14 schools for Parikrama football

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Bangalore, Sep 11 (IANS) Fourteen school teams from Bangalore, besides sides from Mumbai, Goa and Kerala will be taking part in the third Parikrama Champions League U-16 football tournament to be held here from Sep 16.

The event is presented by Menzies Aviation in association with the Karnataka State Football Association.

The participating teams will be divided into four groups for the preliminary league with the top eight progressing to the knock-outs for ranking positions, it was announced here Wednesday during the launch of the competition at the Bangalore Football Stadium by Olympian Ashwini Nachappa.

Shukla Bose, founder-CEO of Parikrama Humanity Foundation, said: "We want children, parents and school authorities to understand how important it is to incorporate sports in the curriculum so that wholesome development of children can be achieved and not just academic progress. A well-organised football tournament is just one way to show that."

This year, Radio Fever 104fm joins in as the radio partner and Identiti will provide all the clothing for the officials. Coca Cola will provide water and drinks.