



TIME OUT



Launch of the Meghalaya Baby League 2018



MEGHALAYA BABY LEAGUE 2018

On the 19th of May 2018, a lot of firsts kicked off as Meghalaya's first Baby League was inaugurated at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong.

Among the dignitaries who attended the event were Shri Kushal Das, All India Football Federation (AIFF) General Secretary; Shri Biswanath Sinha, Zonal Head - East & North East, Tata Trusts; Shri Larsing M Sawyan, Meghalaya Football Association (MFA) President and AIFF Vice-President, while the chief guest of the event was the Honourable Sports & Youth Affairs Minister Shri Banteidor Lyngdoh.

Organised by the Meghalaya Football Federation, and supported and assisted by Tata Trusts, through its associate organisation, Centre for Microfinance and Livelihood (CML),



We feel privileged to be able to take part in the launch of this Baby League. This is the first time that Tata Trusts is working with the All India Football Federation and the Meghalaya Football Association. My sincere request is to the parents that the boys and girls are brought to the training sessions regularly throughout the league.

Biswanath Sinha

Zonal Head, East and North East, Tata Trusts



and the AIFF, the league was declared open by Minister Lyngdoh. The children who came out in huge numbers kept the spirits high by belting out cheers as their club representatives were introduced to the spectators on the stands.

This will be the first time that youth footballers will play as many as 44 matches in a league season. The league will also follow the rule of having at least 10% female players in their squad.



Inaugural Match at the Meghalaya Baby League Launch



Footballers rejoice during the MBL's inaugural matches

BADMINTON, MIZORAM



Launch of badminton initiative and Training of Trainers (ToT) in Aizawl, Mizoram

Tata Trusts, in collaboration with NEIDA, Mizoram Badminton Association (MBA), Mizoram State Sports Council (MSSC) and Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy (PGBA), have launched a badminton initiative in Mizoram to help develop a sustainable ecosystem for badminton in the state through infrastructure improvement, skill development and professional training. The initiative will look to engage 1600-2000 children between the ages of 6yrs to 15 yrs by end of 2020, and develop a 3-tier structure starting with Grassroots Centres in all 8 districts of Mizoram, moving on to Regional Development Centres (RDCs) in district headquarters and culminating in a High Altitude

Training Centre (HATC) which will act as an excellence centre. A Training of Trainers (ToT) course was conducted in Aizawl to kick-start the initiative on 12th and 13th of April 2018 in Aizawl.



Launch of the badminton initiative and Training of Trainers (ToT) in Aizawl, Mizoram

KNOW OUR SQUAD



CML strongly believes in interventions at the grassroots level as it is important to catch them young at the source; if we need to mould them into world class athletes.

Partho S. Patwari

Executive Director, Centre for Microfinance and Livelihood (CML)



RAPID FIRE

Favourite Sport:

Lawn Tennis

Favourite Indian sportsperson:

MS Dhoni, Narain Karthikeyan

Sports Icon from whom you draw inspiration:

Milkha Singh

One thing you would like to change in sports:

Mainstream sports as a curriculum and profession