

# For gender equality in sports

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**HYDERABAD:** It is a novel concept — using sports as a tool to promote gender equality — both in sport and in real life when Hyderabad Ultimate organised the Usha HydHat flying disc competition (frisbee) featuring about 120 participants from across India at the Agha Khan Academy campus here.

For the record, Ice-Cream team clinched honours beating Team Spicy Fanta Tango in the final to lift the trophy. Incidentally, the city is hosting the edition for the fourth time.

## 4,000 and counting

“This is a sport which is played by about 4,000 players across India now and is the only one which promotes mixed gender participation and perfectly suits our whole concept of hosting the event,” points out Khushboo Lohia, one of the tournament directors.

She goes on to point out that one of the unique features of the sport is that there will be no referees and the players themselves don that role which in a way promotes sportsman spirit and fair play.

The event also featured the famed coach from UK, Lion Kelly, who in fact conducted a workshop for about 30 Indian coaches before the two-day competition to enlighten them about the latest



**LEVEL-PLAYING FIELD:** Participants of the Usha HydHat flying disc competition held at the Agha Khan Academy in Hyderabad. — PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

trends in the sport.

Ms. Komal Mehra, Events Head, Usha International, says the Ultimate is growing exponentially in India and this year they have a vision for HydHAT as ‘Learn and

Grow’. “In alignment to that we coached students from Teach for India and Aga Khan Academy, Hyderabad and 20 students from these organisations participated with us,” she pointed out.

“Teach for India is a non-profit organisation striving to end the problem of educational inequality in India and provide an excellent education to all the children,” Komal remarked.