



**INDIAN BLIND FOOTBALL FEDERATION  
(IBFF)  
REPORT 2023-2024**

## **FOURTH MEN'S AND FIRST WOMEN'S IBFF NORTHEAST ZONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2023 – ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

The IBFF and Arunachal Pradesh Blind Football Association organized the 4th Men's and 1st Women's IBFF Northeast Zonal Blind Football Tournament from January 28th to 30th, 2023 in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. Arunachal Pradesh won the Men's tournament, while Nagaland won the Women's tournament.



## **THIRD MEN'S AND FIRST WOMEN'S IBFF EAST ZONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2023 - JHARKHAND**

The IBFF successfully organized the Third Men's and First Women's IBFF East Zonal Blind Football Tournament in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. With the support of the Divyang Marg Darshan Trust, the event brought together 80 participants from the East Region. The Odisha team emerged as champions in both the Men's and Women's categories, defeating West Bengal.



## **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CAMP FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT – KERALA**

The Indian Blind Football Federation organized a national team selection camp for the Asia & Pacific Invitational Blind Football Tournament in Thailand. The camp took place from 27th February to 10th March 2023 at the Gamma Football Ground in Kadavanthra Kochi. 15 B1 players and three goalkeepers participated the selection camp



## ASIA & PACIFIC INVITATIONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - THAILAND

The Asia & Pacific Invitational Blind Football Tournament in Thailand from March 15th to 18th, 2023 saw the Indian blind football team secure 3rd place, defeating Kazakhstan twice. Despite losses to Thailand and Laos, the team showed resilience and skill. This performance gives them confidence for future tournaments. Klingson D Marak was the second highest scorer with 3 goals, followed by Pradeep Patel with 2 goals.



## TRAINING SESSION - MAHARASHTRA

IBFF conducted a three-day blind football training camp at Nagpur, Maharashtra in association with Atmadeepam Society Nagpur and Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April'23. Total of 30 Visually Impaired students and players both boys and girls attended the training session. The training was led by Diethozo yoho, Assistant Coach, National Blind Football Academy.





## FIRST MEN'S AND WOMEN'S IBFF EAST ZONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2023 – UTTARAKHAND

The IBFF organized the first Men's and Women's IBFF North-Central Zonal Blind Football Tournament in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The tournament took place from April 1st to 2nd, with UBSA as the local hosting partner. Around 100 participants from the North-Central area competed in both categories. The Uttarakhand team emerged as champions in both the Men's and Women's tournaments, defeating Delhi.



## SECOND MEN'S AND FIRST WOMEN'S IBFF SOUTH WEST ZONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2023 - KERALA

The IBFF South-West Zonal Blind Football Tournament, hosted by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) in Trivandrum, Kerala, saw the Second Men's and First Women's Edition. Around 100 participants from the South-West Region competed in both categories. Kerala emerged as champions in the Men's tournament, defeating Gujarat, while Gujarat emerged victorious in the Women's tournament, defeating Maharashtra. DAC and KBFF were the local hosting partners.



## DEMO GAME - KERALA

IBFF organised an exhibition game jointly with the Kerala Blind Football Federation on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in connection with CSR Day of Transworld Group. Also conducted a blind folded penalty shoot-out for the members of the Transworld group.



## THE 7<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF THE MEN'S AND 3<sup>rd</sup> WOMEN'S IBFF NATIONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2023 – JHARKHAND

The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) successfully hosted the 7th edition of the Men's and 3rd Women's IBFF National Blind Football Tournament at the Tinplate sports ground in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, from 17th to 20th May'23. The Divyang Marg Darshan Trust was our local hosting partner for this tournament. Approximately 220 participants from all over the country showcased their skills and passion for blind football. After intense matches, the Uttarakhand team emerged as champions in both categories.



## NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM SELECTION CAMP FOR THE IBSA WORLD GAMES 2023 – KERALA

The IBFF held a selection camp in Kochi, Kerala, from 5th to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, to choose players for the Indian Women's Blind Football Team for the Women's World Championship 2023 in Birmingham. 24 players from across India participated, with 8 B1 players and 2 goalkeepers selected. The championship held in Birmingham, UK, from 12th to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The selected team members attended a 15-day training session in Kochi, Kerala, from July 25th to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.





## **NATIONAL MEN'S TEAM SELECTION CAMP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS 2023 – KERALA**

The IBFF conducted a selection camp for the Indian Men's Blind Football team in Kochi, Kerala, from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, for the International Blind Football events in the calendar year 2023, which included the IBSA Intercontinental Cup and the Asian Para Games 2023. Around 20 players participated from all over India, and 10 B1 (8+2 Reserve) players and 3 goalkeepers (2 + 1 Reserve) were chosen for the national men's team. The second phase of the training camp conducted from August 27<sup>th</sup> to October 19<sup>th</sup> 2023.



## **IBSA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - BIRMINGHAM, UK**

The Indian Women's Blind Football Team finished fourth in the World Championship held in Birmingham from August 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. They won their first match against Austria 1-0 but lost to Argentina 4-0 in the second match. The group stage ended with a goalless draw against Germany. Despite this, they finished second in Group B and made it to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost to Japan in a penalty shootout. In the third-place match, they lost to Sweden in another penalty shootout. This was their first World Cup appearance and securing fourth place was a remarkable achievement for the team.



## **IBSA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP 2023 – KERALA INDIA**

The IBFF-organized IBSA Intercontinental Cup 2023 was held at the United Sports Centre in Kakkanad, Kochi Kerala from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. In an exciting final match, Chile emerged as the champions by defeating Costa Rica. This international tournament saw the participation of 10 countries, including India, who finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place.



## ASIAN PARA GAMES 2022 - HANGZHOU CHINA

The Indian blind football team made an impressive debut at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China. Despite tough competition, they secured a commendable fifth-place finish and earned three valuable points. This achievement highlights their talent, determination, and serves as a significant milestone in their journey. Facing formidable opponents, the team displayed unwavering resilience and showcased their skills on the field.



## NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM SELECTION CAMP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY SERIES – KERALA

The Japanese women's blind football team has invited the Indian blind football team for a friendly series in Tokyo, Japan. The selection camp for the Indian team took place in Kochi, Kerala from December 2nd to 15th, 2023. The series will be held from February 15th to 18th, 2024.



## BLIND FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSION – ASSAM

The IBFF organized a blind football orientation camp and training session at the Assam Blind School in Bihpuria, Assam on the 29<sup>th</sup> December'23. The session was led by Basudev Barman and Diethozo Yhoho from IBFF. A total of 12 players, consisting of 10 boys and 2 girls, attended the camp.

