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### Delhi Public School, Joka



■ Delhi Public School, Joka, hosted the first edition of Surendram Football Challenge Cup, 2023, on January 10. The inter-school Under-16 tournament saw eight participating teams, including St Thomas Boys' School, Kidderpore, that fielded two teams, Vivekananda Mission School, Joka, Saini International School, National Gems Higher Secondary School, Asian International

School, Hariyana Vidya Mandir and the host school.

The chief guest was footballer and Arjuna award winner Deepak Mondal.

There were also several guests from the East Bengal Football Club. Also present was pro-vice chairman of the host school Pawan Agarwal, its directors Bela Agarwal and Deepak Prakash Agarwal and principal Writuparna

Chatterjee.

The tournament commenced with the principal's speech that touched on how the school's late founder, Surendra Agarwal, always encouraged sports.

This was followed by the release of a dove, hoisting of the school flag and singing of national anthem.

School team captain Samrat Das led the players for the oath-taking ceremony. There was a lot of cheering as the teams locked horns in exciting matches.

The semi-finalists were Delhi Public School, Joka, Vivekananda Mission School, Asian International School and Hariyana Vidya Mandir.

The finals saw Hariyana Vidya Mandir defeating Vivekananda Mission School by 4-0. The top scorer was Sattwik Dey and the player of the tournament was Ronit Bar from the champion team. The best goalkeeper award went to Swapneel Hazra of Vivekananda Mission School.

"It was a day-long affair and the students from both our school as well as those invited were an excited lot. They were out on the field again and that was what mattered the most. We also had prize money for the finalists," said the principal.