# CONCORD

5th — INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

2nd to 6th, November 2026



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DR BHARTI GANDHI
Founder - Director
City Montessori School

# Message from the Founder-Director

Sport has the unique power to transcend boundaries, nurture discipline, and build bridges of friendship across cultures and nations. CONCORD 2026 stands as a celebration of these timeless values, bringing young minds together through the universal language of football and fostering global understanding, teamwork, and peace.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Ms Junu Thakur Bisht, Principal, CMS Station Road Campus, and the entire organizing Team for their vision, dedication, and commitment in conceptualising and preparing this international sporting event. Their efforts reflect the CMS belief in holistic education-where physical excellence, character building, and world unity go hand in hand.

May CONCORD 2026 inspire every participant to play with integrity, compete with humility, and emerge as responsible global citizens.



PROF. GEETA GANDHI KINGDON
Managing Director
City Montessori School

# Message from the Managing Director

Sport is a powerful medium that brings out the best in the human spirit.
It teaches discipline, perseverance, teamwork, and respect—values that extend far beyond the playing field. CONCORD 2026 exemplifies these ideals by uniting young minds from diverse backgrounds through the universal language of football, fostering friendship, mutual understanding, and a shared commitment to peace.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Ms Junu Thakur Bisht, Principal, CMS Station Road Campus, and the entire organising team for their vision, meticulous planning, and tireless dedication in conceptualising and preparing this international sporting event. Their efforts beautifully reflect the CMS philosophy of holistic education, where physical excellence, moral strength, and global citizenship are nurtured together.

May CONCORD 2026 inspire every participant to play with fairness, lead with humility, and carry forward the spirit of unity and sportsmanship as responsible citizens of the world.

**"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, the power to unite people in a way that little else does."**
**– Nelson Mandela**



MS REENA SOTI

Head Quality Assurance &
Innovation Department

# Message from the Head QAID

Sport, in its truest spirit, is a powerful educator. It teaches resilience in adversity, humility in success, and above all, the importance of collaboration beyond boundaries of culture, language and nationality. It nurtures discipline, character and mutual respect, shaping young minds into responsible global citizens. CONCORD 2026 is therefore not merely a sporting event; it is a celebration of unity in diversity, of healthy competition, and of universal values that the playing field so beautifully instils. City Montessori School stands committed to an educational philosophy that nurtures the complete development of the learner. By fostering academic excellence alongside physical well-being, emotional intelligence and ethical awareness, CMS creates an environment that prepares students not merely for examinations, but for life itself.

It is with immense pleasure that I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the CMS Station Road Campus, which will be hosting **CONCORD – the International Football Tournament in November 2026.** The campus stands as a vibrant centre of excellence, and this international event further strengthens its role as a hub of global engagement and experiential learning.

With deep humility and reverence, I express my heartfelt gratitude to our revered Founder, Late Dr Jagdish Gandhi, whose enlightened vision transformed a dream into a movement dedicated to nurturing peace, unity and enlightened global citizenship. I also express my heartfelt appreciation for the unwavering support and enlightened guidance of our Founder-Director, Mrs Bharti Gandhi, and our Managing Director, Prof. Geeta Gandhi Kingdon, whose leadership consistently fosters a culture of innovation, inclusivity and academic excellence throughout CMS.

My warm congratulations to the Principal, Ms Junu Thakur Bisht and her dedicated staff of Station Road Campus for their commitment, professionalism and tireless efforts in conceptualising and organising this prestigious international platform. Their collective vision and meticulous planning will transform this initiative into a learning experience for our students. May CONCORD 2026 inspire every participant to play with integrity, compete with grace, and carry forward the spirit of sportsmanship far beyond the final whistle.

**Let me conclude this message with the thought, it is not the trophies we collect, but the values we cultivate - unity, courage and compassion - that truly shape the future of humanity.**

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>
> – Nelson Mandela



MS JUNU THAKUR BISHT

Principal &
Convener of CONCORD'26

# Invitation from the Convener and Principal

Dear Participants,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the CONCORD International Football Tournament 2026, to be held from 2nd to 6th November 2026 at City Montessori School, Station Road Campus.

