



TIME OUT

TATA TRUSTS



COLM TOAL ARRIVES



I am very happy to be part of this project, especially when it is being looked after by such a respected organisation whose philanthropy runs far and wide across the country. A lot of people over the years keep asking me on what goes wrong in Indian football but I'd much rather look at so many things that are going right, such as this Centre of Excellence which is letting young athletes rise to the very top. This project will allow these boys to be equipped with all that's required for them to become professional footballers.

- Colm Toal
Head Coach, CoE

(Former AIFF Technical Director and Head Coach, U-16, U-19 Indian National Team)



CoE squad in action during a preseason friendly at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Aizawl

CoE FRIENDLIES

The CoE squad played a series of friendlies in the past few weeks and came out with flying colours as they coasted to 9 victories in 11 matches, with the other 2 matches ending in draws.

The best action was seen in the matches against MFA Grassroots Academy and Venghnuai Grassroots Academy where the CoE team won 2-1 and 7-0 respectively.

FRIENDLIES STATS

- Biggest Margin:** 7-0 vs Venghnuai Grassroots Academy
- Most Goals:** Peka and Ruatmawia (9 Goals each)
- Most Assists:** Fela (6 Assists)

LEADING BY EXAMPLE



Mr. FC Laichhuanawma, who is a coach under the Tata Trusts – Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Grassroots Football program, was given a certificate of appreciation by Chhingchhip Students Union for his contribution to grassroots football in Chhingchhip village. A farmer by trade, he is also the current Games and Sports President in Chhingchhip, where he used to give voluntary football coaching.

POLO, MANIPUR

According to many, the modern sport of polo is said to have originated in Manipur and the sport, till date, remains a popular one in the state. Since a degree of familiarity is already in place in the region, the Women's Polo Grassroots Development Program in Imphal was

given shape to help polo grow further. This initiative aims to promote the sport among Manipuri women, in and around Imphal in a manner that will allow them to explore a sport that is unique to many other parts of the country. Besides encouraging athleticism and discipline among the athletes, this programme will also hope to work on a higher level in

identifying talented athletes from India in a way that will allow Manipur to act as the fulcrum and base of women's polo in India. It will look towards training around 25 athletes between the ages of 15 and 30 under the supervision of Mr. Khelendro Maisnam, former Captain of Manipur State Polo Team, as the Head Coach.

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Uttam Prasad

Manager, Accounts & Finance, CML



The World Cup looks glamorous but we can't overlook the years of investment in grassroots needed to reach that stage. Hopefully, CML can make a positive impact towards India reaching that stage in the future.



- Favourite Team:** Argentina
- Favourite WC memory:** Cristiano Ronaldo's hat-trick this year
- One Team who you wish had qualified:** Italy
- One team you think will be a surprise:** Belgium
- One Indian footballer who deserved to be in the WC:** Sunil Chhetri