

FIFA DIRECTOR VISITS FOOTBALL ACADEMY IN NOIDA STADIUM

Jean Michel Benezet not only met young footballers of Football Academy but also their parents and thanked them for encouraging their children to take up football

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It was a red letter day for the budding footballers of Noida as they got an opportunity to meet Jean Michel Benezet, the technical director of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). With him was the All India Football Federation secretary, Kaushal Das.

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Benezet recently came to the Anadi Barua-run Ashoka Football Academy at the Noida Stadium. He expressed his happiness to see the youngsters' enthusiasm for football. He congratulated Barua for nurturing young footballers and advised him to focus on the grassroots. He also interacted with the footballers and their parents. He thanked the latter for encouraging their children to take up football and let them learn the nuances of the game at a young age. He said, "I will send some training schedules and video clippings, which will be helpful in training children of different age groups."

Barua invites such high-profile guests so that his students can get a chance to interact with them. This boosts their spirit and morale.

Vatavaran 2011 nominations

The much awaited nominations for 2011 CMS VATAVARAN, India's much appreciated environment and wildlife film festival have been announced today. The films have been nominated by a 37-member nomination jury headed by an eminent scholar and diplomat Dr Abid Hussain. The festival received more than 300 entries from 27 countries and 21 Indian states.

A total of 51 films have been nominated for this year's festival from 12 states of the country. Delhi has topped the list with 21 films followed by Kerala (8 films), Maharashtra (5 films) and Karnataka (4 films). Two films each have been nominated from Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. From Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Punjab one film has been nominated.

CMS VATAVARAN is India's premier festival and forum on environment and wildlife issues. The 6th biennial competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN will be held in New Delhi from December 6-10, 2011. The theme is Biodiversity Conservation and is in sync with India hosting the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) 11th Conference of Parties (CoP11) in October 2012. The festival aims to bring to the fore larger environmental concerns through films. It forges a dialogue and generates timely debate on the topical environmental issues involving the public. The festival was initiated in 2002.

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