



## Press Release

### **Dean Gilchrist, high performance sports coach conducts training program at Lavasa for underprivileged kids**

**4th March 2014, Lavasa:** Dean Gilchrist, professional high performance cricket & soccer coach conducted a series of training programs to improve skills of young sports enthusiasts. The first of its kind sports training program was conducted at Dasvino Town & Country Club, in the picturesque hill city of Lavasa.

Dean shared technical tips with young kids by imparting focused training on practical aspects of the games. About 100 students from Christel House Lavasa, a school for under privileged kids from the local villages took keen interest in learning new skills and enjoyed the training sessions.

The training sessions were organised by Lavasa in association with 'Sports for Life' an innovative sports education provider incorporated in India in partnership with Sportspro, Australia's leading sports Education Company. Dean Gilchrist, brother of Australian ex-cricketer Adam Gilchrist and Managing Director of Sportspro Australia, is the Coaching and Technical Director of 'Sports for Life'.

Dean Gilchrist, commenting on the staging of the program at Lavasa said, It was absolutely thrilling privilege to implement an array of modified sporting activities to the students of Christel House, Lavasa. They are very talented children who readily embraced every aspect of our session. All the children were a thorough joy to teach and clearly had the times of their lives. We hope to return to continue educating the students from Lavasa in the joys and benefits of sports.

Speaking on the occasion, Nathan Andrews, President, Lavasa Corporation Limited said, "Our endeavor is to promote Lavasa as a major sports hub. We already have tie ups with golfing great Sir Nick Faldo for starting a golf academy and a golf course; Hockey Australia for a hockey academy, Sir Steve Redgrave for a rowing academy and with other partners for Badminton, Squash and Football academies.

The training program conducted by 'Sports for Life' is one of the many such initiatives we plan to undertake to promote Lavasa and also nurture talented kids from the indigenous community.

### **About Dean Gilchrist**

Dean Gilchrist is the Managing Director of Sportspro, Australia's leading sports education provider and elder brother of Adam Gilchrist, ex-vice captain of the Australian cricket team. Dean is a highly qualified and experienced personal development, health and physical education teacher and professional high performance cricket and soccer coach. Dean established Sportspro in 1995 and



since then the company has gone on to become the leading sports education provider in Australia. Sportspro provides curriculum based sports education programs to schools and has also incorporated coaching programs and services to sports clubs and individuals to accommodate this ever growing demand. Dean lives in Sydney with his wife Kathy and their two daughters.

### **About Sports for Life**

Sports for Life is an innovative sports education provider incorporated in India in partnership with Sportspro, Australia's leading sports education company. Sports for Life provides curriculum based, age / ability progressive sports education programs to schools, clubs and corporate entities that allows participants to nurture and develop sports, athletic and gymnastic skills that will greatly enhance their lives. Our programs are developed based on Sportspro's internationally recognized and accredited curriculums. All programs are delivered by highly qualified and trained teachers and trainers.

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### **About Lavasa**

Lavasa is India's first planned hill city where people can live, work, learn and play in harmony with nature. Lavasa, is an inclusive city being developed by Lavasa Corporation Limited. Spread over 10,000 hectares, is based on the principles of New Urbanism. It takes three hours from Mumbai and one hour from Pune to reach Lavasa by road. Lavasa will host a multitude of global leaders in hospitality, tourism, education, health care, business research and industry. The hill city provides a combination of contemporary and timeless architectural designs, with multiple options for housing including rental housing, apartments and villas. With state-of-the-art infrastructure and amenities, the city enables people to live life in full.