

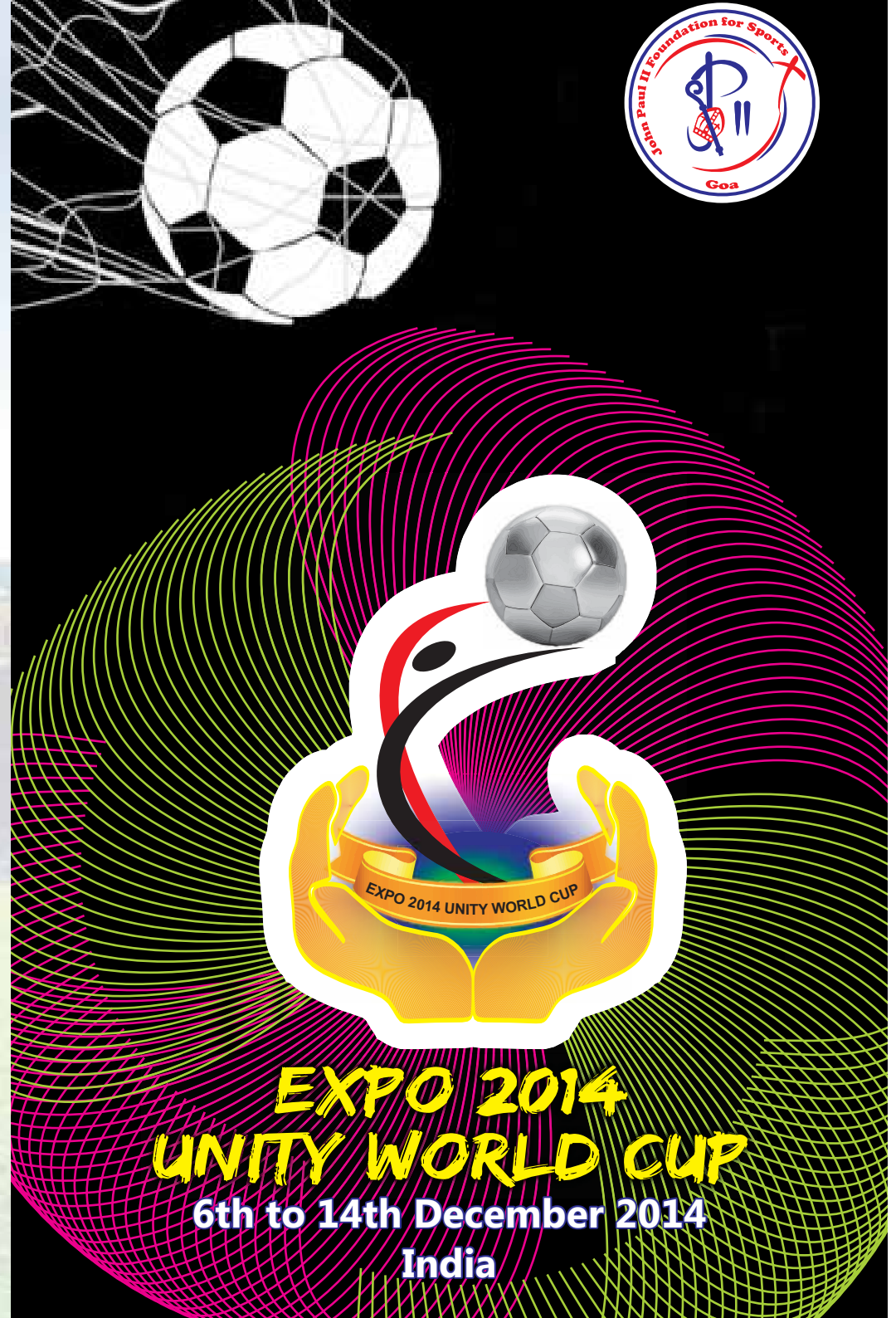


Tentative Program

4th December	Arrivals
6th December	Opening Ceremony
7th December	Travel to Host Cities
8th to 10th December	Matches/Outreach
11th December	Travel to Goa/Outreach
12th December	Semi Finals
13th December	Training & Rest
14th December	Finals

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Exposition 2014

The exposition of the sacred relics of St. Francis Xavier is held every 10 years at Old Goa. Approximately, 3 million pilgrims from around the world visited the exposition in 2004 and over 5 million pilgrims are expected for the 44 day period from 22nd November, 2014 - 04th January, 2015.

