

Students shine at championships

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The students of Hiranandani Foundation School (HFS), Thane recently made the school proud by winning various interschool matches and setting new records. The teams recently participated in 'HFS Liga Inter School Basketball and Football Competitions and clinched the winning titles for both the sports categories. HFS Liga, an ISC (Indian School Certificate) & IBDP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme) initiative, is an annual invitational event, organised and hosted by the Hiranandani Foundation School, Powai. Eight schools from Mumbai had participated in the event this year.

In the opening quarterfinal round of girls' basketball event, HFS, Thane recorded a remarkable 24-4 win over their opponents. An implausible 37-4 win over Ecole Mondiale School in a semi-final match confirmed their berth in the final match of the tournament. HFS Thane claimed the Liga basketball trophy for girls with a 15-5 win over the host school, HFS Powai. The boys' basketball team outperformed their challengers in the semi-final with a win of 31-13. The final match witnessed HFS Thane team emerging as winners after a 37-17 win over HFS Powai. Pratyay Goswami and Manasi Rane were declared the best players of the match. Manasi, A regular na-



Football champs pose for a picture

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tional level basketball player, Rane made a comeback after a two year hiatus following a knee surgery and proved to be a notable captain. She has also been selected for the ICSE national selection camp this year.

The HFS Thane football team dominated the event throughout the competition. They secured their position in the final match swiftly and won the final game with a score of 2-1. The boys proved their supreme skills by bagging the HFS Liga football trophy. Sharan Datta was adjudged the best player of the match. In the first edition of the AISM interschool regional football tournament, the team once again

played superlative games to lift the championship trophy. The event, which was hosted by Thakur Public School, Kandivli received participation from 24 top schools from Mumbai and Gujarat. With this victory, the team has been qualified to play at the national level tournament at Ahmedabad this year.

Extending its arms beyond athletics, football and basketball, the students of the school have also surpassed their expectations at 9th Mumbai interschool ICSE/ISC Aquatic Championship 2012. The event was organised by Jamnabai Narsee School at the Ozone Club, Nirlon Olympic Municipal Swimming Pool, Gore-

gaon. The event saw a participation of 606 students from 56 ICSE/ISC schools of Mumbai vying for medals in 98 events. Sixteen students from HFS Thane participated in the event and bagged 12 medals, which included three gold, six silver and three bronze medals respectively. The swimmers displayed excellent skills in various styles of swimming like breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.

Tanya Chawda, Sakshi Garg, Anandita Chouhan and Gitanshu Bhatia, students of the school have been selected to represent Maharashtra ICSE/ISC schools at the ICSE/ISC National Aquatic Championship. Chouhan was also selected for the Maharashtra 4x100 meters freestyle relay team. The 16th National Aquatic Championship was held under the aegis of ASISC (Association of Schools for the Indian School Certificate) at Atul Vidyalaya in Valsad, Gujrat. Principal Neelu Lamba of HFS, Thane quoted, "Sports must be cultivated and integrated in the mindsets of children from early childhood. We must allow children to rather be happy in what they do and reap pleasures of every activity. We must not demand too much from them and allow them to explore their areas of expertise. Students who excel in sports get first hand exposure at foreign universities for further education. We aim to prepare global citizens with well rounded persona, happy mind and excellent health."