

# Football fest kicks off

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**KOLKATA:** The under-14 football fest, conducted by the All India Football Federation, kicked off at Kalyani on Tuesday with host Bengal thrashing Jammu & Kashmir 7-0.

The Fest is aimed at spotting talent for the various AIFF-FIFA regional academies and the National age-group teams.

Scot O'Donnell, technical manager, regional academies, and Colm Toal, head coach, youth development programme, were present during the inauguration.

As many as 27 State teams, represented by 594 players, are participating in the fest. The teams have been divided into seven groups.

Each team will play three matches consisting of 30 minutes after which they will be classified into separate groups: stronger and weaker teams.

Apart from O'Donnell and Toal, Savio Medeira, Marcus Pacheco, Aqeel Ansari, Francisco Bruto da Costa, Gautam Ghosh, Tarun Roy and Hilal Rasool Parray will be the talent spotters.

## The groupings:

**Group 1:** Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Delhi.

**Group 2:** Haryana, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.

**Group 3:** Uttarakhand, Manipur, Puducherry and Goa.

**Group 4:** Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh.

**Group 5:** Rajasthan, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengal.

**Group 6:** Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura.

**Group 7:** Orissa, Mizoram, Bihar and Chandigarh.

## Baksha triumphs

Baksha B.N. Vidyalaya won the Kolkata zonal league match of the Tata Tea Jaago Re Inter Milan Soccer Star, defeating Aharampur Sahara Boys' School at Howrah Maidan on Tuesday.

Baksha will compete in the National championship at Shillong with 14 other teams from all over the country.

Former Mohun Bagan player Shyamal Banerjee presented the trophy.

More than 60 schools and over 600 children participated in the tournament.