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HOOPS 4 HOPE – Invitational Basketball Tournament

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A grassroots sports initiative, Hoops4Hope, led by young basketball enthusiast Viraj Lohchab, is set to host an Under-16 invitational basketball tournament in Mumbai. The initiative aims to make basketball accessible to underprivileged children and promote equal participation for both boys and girls.

Born out of Viraj's passion for the sport and his on-ground experience working with grassroots sports ecosystems, Hoops4Hope has, over 20+ weekends, trained 100+ middle school students from underprivileged communities across South Mumbai. The initiative is supported by Coach Prabhu Maspog from Bayciti Academy, along with ecosystem backing from Spolto and equipment support from Nivia Sports.

Event Details:

- **Date:** 26th April
- **Time:** 10:00 AM onwards
- **Category:** Under-16 Boys & Girls (Born on or after 2010)

Venue: Shishuvan Pavilion, GSB Sports Ground, Matunga, Mumbai

What to Expect:

- Participation from 100+ trained young athletes
- No entry fees
- Exciting prizes, medals, and trophies
- Special recognition for participants
- Presence of a senior representative from the Maharashtra State Basketball Association (tentative)

The tournament marks the culmination of months of free weekend coaching sessions conducted across multiple government schools, aimed at creating access, building confidence, and nurturing talent at the grassroots level.



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