

FIFA Mumbai-Cooperage Ground Installation.

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Mumbai kids to learn football the 'United way'

Man United CEO David Gill (centre), AIFF president Praful Patel (left) and WIFA CEO Henry Menezes with city kids during the launch of Manchester United Soccer Schools at Cooperage yesterday.



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THE establishment of the Manchester United Soccer School (MUSS) at the Cooperage ground, the first of its kind in the country, will bring cheer to the lesser fortunate kids who have the talent but lack funding.

All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Praful Patel announced that the football school, a partnership between Western India Football

Association (WIFA) and MUSS, will cater not only to Mumbai kids but talent from all over the state. "This coaching program will not just benefit the kids from Mumbai but the state at large. We plan to give free coaching to 100 talented kids from Mumbai and Maharashtra under this program," Patel said during the launch of the school at Cooperage ground yesterday.

Manchester United CEO David Gill hopes the initiative helps Indian kids train the 'United way'.

"The coaching program will have coaches coming in from the United Kingdom to create a positive learning environment for these kids and coaches to learn the skills the United way. This will be a long term commitment and we hope we will make an important contribution to the growth of Indian football.

"Also, I'm really impressed with the turf here, it is as good as we have back at Carrington (Man Utd's training ground)," added Gill.