

PSD Supports Mayurbhanj Football League in rural Odisha

Pro Sport Development (PSD), in collaboration with Yuva Vikas, a youth development initiative in Odisha, has supported the 7th edition of the Mayurbhanj Football League (MFL). The 7th MFL was held from 21-25 June, 2015 at village Kanpur, in the Mayurbhanj district of rural Odisha.



The MFL saw 16 teams from various villages from eight blocks of Mayurbhanj and Balasore districts participate in the tournament. Tempa Hansdah, convener of the MFL, who conceptualized the competition, mentioned that the MFL is organized to allow rural youth from tribal belts of Mayurbhanj to get an opportunity to showcase their footballing talent.



The MFL 2015 final saw 7,000 spectators cheering for their teams, with village Dangarbila emerging champions, and RMG Paunapani finishing up as runners up. Chapulu Hansdah was selected as the Best Player of the Tournament.



Highlights

PSD supports Grassroot Football League in rural Odisha

Suheil Tandon shares his views on grassroots sports & PE in India

Documenting RDT's Anantapur Sports Academy

Video Documentation of RDT's Anantapur Sports Academy



Saroj Sahu & Rohan Kandoi interviewing RDT's Cricket Coach

Suheil Tandon shares his views on grassroots sports & PE in India



PSD's Director-Founder, Suheil Tandon, shared his views on developing sport in India from the bottom upwards, by proposing a blueprint developing quality grassroots sport programs in India. In a

second article, he argues the case for Physical Education (PE) being used in institutions across India as a tool for the holistic development of children. To read the full articles, please follow the link below:

A Pressing Need for Quality Grassroot Sports Programs in India

<http://www.sportskeeda.com/football/pressing-need-quality-grassroot-sports-programs-india>

The Importance of PE for India's Children

<http://sportanddev.org/?12683/1/The-importance-of-PE-for-Indias-children>

Recent Events & Developments

PSD Project Update at RDT, Anantapur

PSD's project in collaboration with Rural Development Trust (RDT) in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh has been progressing well. This last month was focused on creatively documenting the activities of the Anantapur Sports Academy. This was done by writing articles on events and programs, creating videos highlighting the different sporting disciplines, developing case studies on specific athletes and themes as well as creating sport specific outlines to share with external stakeholders.

Furthermore, more than half the interviews with various stakeholders of the project, to assist PSD in developing strategies, have now been complete.

Follow RDT's Anantapur Sports Academy using the below links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7JJK8vsCk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdAPQJD8Ma0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK1_hXj30o

<http://sportanddev.org/?12681/1/Using-cricket-to-overcome-disability-RDTs-intervention-in-rural-India>

<http://www.sportskeeda.com/hockey/developing-a-culture-of-hockey-in-rural-andhra-pradesh>

<http://www.sportskeeda.com/football/anantapur-sports-academys-football-program-brings-new-talent>

Former PSD Employees join Team as Consultants

Former PSD employees Cormac Whelan, Matthew Hobson and Ramesh Chandra Padhy have joined the team as consultants. Their expertise, guidance and support will be valuable in providing direction and adding value to PSD's programs.



PSD Project Manager Sai Pulluru in a discussion with the RDT Sports Coaches