



Press release

Crescent Higher Secondary School and Mar Grigorios Memorial High School to Represent Kozhikhode in the Finals of Tata Tea Jaago Re Soccer Stars

- **Crescent Higher Secondary School wins during penalty shoot out by 3-2**
- **Sameel from M S P Malapuram School was recognized as Kozhikhode's most valuable player**
- **M Nihal of U H S School was declared the best goalkeeper while Sajeer from Crescent Higher Secondary School came out as the highest goal scorer during the zonal matches.**

Kozhikhode, November 27, 2008: The two-day zonal tournament of Tata Tea Jaago Re Soccer Stars, an initiative from Tata Tea in association with Arsenal FC of UK to search for the sixteen Soccer Stars of India, held at Corporation Stadium today ended after a tough competition among 66 teams from various schools in Kozhikhode and other parts of Kerala.

The tournament, which was a mix of league cum knockout matches, saw teams from *Crescent Higher Secondary School* and *Mar Grigorios Memorial High School* emerging as the finalists from more than 66 matches played during the two days. Crescent Higher Secondary School won during penalty by 3-2 with both teams failing to score till the end of normal time. These two teams will go on to compete in the national finals with teams winning the zonal finals from eight other cities from across the country.

Mr. Jamshid Nassiri and Mr. Premnath Philips, the two scouts observing the tournament with an objective of finding promising kids showing exceptional talent in the game, recognized Sameel from M S P Malapuram School as Kozhikhode's most valuable player.

For latest updates, events and happenings on the tournament, log onto www.jaagoresoccerstars.com.

About Tata Tea Jaago Re Soccer Stars

The second edition of Soccer Stars, Tata Tea Jaago Re Soccer Stars, is a one of its kind football tournaments for children aged 10 - 15 years. The tournament offers the finalists access to unparalleled training programmes including the customized Arsenal development programme called **The Arsenal Way**. Starting from 26th November, the tournament will happen in phases across ten cities – Calicut (Nov 26th & 27th), Bangalore – (Nov 30th & Dec 1st), Goa (Dec 10th & 11th), Mumbai (Dec 16th & 17th), New Delhi (Jan 17th & 18th 09), Chandigarh (Jan 24th & 25th 09), Lucknow (Jan 30th & 31st 09), Kolkata (Feb 7th & 8th 09), Bhubneshwar (Feb 21st & 22nd 09), Shillong (Mar 7th & 8th 09), with each city having its own elimination rounds, culminating in a national tournament. Two winning teams from each location will then battle the finals, which will be conducted in Kolkata.

30 talented boys, identified by a panel of professional footballers during the tournament will be given 2 weeks of coaching by Arsenal coaches in Kolkata. This will be followed up with a final selection of 16 boys getting a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend an Arsenal training camp in the UK as well as entry to the Arsenal International Soccer Festival in London during August 2009. The selected boys will also get Arsenal memorabilia personally autographed by the team's star players.
