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### CURTAIN RAISER “OORJA 2017 CAPFs U-19 FOOTBALL TALENT HUNT TOURNAMENT”



1. Border Security Force, South Bengal Frontier is organising “OORJA 2017 CAPFs U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament” in the first phase from 1st to 12th May 2017. Total Sixteen football teams eight each of boys and girls of various schools and sports clubs from Andaman & Nicobar State will participate in the first phase of the tournament. The tournament will be inaugurated by His Excellency the Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Prof Jagdish Mukhi, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, Port Blair. **A curtain raiser programme** was organized at The Banquet Hall, Megapode Resort, Port Blair on **29<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. Shri Anindo Majumdar, IAS, Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar will be the Chief Guest of the programme.

2. In the month of October 2017, India is going to host Under-17 FIFA World Cup Football Tournament for the very first time in the history of football. While emphasizing successful hosting of the event, Govt. of India under the initiative of Prime Minister of India has decided that FIFA World Cup must be a catalyst for change, the tipping point for football in the country, which can only be done by creating a mass movement around it. The name thus suggested and recommended for the tournament is “OORJA 2017- CAPFs U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament”. The event has been designed keeping the objective in mind to give an opportunity to every child of the country to play football. The legacy programme of FIFA U-17 World cup “Mission XI million” has been planned to take the beautiful game of football to at least 11 million boys and girls across the country. The objectives of the tournament are to be part of mission XI million, to create fervour among the youth of India towards football, to select promising players to represent our country in Asian Championship and to recruit young and emerging players in CAPFs.

3. On the directions of MHA, an under-19 Football tournament (Boys & Girls) is being jointly organised by CAPFs under the aegis of All India Police Sports Control Board. The tournament will be organised in 03 phases enlisting separate matches for boys and girls. First phase will be conducted from 1st to 10th May 2017, second phase from 8th to 25th June 2017 and third phase from 8th to 25th July 2017. In the first phase State/UT wise responsibility of CAPFs has been assigned to conduct the event. BSF will conduct the

first phase matches in 07 states including Tripura, WB, Gujarat, Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan and Andaman & Nicobar Island, consisting of 08 teams each of boys and girls from every State. Upon conclusion of first phase one combined team both for boys and girls from every state will be selected for participation in second phase. Total 36 teams from all over India will be selected for the second phase of the event. In the second phase selected teams will be grouped into six zones and each CAPFs will conduct matches in the zones assigned to them. Topper team of each zone of second phase i.e 06 teams will qualify for the third phase. Third phase matches will be conducted at Delhi.

4. A Cub named “Gabru” is the mascot for the tournament. “Gabru” epitomizes all that the adolescences stands for Unbundled and unbridled energy, youthful exuberance, zest for life and incredible desires for success and achievements. A logo named “OORJA-2017” has also been designed and released for the tournament.

5. BSF South Bengal Frontier has been entrusted with the responsibility for smooth conduct of the first phase in Andaman Nicobar State. For this Port Blair administration has extended full support to BSF and various organising committees have been formed for proper management. **Eminent Football coach and player of yester years Md Syaed Nayeemuddin is the mentor of this tournament.** Separate committees for Jury of Appeal and selection of teams for the second phase have also been formed. The fixture and team details for boys and girls are attached for ready reference. The matches will be played at Netaji Stadium, Port Blair. The prizes for first phase are Rs 50,000 /- for winner team, Rs 30,000 /- for Runners up and Rs 20,000 /- for third place. One beautiful Trophy will be awarded to the winner in each phase. The winner trophy in Andaman & Nicobar for Boys/Girls is named as “Thomas Khushboo Trophy”. In addition, there will be trophies/prizes for Golden Ball for Best Player (boys and girls), Golden Boot for Top Scorer (boys and girls) and Golden Glove for Best Goalkeeper (boys and girls).

6. We will be grateful if you give wide publicity about the tournament in your respective media.

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