



# TIME OUT

TATA TRUSTS



*Trials for the grassroots development of women's polo programme at the Khuman Lampak Stadium, Imphal*

## POLO TRIALS

Trials for the grassroots development of women's polo programme kicked off at the Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium in Imphal with the help of the All Manipur Polo Association. The trials were spread over the 28th and 29th of July in two different venues. On the first day, the trials were held at the Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium where testing fitness was the major area of focus. The second day of the trials took place at the Mapal Kangjeibung Polo Ground where the technical skills of the athletes were put to a test.

Thirty-eight female athletes, between the ages of 15 and 30 were present for the trial sessions, out of who, twenty-five

were shortlisted. Of these twenty-five women, there will be a final selection of twenty-one athletes who will be trained under the guidance of veteran polo player Maisnam Khelendro and four master trainers.



*25 women between 15 and 30 were present at the Khuman Lampak Stadium for polo trials*


## BADMINTON

The grassroots initiative in badminton in Mizoram is already creating ripples. An inter school badminton championship, the Mizoram Badminton Association Inter School Badminton Tournament concluded recently and the boys from the grassroots programme had quite a pleasant outing, in both singles and team events in the U-11 category.

In the singles event, nine year old H. Laldinmawii clinched the silver medal in

the U-11 category. Laldinmawii represented Hlimen Presbyterian English Medium School of Kolasib District. In the team event, ten year old Jonathan Lalremtluangi had a great run with his team, representing Aizawl Home Mission School.

Along with his team, Laldinmawii emerged champions at the MBA Inter School Badminton Tournament team event.



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I have played polo all my life and Manipur is where my heart lies. The sport of polo has been around in Manipur for much longer than the more popular sports like cricket and football. With this initiative, a veteran like me is getting a chance to give back to the society. With the project happening here in my home state, it is very close to me and I am extremely honoured to be associated with it. Moreover, the fact that this programme will help me guide more women in this unique sport is another appealing aspect. I am certain that this initiative is going to help polo, Manipur and aspiring women athletes in the region in many ways. This initiative is surely the beginning of something great.

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**- Maisnam Khelendro**  
Head coach,  
Grassroots development of  
Women's Polo



*H. Laldinmawia and Jonathan Lalremtlunga at the MBA Inter School Badminton Tournament*

## KNOW THE SQUAD



**Chanini Lokho**

*Head of Administration and HR*

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**CML is composed of people who are individually great at what they do. The need of the hour is to weave these skillful individuals into a strong team so that we can get to the top.**

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- Favourite Movie based on Sports: **Million Dollar Baby**
- A sports icon you think is underappreciated: **All sportspersons in our country are underappreciated other than those in the Indian Cricket Team**
- Favourite football team and why: **Tottenham Hotspurs because they are nurturing and producing young football talent and as a country**
- One sport you wish you'd played: **Lawn Tennis**
- Favourite sports memory: **Watching the 1994 Football World Cup final between Brazil and Italy.**
- Favourite sports icons: **Roger Federer, Serena Williams among others from the present day and Philip Lahm, Rivaldo, Paulo Maldini, Monica Seles from those who are not playing**