

## INDIAN BLIND FOOTBALL FEDERATION (IBFF) REPORT 2024-2025

#### **BLIND FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSION – GOA**

The IBFF organized a blind football orientation camp and training session for the Goan blind football team at the Don Bosco Higer Secondary School, Panaji, Goa from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The session was led by Diethozo Yhoho from IBFF. Total of 12 players, consisting of 7 boys and 5 girls, attended the camp.



### THIRD MEN'S AND SECOND WOMEN'S IBFF SOUTH WEST ZONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2024 – GOA

The IBFF hosted the Third men's and the Second women's editions of the South-West zonal blind football tournament at Panaji, Goa from 08th – 14th January 2024. This prestigious event was organized as part of the "International Purple Fest Goa 2024" in collaboration with the Government of Goa and co-organized by Goa FA. Around 90 participants from the South-West region took part and Gujarat emerged as winners in both the men's and women's categories, defeating Kerala.



# WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT – KERALA

The final training session for the selected athletes participating in a friendly series in Tokyo, Japan commenced on February 1st, 2024 at Gamma football, Kadavanthra, and the Regional Sports Centre Kochi. A total of 5 players and 2 goalkeepers attended the concluding camp, and the team departed for Japan on February 15th to compete in the tournament. Three players and a goalkeeper from the Goan blind football team have also participated in the national team training session to gain more experience, as they have recently started the women's team in Goa.



#### SAITAMA NORMALIZATION CUP TOKYO, JAPAN

The Indian women's blind football team participated in a friendly series held in Tokyo, Japan, from February 17th to 18th, 2024. This tournament proved to be a remarkable experience for our team as we had the opportunity to compete against the world's top-ranked team. We gained valuable insights and experiences that will undoubtedly contribute to our growth and development in the sport.



### MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT – KERALA

The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) conducted a selection camp from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, with 10 players and 4 goalkeepers. The final training camp for the selected players began on 16<sup>th</sup> March at Gamma Football in Kadavanthra, featuring morning training sessions and evening matches. The team departed for Thailand on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024. During

the camp, Kerala Blasters' head coach Ivan Vukomanovic visited the Kadavanthra ground, officially announced the team list, and extended his warm wishes to the squad.



### BFT 2024 FOUR-NATION INVITATIONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT-THAILAND

The Indian blind football team took part in the BFT 2024 Bangkok four-nation invitational blind football tournament, held in Thailand from 24th to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The team competed against Japan, Thailand, and Laos, ultimately finishing the tournament in fourth place. The tournament provided a valuable opportunity for the young team to face off against some of the world's highest-ranked teams



# FIFTH MEN'S AND SECOND WOMEN'S EDITIONS OF THE IBFF NORTH EAST ZONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2024- MIZORAM

The Fifth Men's and Second Women's editions of the IBFF North East Zonal Blind Football Tournament took place at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Mualpui, Salem Veng, Aizawl, Mizoram from April 2nd to 6th, 2024, with the Mizoram Blind Sports Association serving as our hosting partner. The event brought together 72 participants from across the North East region, competing in both Men's and Women's categories. Meghalaya (Men's) and Mizoram (Women's) emerge as Champions.



### **BLIND FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSION – KERALA**

The IBFF, in collaboration with KBFF & Different Art Centre, hosted a blind football orientation camp and training session for the Kerala blind football team at the Different Art Centre, Trivandrum, Kerala, from 7th to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Diethozo Yhoho from IBFF led the session, which was attended by a total of 15 players - 10 boys and 5 girls. The blind football demo game on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024, was inaugurated by Jayakumar J, General Secretary of NAB Kerala.



# SECOND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EDITIONS OF THE IBFF NORTH CENTRAL ZONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2024 – PUNJAB

The Second Men's and Women's editions of the IBFF North Central zonal blind football tournament were held at Punjab Agricultural University in Ludhiana, Punjab from 7th to 9th

June 2024. The Punjab Blind Football Association served as our hosting partner. The Men's tournament was won by the Delhi team, who defeated Uttarakhand in the final match. In the Women's tournament, the Madhya Pradesh team claimed victory by defeating Haryana in the final.



#### IBSA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP LOGO LAUNCH – DELHI

The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) held a press meet at the Constitution Club of India, Delhi, on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024. IBFF Patron Dr. Rev. Fr. Roby Kannanchira CMI unveiled the logo for the 2025 IBSA Women's Blind Football World Championship, to be held at the United Sports Centre, Kochi, Kerala, from October 2–12, 2025. This will be India's first time hosting the championship, showcasing its growing prominence in blind football globally.



## 8TH MEN'S AND 4TH WOMEN'S IBFF NATIONAL BLIND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 – MAHARASHTRA

Haryana's blind football team emerged as champions in the women's category, while Delhi's blind football team emerged as champions in the men's category at the 8th Men's and 4th

Women's IBFF National Blind Football Tournament held at Nawu Sports Club in Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune, Maharashtra, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024.



### MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP FOR BRICS BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – KERALA

The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) held a selection camp for the BRICS Championship from 31<sup>st</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024, with 14 players and 5 goalkeepers. The final training camp began on 5<sup>th</sup> December at Gamma Football, Kadavanthra. The team departed for Moscow on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Kerala Blasters' head coach and three players also visited the camp to wish the team success.





### BRICS 2024 BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2024 - MOSCOW

The Indian Blind Football Team participated in the BRICS Blind Football Tournament held in Moscow, Russia, from 16th to 21st December 2024. The team performed admirably, reaching the semifinals as group champions. The team secured 4th position in the tournament and competed against Russia, Belarus, Turkey, and Brazil.







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