

England U17 squad spends day with kids

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Players and coaches of the England under-17 football team playing in the ongoing Fifa World Cup visited the Newtown School today to meet and play with children coming from various backgrounds in Kolkata.

They also gave invaluable tips to the budding Kolkata junior players on all aspects of the game. These children are a part of two UK-supported projects - Kolkata Goalz and DOSTI Sports for Peace - which utilise football and sports to empower young people, especially those coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and communities.

Both the girls and boys football teams of the Newtown School also met and played with the England squad.



British Deputy High Commissioner Bruce Bucknell welcomed the England Under 17 team's community outreach programme in Kolkata.

"I am delighted that the England players have taken time to meet so many chil-

dren from Kolkata. Sport brings people together and helps build communities," he said, adding: "I am sure through this interaction with the England players the children here today will feel more confident about themselves and their game."