Football is far more than a game of skill and competition—it is a celebration of teamwork, trust, resilience, and shared purpose. Every successful pass reflects confidence in a teammate, every goal is the result of collective effort, and every match teaches the values of discipline, perseverance, respect, and unity. Through this tournament, we aspire to nurture these qualities in every young footballer while creating friendships that transcend borders.

Inspired by our motto "Jai Jagat" and the timeless philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – The World is One Family," CONCORD is a platform where young minds and hearts come together to compete with integrity, celebrate diversity, and strengthen the bonds of global brotherhood through the universal language of football.

We are delighted to welcome both girls' and boys' teams, reaffirming our commitment to equality, inclusion, and mutual respect. Here, every player is valued, every team is celebrated, and every match becomes an opportunity to demonstrate that true victory lies not only in winning, but in playing together with honour, humility, and sportsmanship.



MS PRIYA SONI

Organising Secretary

# Message from the Organising Secretary

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the Concord International – 2026, organized by City Montessori School, Station Road Campus, Lucknow, from November 2nd to 6th, 2026.

This unique event aims to showcase the talents of students and provide a platform for them to interact, share ideas and experience the thrill of football. The Concord International – 2026 promises to be a landmark event for young football enthusiasts, promoting values, ethics and healthy competition.

We believe this event will be a wonderful opportunity for students to grow, learn and make lifelong connections with peers from around the world. I cordially invite your school to participate and be a part of this exciting experience.

**Looking forward to welcoming you to the Concord International 2026.**

> "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."
> – Michael Jordan



# Rules & Regulations

1. **A newbie's companion for understanding the basic soccer rules & regulations:** The main objective of soccer is to score a goal with any part of the body except the arms and hands. There are various Laws of the Game to ensure order and fairness in play. These were formulated by FIFA, the highest governing body of football in the world. The laws were mostly based on the first set of rules formulated by the Football Association, England's football body, in 1863. We will follow these laws.

2. **Players' Equipments:**
   **(A) Jersey with Numbers** – Numbers on the back of the jersey shall correspond with numbers indicated on the official players list. A goalkeeper will wear the number 1 jersey and the colour of goalkeeper's jersey should be different from other playing members. Throughout the competition each player shall wear the same numbered jersey allotted to him. On the official players list the size of numbers on Jersey/T-shirt should be 10 cm and 15 cm in height at any position in front of either leg of the shorts.

   **(B) The following soccer equipments are required for each player:** a shirt, shorts, stockings, shin guards, and football boots. Goalkeepers from both sides should wear a kit that will distinguish them from the outfield players and the referees. The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.

3. **Strength of a Team:** (The maximum strength of a delegation is 21 members which comprises)

   **Boys:** 18 players (Boys only under 18 yrs)
   Players born on or after 02/11/2008 are eligible
   One Team Manager, One Coach & One Physiotherapist

   **Girls:** 18 players (Girls only under 18 yrs)
   Players born on or after 02/11/2008 are eligible
   One Team Manager, One Coach & One Physiotherapist

Five substitutions are allowed in a match. Substitution is allowed only during stoppage or restart of the match. School should select only those players who are medically fit to participate in the event. Fitness Certificate signed by a recognized Doctor is required to be submitted to the organiser along with the entry form.

Team officials will be completely responsible for the discipline of their team members during the event and period of stay.

Team Managers will have to attend organisers' meeting, whenever required. Registration will be on first come first serve basis. **Last date of entry is 30th September 2026.**

4. **Format of Match**

   **Boys: (16 Teams only)** There shall be 4 Pools each consisting of 4 teams.

   **Girls: (8 Teams only)** There shall be 2 Pools each consisting of 4 teams.

Match will be played on the basis of League cum Knockout format. Each team shall be playing three matches in all in their respective groups. The pool topper from each group shall be playing Knockout in the Concord International 2026.

5. **Match Duration**

   **Boys:** Duration of the match will be 90 minutes or 45 minutes each half, with 15 minutes interval (45 + 15 + 45).

   **Girls:** Duration of the match will be 70 minutes or 35 minutes each half, with 15 minutes interval (35 + 15 + 35).

   The duration of the match will be 70 minutes or 35 minutes each half, with a 15 minute interval (35 + 15 + 35).Additional minutes in a soccer game may be played at the end of each half, to compensate for lost time during the game. The added minutes are called "injury period" and should not be confused with the overtime, which is played in some competition, if a winner is not yet decided after regulation time.