The Expo 2014 will try to ensure every visitor will carry a true understanding of the Life and Times of St. Francis: making the Love of Jesus available to the people he encountered across the world. Ministries/Churches and Government/Non-Governmental Organisations will be using the Exposition as a platform to reach out to the pilgrims.

Expo 2014 Unity World Cup

John Paul II foundation for Sports (Goa) an ecclesiastical body of the Archdiocese of Goa has planned to host an International Football Championship namely the Expo 2014 Unity World Cup in India during the Exposition 2014. 8 Teams representing their countries are being invited to participate in this great event being held from 6th to 14th December 2014. The event will leave a legacy for other countries to follow and host similar events in the future (Colombia has already planned to organize the second edition of the event in 2016).

Expected Outcomes

It is to become a Major Sporting Event like the FIFA World Cup over 2 to 3 decades. To bring a closer relation between the children of God and use the event to teach values to those attending the Matches and the Football training clinics/workshops that are being conducted by the visiting teams. It will also help bringing young people to come closer to God through several personal experiences being shared by players from different parts of the World.

Why would teams Participate in this event?

The exposition itself will be bringing pilgrims from across the world and therefore it will be an opportunity also for players, coaches and officials to visit Goa as pilgrims and ambassadors of God using football as a media for teaching value education etc.

It will bring elite footballers together from different parts of the world and it will create a festive yet holy atmosphere. It is an opportunity for exchanging different cultural experiences and also helps building brotherly relationships for players.



Why is India the Host of this Event?

Football is the number one Sport of the World and has the largest following as seen at the end of the FIFA World Cup 2014 held in Brazil. India is fast growing into becoming a Sporting nation with development of sports related infrastructure. Goa was the host to the 3rd Lusofonia Games which were held in January 2014 where 12 Portuguese speaking Countries participated in 9 sports disciplines including football which had the highest turnout. January 2015 will see the National Games being hosted by Kerala.

Football is going to be an integral part of the development as the FIFA U-17 World Cup is to be hosted in 2017 and also the FIFA Club World Cup slated to be held in 2016.

Goa is the first state in India to declare Football as the Official State Sport and hence the establishment of the Goa Football Development Council was also made in 2012 and more than 2800 children are being trained in the sport in about 25 centres.

India is lowly placed in the FIFA rankings around 156th in the world but with the organization of an event of this magnitude will help creating a greater interest among the young and also help develop the game as the teams coming for this event would visit schools, colleges, clubs to organize football clinics and workshops.

Organisational Experience of John Paul II Foundation for Sports (Goa)?

JP2F4S-Goa has been successfully organizing Sports Events across Goa and many parts of India in partnership with Institutions, Associations, Churches/Ministries, etc. In the past the JP2F4S had successfully hosted the trip of Professional Football Team Hallelujah Football Club from South Korea playing in the Korean League to India in 2011. Hallelujah FC visited Goa, Mumbai, Bangalore and Trichur where they played 4 matches and held several clinics for students in schools along with having seminars and interactions with Local Professional Teams and Players.

Services Provided to the Teams

Twin sharing accommodation along with boarding and laundry from 4th to 15th December, 2014. Travel within India will be a combination of Air-Road-Rail. Jersey and Shorts will be provided to teams

Venues for the Event

Goa will be the main Host City of the event with the Opening Ceremony and the Semi-Finals and Finals to be held in the State.

Negotiations are on with partners in Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune and Kerala to be Host Cities for the league matches.