

Name: Aaryan Bhandari, DOB: 08/10/2004, Position: Defender/ Stopper, Father's Name- Nandan Singh Bhandari, Mother's Name: Jassi Devi, Birthplace: Delhi, Domicile: Uttarakhand

Strength: Passing Accuracy, team work and positive attitude

Achievements: Played Junior Nationals, Adidas Uprising and I-League U-13

Milestone: Selection at Sudeva Residential Football School

Aim: To become a world class footballer

Aaryan started playing football when he was 11 years old. His passion for football was ignited by his elder brother who himself wanted to be a footballer but could not pursue his dream owing to family responsibilities. His brother's passion and his own urge to do something different in life propelled him to pursue football seriously and he started taking training in JLN stadium. Since he stayed very close to JLN Stadium he did not have to go through the usual everyday struggle that many players face in attending daily practice sessions. However, Aaryan's struggle was not outside the house, it was inside the house. Initially, apart from his elder brother, no one else supported his passion for football in his family until he was selected by Sudeva Residential Football School.

The story goes like this, Aaryan was spotted by Himanshu Bisht, Sudeva's youth coach who further encouraged him to join Sudeva's evening academy in Summerfield School. Once Aaryan started practicing under Himanshu in Summerfield, Himanshu realized for the talent that the boy was, he should get into full-time training. That is when Aaryan was introduced to the founders of Sudeva and was selected for Sudeva's elite residential programme. Aaryan recalls this as his life changing moment because after this incident the attitude of his parents changed drastically and they started believing in him and his passion for football

Like so many other young boys, Aaryan also dreams of representing the Indian National team someday. He wants to be a great footballer and wants to change the mentality that Indian soil cannot produce world-class footballers. Currently, Aaryan is a key stopper and captain of Sudeva's U-13 I-League team. He hails from Uttarakhand but he was born and brought up in Delhi. His mother still lives in their village in Uttarakhand and does farming and his father works in Delhi. Apart from currently playing in the I-League, he has previously played in Adidas Uprising Tournament for Sudeva and also played junior Nationals.

His favourite team is Liverpool and his idol is Lionel Messi.

We at Sudeva are happy to have him with us and are committed towards giving quality education and sports training to each kid that we select. Through a proactive and robust scouting system we

select kids from different parts of the country and give them a platform that will lead to their overall development.

Sudeva is an organization which was started in 2014 by two young entrepreneurs, **Mr. Anuj Gupta** (Solicitor in England) and **Mr. Vijay Hakari** (Environmentalist) sharing a common passion for raising the standards of football training in the country. The organization runs grassroots programs for potential talent, starting from the age of 9 years, right up to the senior level. Along with running a residential academy, we are a 2nd Division I-League club having teams in all I-league categories.

Our organization is section 12A, 80G and CSR compliant.