6. **Field of Play: The following areas of the football field must be marked:** touchlines/ sidelines, goal lines & goal areas, halfway line, center circle, penalty areas, arcs & spots, and corner arcs. A flag post should be planted on each corner of the field. There are three grounds which will be used for CONCORD-2026:

   **Boys:** Ground 1 and Ground 2 at Chowk Stadium

   **Girls:** Ground 3 at CMS Jai Jagat Stadium

Daily 12 matches will be played in three grounds (8 matches in two grounds of Chowk Stadium and 4 matches in Jai Jagat Stadium).As we are organizing 12 matches in one day on three grounds, therefore next team should report 30 minutes before their scheduled time. Teams should be ready to play two matches in a day, if required. Committee has the right to change time, date and the venue of the match if required and same will be intimated to the team in advance.

7. **Start / Restart of Play:** A kickoff starts a football game and restarts it at the second half or after a goal is scored. The team which kicks off the ball at the beginning of the match is determined by a coin toss. During the kickoff in football, only two players are allowed inside the center circle: the one kicking and the one receiving the ball.

8. **Fouls and Misconduct:** The following are the most common fouls in football: kicking, tripping, pushing, or charging another player recklessly; striking or attempting to strike an opponent or any member of the opposing side. A foul is called if a player makes a tackle but hits the player before the ball; deliberately handles the ball (except

the goalkeeper in his proper area);or if he uses excessive force in defending an opponent. Yellow Card is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behavior of a serious nature. Red card is a sending offence from the referee to the player, during a match to expel a player from the match. Two cautions (yellow cards) received during the same match incurs an expulsion(indirect red card) and consequently automatic suspension from the match.

9. **League Table / Point:** During the league winning team gets the points. To qualify for the semifinal the points to be considered. Winner – 3 Points, Tie – 1 Point, Loser – 0 Point. Team with highest number of points shall be at the top of their respective group. In case of equal points between the teams, then goal average will be taken into consideration (highest number of goals scored).In case equal goals are scored by teams, then the goals conceded by a team (lowest) will decide the group winner.

10. **Tie Match in Knock Out (Semifinal and Final):** In case of a tie, sudden death will follow. In case any match is abandoned due to any fault or weather conditions, then the penalty shoot-out will follow. If the penalty shoot-out is a tie, then international procedures shall be adopted for tie breaker in sudden death. Any other matter not covered above shall be decided by the Organizing Committee, and its decision shall be final and binding on the contesting teams.

11. **Awards:**

1. Best Player of the Match
2. Best Player of the Series
3. Best Goalkeeper
4. Best Back Player
5. Best Forward Player
6. Best Mid Player
7. Most Disciplined Team
8. Fair Play Award
9. Best Cultural Presentation
10. Runners Up Team
11. Winner Team

12. **Head Referee:** The duties and responsibilities of the head referee in soccer include ensuring that players wear the proper strip and equipment, signaling the start and end of the game, citing and punishing violations of rules, stopping play if a player requires medical attention, deciding whether to continue a game, and keeping time.

    The referee cites fouls and infringement of the rules and prevents repeated occurrences of unsportsmanlike conduct by cautioning players with a yellow card or sending them off with a red card. Two yellow cards in football are equivalent to a red card. A player who receives a red card in football cannot be replaced, so his team must continue the game with one man less.

    All the referees are 'A' grade qualified from the Football Association. There will be five referees. Three on the field and two umpires off the ground. Referees' decision shall stand final. No protest will be entertained against the decision of referees.

13. **Mandatory for Eligibility during Registration (Indian Teams Only):** Group photograph of the team with the Principal and Official is a requisite at the time of registration. Soft and hard scanned copy of the class X certificate duly signed by the Principal of the school, with stamp of the institution.

14. **Registration:** A sum of Rs. 2,500/- ($26.44) per player shall be charged as registration fees. This includes food, boarding, lodging and to and fro transport from Railway Station/ Airport. The Manager, Coach and Physiotherapist shall accompany the team free of cost. The amount may be remitted through demand draft drawn in favour of CMS, Lucknow. No cash or draft will be accepted in person.

