

Development of football in Lakshadweep: A review study

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Abstract

The present study try to focus on the development of football in Lakshadweep. Lakshadweep, formerly known as the Laccadive, Minicoy and Aminidivi Islands is a group of islands in the Laccadive Sea, 200 to 440 km (120 to 270 mi) off the southwestern coast of India. The Lakshadweep football team is an Indian football team which represents the union territory of Lakshadweep, India. Football is very common in Lakshadweep, the key restriction for promoting local talented football players is the lack of adequate international standard sports infrastructure facilities such as land, stadium, and coach availability. Besides that all the outdoor sports activities especially football will be stopped during the monsoon season. The Lakshadweep Administration, in partnership with the Lakshadweep Football Association (LFA) and the State Sports Council, is developing steps to resolve the huddles to promote football by setting up a SAI Center in Lakshadweep with recruitment of Coaches to promote football exclusively and bring it to the national and international level.

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Introduction

Football is a team sports which involves kicking a ball to score a goal, to varying degrees. Unqualified, the word football usually denotes the most common type of football where the term is used. In some countries, sports usually called football include football association known as soccer. There are a number of references to traditional, ancient, or prehistoric ball games played in many different parts of the world. Contemporary codes of football can be traced back to the codification of these games at English public schools during the 19th century. The expansion of the British Empire allowed these rules of football to spread to areas of British influence outside the directly controlled Empire. By the end of the 19th century, distinct regional codes were already developing: Gaelic football, for example, deliberately incorporated the rules of local traditional football games in order to maintain their heritage. In 1888, The Football League was founded in England, becoming the first of many professional football competitions. During the 20th century, several of the various kinds of football grew to become some of the most popular team sports in the world (Bailey, Steven, 1995) ^[2] Football has been an Olympic sport ever since the second modern Summer Olympic Games in 1900.

Lakshadweep

Lakshadweep, formerly known as the Laccadive, Minicoy and Aminidivi Islands is a group of islands in the Laccadive Sea, 200 to 440 km (120 to 270 mi) off the southwestern coast of India. The archipelago is administered as a union territory and district of India. They were also known as Laccadive Islands, although geographically this is only the name of the central subgroup of the group. Lakshadweep means "one hundred thousand islands" in Malayalam. The islands form the smallest Union Territory of India and their total surface area is just 32 km² (12 sq mi). The lagoon area covers about

4,200 km² (1,600 sq mi), the territorial waters area 20,000 km² (7,700 sq mi) and the exclusive economic zone area 400,000 km² (150,000 sq mi). The region forms a single Indian district with 10 subdivisions. Kavaratti serves as the capital of the Union Territory and the region comes under the jurisdiction of Kerala High Court. The islands are the northernmost of the Lakshadweep-Maldives-Chagos group of islands, which are the tops of a vast undersea mountain range, the Chagos-Laccadive Ridge. (Ashalatha, B.Subrahmanyam, C.Singh, R.N. 1991) ^[1].

Developments of Football in Lakshadweep

The Lakshadweep football team is an Indian football team which represents the union territory of Lakshadweep, India. The team currently participates in the Santosh Trophy and has been since the 2016–17 edition. During the All India Football Federation general body meeting on 21 December 2016, it was confirmed that the Lakshadweep Football Association would gain affiliation with India's national football association. After gaining affiliation, the federation began preparations for the 2016–17 Santosh Trophy qualifiers. Majority of the players come from the local Kavaratti League. Their first match occurred on 6 January 2017 when Lakshadweep took on Tamil Nadu. Despite being resilient in defense, Lakshadweep succumbed to a 2–0 defeat. Four days later, on 10 January, Lakshadweep made history by earning their first ever victory in the Santosh Trophy, a 1–0 victory over Telangana. K.P. Ummer was the goal scorer for Lakshadweep. (Kumar, PK Ajith, 2017) ^[3]. Coming with a squad of fishermen, small traders and government employees, Lakshadweep will make its first ever appearance at the Santosh Trophy in the National Football Championship's 71st edition. Chances are they could be thrashed by 2012 runners-up Tamil Nadu, but making their presence felt in the prestigious meeting is in itself a monumental achievement for the island that hasn't had its

own team until 14 days ago. All India Football Federation stated its membership only during its general body meeting on 21 December. Since then, gathering the team and bringing them across the sea has been a race against time. (Nizamuddin KI, general secretary of the Lakshadweep Football Association). The Kavaratti, Minicoy and Andrott islands boast every regular aspect of a football field. Some K-League games are attended by up to 3000 spectators. And more and more island players recently take up the game at school and college level. "This could be their first experience of organized football for some players" Coach Deepak said. Even though Football is very common in Lakshadweep, the key restriction for promoting local talented football players is the lack of adequate international standard sports infrastructure facilities such as land, stadium, and coach availability. Besides that all the outdoor sports activities especially football will be stopped during the monsoon season. The Lakshadweep Administration, in partnership with the Lakshadweep Football Association (LFA) and the State Sports Council, is developing steps to resolve the huddles to promote football by setting up a SAI Center in Lakshadweep with recruitment of coaches to promote football exclusively and bring it to the national and international level.

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