



Press release

Government Sports School and St.Meera's High School to Represent Bangalore in the Finals of Tata Tea Jaago Re Soccer Stars

- **Government Sports School team wins over St. Meera's High School by 2-0**
- **Yadav R from Charan's Happy Hours Primary School was recognized as Bangalore's most valuable player**
- **Santosh Raj of Angels High school was declared the best goalkeeper while Manivannan.R from Government Sports School came out as the highest goal scorer during the zonal matches.**

Bangalore, December 1, 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 16 Soccer Stars of India, held at Bangalore Football Stadium today ended after a tough competition among 55 teams from various schools in Bangalore and other parts of Karnataka.

The tournament, which was a mix of league cum knockout matches, saw teams from Government Sports School and St.Meera's High School emerging as the finalists from more than 55 matches played during the two days. Government Sports School won by 2-0. 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.

Yadav.R from Charan's Happy Hours Primary School was recognised as Bangalore's most valuable player by Head Scout Jamshid Nassiri who was observing the tournament with an objective of finding promising kids showing exceptional talent in the game.

Speaking about the win **Mr.Krishna, coach, Government Sports School** said, "Our team has been practicing very hard for more that two weeks and I am happy they have come out victorious. We will do our best in the finals and make sure that Bangalore will be proud of us. We thank Tata Tea for organising such a tournament at a national level, which I am sure will go a long way in making this game popular."

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.