15. **Stay:** Organisers will provide food, boarding and lodging facilities at the venue only from 1st November (Sunday) to 7th November (Saturday) 2026. The travel reservations may be made accordingly. All the team members must attend all ceremonial activities organized by the host team.

16. **General Instructions:** Participants are requested to help ensure the smooth conduct of **CONCORD INTERNATIONAL–2026**. Morning Prayer–Assembly will be an integral part. Attending the same is compulsory for all participants. Students will wear complete school dress and Identity Card during the opening ceremony and will march in the procession with their School Flag. No participant will be allowed to leave the venue once the event begins. The team leader must be present with the participants during the event and other activities.

    Discipline and decorum is to be maintained at all times. The team manager will be personally responsible for the conduct of the team members. Any breach of discipline may lead to disqualification of the team. The organisers may be compelled to request the disqualified team to withdraw from the venue. Participants are advised to always ensure the safety of their belongings.

    The organisers will not entertain any complaints about loss of their valuables. Rail/Airfare will be borne by the participant/institution concerned.

17. **Medical, Communication & Security:** The entire premises well be sealed for the duration of the competition. There will be round-the-clock security vigil at the gate.

    A doctor will be present at the venue. **"Happy to Help"** desk, Telephone, Fax and E-mail facility will be available round the clock.



# Schedule

## FIRST DAY – MONDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 2026

| | | |
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| 07:00 am – 07:45 am | :: | Breakfast |
| 09:00 am – 01:00 pm | :: | Registration (All participants are requested to get themselves registered within the above mentioned timings) |
| 01:00 pm – 01:30 pm | :: | Lunch |
| 01:30 pm – 03:00 pm | :: | Press Conference |
| 03:00 pm – 03:15 pm | :: | Group Photograph of National and International Participants |
| 05:00 pm – 08:00 pm | :: | Inauguration of **5th CONCORD INTERNATIONAL–2026,** Introduction of Teams, Grand Cultural Evening |
| 08:30 pm – 09:30 pm | :: | Welcome Dinner |

## THIRD DAY – WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER 2026

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|---|---|---|
| 07:00 am – 07:15 am | :: | Board the Bus for CMS Chowk Stadium and Jai Jagat Stadium |
| 07:00 am – 07:45 am | :: | Breakfast |
| 07:45 am – 08:30 am | :: | Morning Assembly in Auditorium |
| 08:00 am – 10:00 am | :: | Chowk Stadium – 2 Matches, and Jai Jagat Stadium – 1 Match |
| 10:00 am – 12:00 noon | :: | Chowk Stadium – 2 Matches, and Jai Jagat Stadium – 1 Match |
| 12:00 noon – 02:00 pm | :: | Chowk Stadium – 2 Matches, and Jai Jagat Stadium – 1 Match |
| 02:00 pm – 04:00 pm | :: | Chowk Stadium – 2 Matches, and Jai Jagat Stadium – 1 Match |
| 02:00 pm – 03:00 pm | :: | Lunch |
| 05:00 pm – 06:00 pm | :: | High Tea |
| 09:00 pm – 10:00 pm | :: | Dinner |

## FIFTH DAY, FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

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|---|---|---|
| 07:00 am – 07:45 am | :: | Breakfast |
| 07:45 am – 08:00 am | :: | Board the Bus for Chowk Stadium and Jai Jagat Stadium |
| 08:00 am – 10:00 am | :: | Semi Final Matches in Chowk Stadium |
| 10:00 am – 12:00 noon | :: | Final Match in Jai Jagat Park–GIRLS |
| 12:00 noon – 02:00 pm | :: | Final Match in Chowk Stadium–BOYS |
| 01:00 pm – 02:00 pm | :: | Lunch |
| 04:00 pm | :: | Prize Distribution Ceremony |
| 05:30 pm – 06:30 pm | :: | High Tea |
| 09:00 pm – 10:00 pm | :: | Farewell Dinner |

