PRESS RELEASE

New Delhi- 11 July, 2017 – “OORJA” by CAPF U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament for boys and girls has reached to its culmination. Today at 1700 hrs Sh. Vijay Goyal, Sports Minister of India will be the Chief Guest of opening ceremony of Phase-III of the tournament at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium New Delhi.

India is going to host U-17 FIFA World Cup in the month of October, 2017. “OORJA” by CAPF U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament is being organised as a run up to under 17 FIFA World Cup by CAPFs v.z BSF, SSB, ITBP, CRPF, CISF and Assam Rifles under the aegis of AIPSCB. The tournament has been planned to be organised in three phases separately for boy and girls as per following schedule:-

1st Phase (01.05.2017 to 10.05.2017)

2nd Phase (08.06.2017 to 25.06.2017)


Phase – I and Phase – II have already been completed. During first two phases this tournament has served as a catalyst of change, a tipping point for football in the country and created a mass movement with an objective to give an opportunity to every child of the country to play football. This tournament has successfully become a part of “Mission XI million” , a legacy programme of FIFA U-17 World Cup initiated as a school contact initiative drive. 3rd phase is
being jointly organised by SSB and CRPF at Delhi in which top 6 boys and girls teams of 2nd phase of the tournament are participating.

In a rare gesture, the opening match of the 3rd phase of tournament will be of girls category and be played at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium between the girls of Manipur and Maharastra. Apart from Sh. Vijay Goyal, Sport Minister GoI, Sh. Kapil Dev, Brand Ambassador of “OORJA by CAPF U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament” will also grace the occasion of opening ceremony. During phase III, 12 matches will be played in league phase upto 15.07.2017 at Ambedkar Stadium. 04 matches of Semi finals will also be played at Ambedkar Stadium of both boys and girls category on 16.07.2017. On 18th of July 2017, an exhibition match will be played between Legends - XI V/S OORJA-XI at Ambedkar stadium. The Legends XI team will be led by Baichung Bhutia. On the same day final match of Girls’ category will also be played at Ambedkar stadium. On 19.07.2017 final match of the tournament under boys’ category will be played at JLN stadium between the winners of Group - 1 and Group- 2.

Sh. Arun jaitley, Hon’ble Finance Minister, GoI will be the Chief Guest during final match and closing ceremony of the tournament.

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