

LIFE IS A BALL – MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Life is a Ball Public Charitable Trust (LIAB), is a not for profit organization registered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, that mentors children through sport. The initiative was started in 2011. LIAB aims to transform the lives of underprivileged children by teaching them invaluable life lessons through sport and equip them with skills required to face the world with a smile on their faces and grit in their hearts. Life is a Ball currently touches the lives of 2500+ kids and is continuing to grow.

Although the month of February is the shortest of the year, we managed to get in a truck load of activity. Besides enabling our top kids to participate in the "Great Goals" U-15 Football League, we also organised an event through which we raised funds for Montfort Community Development Society that primarily works with special children.



Past events...

Giff a Ball: We organised a "skills challenge" for 43 kids from our 7 schools and at the end we gifted a ball to every kid. The target of this event was to help improve their footballing skills.

Road to Old Trafford: 15 of our top kids tried out in the Manchester United selection drive. One of our goalkeepers, R. Prasanna was shortlisted for the final round.

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Highlights of the month...

GREAT GOALS U-15 LEAGUE

LIAB got an opportunity to take part in the Great Goals U-15 football league along with 6 other teams. A roster consisting of 12 kids representing all the LIAB schools was selected and lead by Coach Dhana. The league took place through the month of February and it was a great experience for



the kids. They competed with external teams for the first time. There was a teething period initially as it was the first time the LIAB kids were playing as a single unit irrespective of which area or school they belonged to. But after a few games, the kids really hit their stride finishing 5th on the table. The penultimate game produced fantastic performances as we won 4-0 and our goalie – Nanthakumar – was named man of the match. This is an encouraging start to say the least and we can only hope for better results going forward.

LIAB SPORTS WEEKEND

LIAB and getFIT Group along with Montfort Community Development Society ("MCDS") organised the LIAB Sports weekend on the 18th and 19th of February. We had 3 sports – Football, Cricket and Basketball – with a total of 6 categories, 82 teams, 130 matches and approximately 500 participants.

All the LIAB schools participated in the event as well, and our kids from the Guduvancheri School won the U-16 football event in thrilling fashion. The event was organised for the benefit of disabled children & LIAB kids and to raise awareness on the use of sport to make a difference.

All proceeds from the event were donated to MCDS. We hope to make this a quarterly routine in hopes of raising awareness for our cause and to gradually build a sporting culture.

