



Press Release

For Immediate Publishing

Sudhir Roy Cup 2019, an under-16 Cricket Tournament concluded with huge success in CSD Sahara Cricket Academy

- **More than a month-long tournament where 16 well-known local teams participated in the tournament.**
- **Kooh sports team has won the inaugural season of Sudhir Roy Cup Tournament.**

Lucknow, 30th May 2019: CSD Sahara Cricket Academy organized an annual under-16 cricket tournament - **Sudhir Roy Cup 2019**, which was approved by Cricket Association Lucknow, today concluded with huge success and fanfare. The first season of the annual Sudhir Roy Cup tournament was inaugurated by 'Sahasri' **Subrata Roy Sahara** on 12th April 2019, with unveiling of the cup. The inaugural season of the tournament had the participation of 16 well-known local teams in 4 groups. Today the tournament concluded with the Grand finale where 'Kooh Sports' defeated 'Sports College' by 188 runs. The prize distribution ceremony was graced by former Indian cricketer Shri Ashok Malhotra and Shri Abhijit Sarkar, Head – Corporate Communications, Corporate Relations, Sports & Guardian – Media, Sahara India Pariwar along with Sr. Vice President, Uttar Pradesh Olympic Association and Vice President, Cricket Association, Lucknow also elected Executive Member, Indian Olympic Association. The event was also graced by founder of CSD Sahara Global Academy and Executive Director of Sahara India Pariwar - Smt. Kumkum Roy Choudhury.

The Sudhir Roy Cup Tournament was organized in CSD Sahara Cricket Academy in Bakshi Ka Talab, Sitapur Road, Lucknow. The CSD Sahara Cricket Academy is the first of its kind, hi-tech Cricket Academy with state-of-the-art facilities in Lucknow, which saw the grand success of the Sudhir Roy Cup Tournament, this year and it will hold every year with increasing fanfare. The Academy is designed to provide world class training to young boys and girls of the next generation who aspire for cricketing excellence; in sub-junior (09 to 12 years), junior (13 to 15 years) and senior (16 to 23 years) categories, under the guidance of cricketing stalwarts like Shri Kapil Dev, who will be the chief mentor along with current and former cricketers like Shri Suresh Raina, Shri Balwinder Singh Sandhu, Shri R.P. Singh, all

as mentors along with experienced state level players, Level I and Level II renowned cricket coaches.

To give all round training, the academy has a combination of 14 pitches so that the trainees get hands on practice on various pitch conditions. These are comprised of 02 fully covered indoor Astro-turf pitches with box net, 03 center turf pitches and 09 practice pitches of which, 07 would be turf and 02 cemented. Special attention has been given to ensure that the training continues uninterrupted and unaffected by the vagaries of weather, 365 days a year. The academy is equipped with a pavilion with a sitting gallery; infirmary to handle emergency cases with the support of a physiotherapist, first-aid and ambulance; a conference room with audio visual facility; bowling machine and speed gun to create a simulated ambience of the actual field of play; video and technical analysis to assist the coach with his progress report; practice matches and all-India tournaments. The campus is under the round-the-clock security surveillance to safeguard against the threat of extraneous elements.

Academy is planned to have floodlight facility in future, select scholarships for the outstanding cricketing talents, trainee cricketers to be taken to foreign and domestic tours for adapting to various cricketing conditions across the world.