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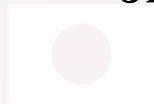
# JAPAN - INDIA FRIENDLY SERIES

TOKYO, JAPAN | 17 & 18 FEB 2024

## REPORT

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**JAPAN-TOKYO**



# JAPAN vs INDIA

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**MATCH 01:**  
**TAMA NORMALIZATION CUP**  
**17 FEB 2024 | 2PM-3:30PM**  
**SAI DEN CHEMICAL, SAITAMA CITY**

**MATCH 02:**  
**18 FEB 2024 | 11AM-12:30PM**  
**MARUI BURASAKA PARK**



**VECTOR X**

## SELECTION CAMP AND TRAINING SESSION

The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) has released the names of 20 players and 8 goalkeepers for availability confirmation. Based on the responses from the teams, the final list was narrowed down to 15 players and 4 goalkeepers. The selected participants arrived on December 3rd and commenced the training camp, which ran from December 4th to December 15th, 2023.



## PARTICIPANTS

### PLAYERS

Akshara Rana (Uttarakhand), Bhagyashri (Maharashtra), Jeeramani Mahto (Delhi), Komal Gaikwad (Maharashtra), R C.Vijaya Lakshmi (Tamil Nadu), R. Vijayalakshmi (Tamil Nadu), Sangita Metya (West Bengal), Shalini (Kerala), Sheetal (Uttarakhand), Shefali Rawat (Uttarakhand)



### GOAL KEEPERS

Aparna E (Kerala), N Keren Kirubai (Tamil Nadu), Shraddah Yadav (Uttarakhand), Vijaya Darshini (Tamil Nadu)



## OFFICIALS



## GYM

IBFF provided participants with access to gym facilities, prioritizing their physical well-being. In order to ensure equitable access for all, the team was divided into two groups. This division facilitated a more structured and efficient approach to gym sessions. Each group attended gym sessions on alternate days, providing everyone with sufficient time to focus on their exercise routines and fitness objectives.

## SWIMMING FACILITIES AT THE TRAINING CAMP

During the training camp, the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) provided swimming facilities to all athletes. This initiative was part of the IBFF's commitment to offering a comprehensive training experience that goes beyond football.

The swimming sessions were designed to complement the athletes' regular training routine, providing a balanced workout regime. It also offers a low-impact alternative to more strenuous exercises, making it an excellent choice for recovery days.

## FINAL TRAINING CAMP FOR THE SELECTED PLAYERS

The final training camp for the selected players kicked off on February 1st, 2024, at Gamma Football in Kadavanthra and the team left for Japan on February 15th, 2024. The Regional Sports Center (RSC) in Kochi facilitated the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) with an indoor surface for training sessions. Over a period of three days, the team practiced and enhanced their skills at the indoor facility in RSC Kochi.





## TEAM FOR THE TOURNAMENT

**Players:** Akshara Rana, Sheetal Kumari, Shefali Rawat (Uttarakhand) Sangeeta Metya (West Bengal) Komal Gaikwad (Maharashtra) **Goal Keepers:** Aparna E (Kerala) Kerin Kirubhai (Tamil Nadu) **Officials:** Sunil J Mathew (Head Coach) Seena CV (Assistant Coach/Goal Guide) Nimmi Jose (Physiotherapist)



### MATCH: 1 (SAITAMA NORMALIZATION CUP)

17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

#### INDIA vs JAPAN (0-1)

The Indian women's blind football team put up a commendable performance against Japan. However, they were unfortunately defeated by a single goal, resulting in a 0-1 loss.



### MATCH 2

18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

#### INDIA VS JAPAN (0-2)

The team put on a strong performance in the second match, however, they were defeated 2-0 by the Japan Women's Blind Football Team.





## MEETING WITH INDIAN AMBASSADOR

The Indian blind football team had the honour of being invited to the residence of the Indian Ambassador to Japan, H E Sibi George, for a delightful dinner. It was a truly remarkable day for the Indian team as they had the opportunity to personally meet and engage in conversation with the ambassador and other esteemed officials.



## GALLERY









## PARTNERS

