



# TIME OUT



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## MIZORAM U-15 LEAGUE

The boys at the Centre of Excellence (CoE) continue to be a force to reckon with at the Mizoram U-15 League. After 12 rounds, the CoE squad has regained their position at the top of the league table. The team once again turned heads with their 8-0 victory against Bawngkawn GSA where CoE's Rakesh gunned in 5 goals into the opposition's net while Bapen Yimjong and Lalruatmawia scored two goals and one respectively.

Besides being at the top of the league table, the CoE has yet another reason to celebrate. TC Vanlaluatfela, fondly known as Fela, who successfully made it through to the U-15 national team for the U-15

SAFF Cup, scored India's sole goal against their match against Pakistan. It is hoped that Fela's success, which came within only 6 months of the CoE's establishment will be one of the many feathers in the CoE's cap.



CoE boys in action against Bawngkawn GSA



“ Football, to me is a way of life. It teaches you to lead a disciplined and systematic life. These are the same values that I want to inculcate in the boys at the Centre of Excellence. I love taking on new challenges and becoming part of this programme is one of the most challenging things I've ever done. The CoE is an ideal environment to learn and help others learn. I want the boys to have a specific aim in life and to build their lives around it. I have my own dreams surrounding them. I want to see them as world cuppers, donning the national jersey. That is my only dream.

- Bitan Singh  
Senior Assistant Coach,  
Centre of Excellence

## MEGHALAYA BABY LEAGUE



The Meghalaya Baby League paid a visit to the home ground of Mawlatbah SC Hawks on the 6th of October

The Meghalaya Baby League left its familiar turf of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and strode a little further this month. Unlike other match days, where teams from outside of Shillong travel to the JN Stadium, in the month of October,

Wahlakhiat Bulls and Mawlatbah SC Hawks played their MBL match at the homeground of Mawlatbah SC, in the village of Mawlat. Situated almost 60 km away, the match was nothing short of a treat for the residents of the picturesque

village that overlooks Bangladesh.

Instead of having mostly parents as spectators for the regular matches, the young footballers got a chance to play in front of the entire village that turned up to watch the match.

The trip to Mawlat which involved a considerably long drive as well as a hike, was, not only a change from the regular goings on of the league, but it also served as an opportunity for the visiting team and officials of the MBL to appreciate how much effort the parents of the footballers put in on their weekends to help their children live their footballing dreams.

## BADMINTON, MIZORAM



On the 8th of October, Tata Trusts, in collaboration with the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Foundation (PGBF), Mizoram Badminton Association (MBA) and Mizoram State Sports Council (MSSC), launched a multi-level Badminton training initiative. With the objective of establishing a three-tier pyramid system consisting of Grassroots Centres, Regional Development Centres (RDCs) and a state-of-the-art High Altitude Training Centre (HATC), the programme was officially launched by none other than iconic shuttler Pullela Gopichand.



Felicitation of Pullela Gopichand at the launch of the Badminton Initiative in Mizoram

### KNOW THE SQUAD



Sentimongla Kechuchar  
Regional Manager, Nagaland

“ Gender has no bearing on how a person should be treated. All athletes, male or female deserve equal respect and recognition for their achievements.

- A sport you wish more women played: Hockey
- A sport that you enjoy watching: Lawn Tennis
- A sport that you think has the potential to grow in India: Football
- Favourite memory as a sports fan: Watching the 2006 FIFA World Cup final
- A sport that you think should be encouraged in schools: All team sports that teach students to accept victories as well as defeats