## SECOND DAY – TUESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 2026

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| 07:00 am – 07:15 am | :: | Board the Bus for CMS Chowk Stadium and Jai Jagat Stadium |
| 07:00 am – 07:45 am | :: | Breakfast |
| 07:45 am – 08:30 am | :: | Morning Assembly in Auditorium |
| 08:00 am – 10:00 am | :: | Chowk Stadium – 2 Matches, and Jai Jagat Stadium – 1 Match |
| 10:00 am – 12:00 noon | :: | Chowk Stadium – 2 Matches, and Jai Jagat Stadium – 1 Match |
| 12:00 noon – 02:00 pm | :: | Chowk Stadium – 2 Matches, and Jai Jagat Stadium – 1 Match |
| 02:00 pm – 04:00 pm | :: | Chowk Stadium – 2 Matches, and Jai Jagat Stadium – 1 Match |
| 02:00 pm – 03:00 pm | :: | Lunch |
| 05:00 pm – 06:00 pm | :: | High Tea |
| 09:00 pm – 10:00 pm | :: | Dinner |

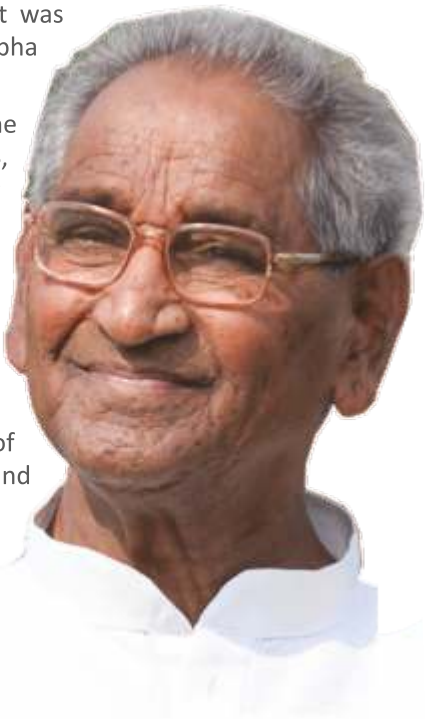
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| 07:00 am – 07:15 am | :: | Board the Bus for CMS Chowk Stadium and Jai Jagat Stadium |
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A Brief Biography of

# Late DR JAGDISH GANDHI

Founder, City Montessori School (CMS), Lucknow, India



Dr. Gandhi, an educationist, though leader and social activist was greatly influenced by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and Vinobha Bhave, from his early childhood.

In 1959, Dr. Gandhi and his spouse Dr. (Mrs) Bharti Gandhi laid the foundation of City Montessori School, popularly known as CMS, with five children to realise their vision of 'Jai Jagat' by imparting value based education. Slowly and steadily, CMS became a popular and preferred school for meaningful, all-round education of children.

Today, CMS is the world's largest school by pupils in a single city with more than 64,000 students studying in 23 campuses in Lucknow as recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records.

A dynamic leader, Dr. Jagdish Gandhi was a staunch promoter of unity of mankind, unity of religions, universal brotherhood and world peace.

Dr. Gandhi was awarded the Derozio Award for outstanding contributions to education and human enrichment. He was a peace representative of the World Peace Prayer Society, USA. Under his dynamic leadership CMS was honoured with UNESCO Prize for Peace Education in 2002 in recognition of his and his school's efforts to promote universal values of education for peace & tolerance. He also received five honorary doctorates from Universities in Russia, UK, Argentina, Mongolia and Peru.

Dr. Gandhi was also the first Indian to be honoured with the Key to the City of Georgetown, USA, by its Mayor, for being a true visionary in the field of education by introducing concept of Quality Control Circles in Education. He was also the Founder-Chairman of World Council for Total Quality and Excellence in Education (WCTQEE).

Dr. Gandhi's talks on TV channels like Aaj Tak, News 18 India, APN News, KNews, Sadhna Plus News, India News, Network 10, Bharat Samachar, India Voice and Sahara Aalami TV Channel are very popular and are listened to with interest by a large number of followers of all religions, who admire his deep spiritual commitment.

**65 GLORIOUS YEARS DEDICATED FOR WORLD UNITY SINCE 1959**

# Late Dr Jagdish Gandhi

## Spiritual Giant and Humble Servant of Humanity

(10 November 1936 — 22 January 2024)

# Glimpses


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