coaches and coaches from other schools across Bangalore on how to take sports into communities and improve quality of life and career planning.

A note from CEO, Shukla Bose - "We are proud to present the 6th edition of Parikrma Champions League. Parikrma believes that Sports play a significant role in the all-round development of children in schools. Today the field of sports is offering attractive career options as well. The fact that we have been running this highly successful and popular football tournament for 6 years goes to show our interest and support for the game of football."

About Parikrma Humanity Foundation - With a less than 1% drop out rate and 96% attendance, Parikrma Humanity Foundation is a non-profit organization providing best possible English language education to the poorest from the slums of Bangalore, India since 2003.

Built around the CBSE curriculum, education at Parikrma includes sport, art, music, theater, dance and wide exposure to the world. Parikrma also provides each child 3 meals a day, comprehensive health care and family care. Parikrma believes in complete end-to-end assistance that will help a child right from age 5 to age 25.

This journey is what makes Parikrma a complete program, an effort to transform the life of a child by enabling him or her to break out of the cycle of poverty. Now in its 14th year of operations, Parikrma manages K-12 education, through 4 Centers for Learning and a Junior College for 1700 children coming from 70 slum communities and 4 orphanages.

Already, 41 children are in college pursuing engineering, medicine, hotel management, art, science, nursing, commerce.

What: Parikrma Champions League, 6th Edition

When: 24th – 26th November, 2016

Where: Bangalore Football Stadium, Bangalore

Participating teams

- #1 Parikrma Humanity Foundation
- #2 DPS North
- #3 DPS East
- #4 VidyaShilp Academy
- #5 Vidya Niketan School
- #6 St Joseph's Boys High School
- #7 St Aloysius High School
- #8 Stonehill Government School
- #9 Greenwood High School
- #10 Indus International School
- #11 Inventure Academy
- #12 Ryan International
- #13 Jain International School
- #14 St. Ann's School, Goa
- #15 St. Loyola High School, Goa
- #16 Farook Higher Secondary School, Kerala

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