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The CoE squad and officials with their first Mizoram U-15 League Trophy

MIZORAM U-15 LEAGUE

The moment we were all waiting for with baited breath came and went. On the 1st of December, the Tata Trusts Centre of Excellence squad created history by lifting the Mizoram U-15 League in their debut attempt.

The grand finale of the league saw the CoE squad take on Aizawl FC under a spectacular floodlit Lammual stadium, with chants for both teams reverberating even as the well wishers watched them on their laptop screen on Zonet's youtube channel. The stage really was fit for a final and nothing less.

In their run up to the final, there was only one match that the CoE boys lost, the one against the very team they were facing in the final. Needless to say, the nerves were a little stretched, both on the field. The first half ended goalless and right as the rhythm of the second half was being set, the CoE found their way into the AFC net through Rakesh Singh. But even before the celebrations ended, AFC's counter attack landed a goal past the CoE goalkeeper, bringing the match up to a 1-1 scoreline. However, Rakesh, who has remained in scintillating form throughout his run in the league, scored a second and

winning goal for the CoE. To make this victory taste even sweeter, the awards for the best defender and best goalkeeper also went to CoE's Zlex Mangang and Lalrinzuala, respectively.



The CoE squad in action against Aizawl FC in the final of the Mizoram U-15 League



Best Goalkeeper
B. Lalrinzuala



Best Defender
Zlex Mangang

MEGHALAYA BABY LEAGUE



Jubilant members of the Langsning Greenergy team after being crowned overall champions in the Meghalaya Baby League

The holiday spirit in Meghalaya was ushered in by the children participating in the Meghalaya Baby League, who braved

the Shillong chill to come out in numbers to play and cheer for their peers on the final day of the league. The grand finale of the event saw a slight change from the regular match days with the matches being kicked off not by the youngsters, but by their parents and their coaches.

The teams of the MBL which were divided into two groups, i.e. the eastern and western conferences witnessed the unique phenomenon of mothers of either groups playing each other on one field while the fathers of the respective groups took on each other in an adjacent field.

With the friendly matches coming to an end, activities such as skill challenges between the age groups kept the energy high before the final set of matches were played between the children of the different age groups. Amidst mexican waves and viking claps from the crowds, the matches were played which ended with Langsning Greenergy being crowned the overall champions. The team also won the finals played in the U-10/11 and U-12/13 categories. The Wahlakhiat FC Bulls won finals the U-6/7 and U-8/9 categories whereas Nongthymmai Scorpions won the finals of the U-4 / 5 category.

BADMINTON, MIZORAM

This December, the first edition of the Mizoram Grassroots Badminton Tournament was hosted and celebrated at the Rahmlun Indoor Stadium in Aizawl. The debut edition of this tournament saw all the grassroots centres under the badminton initiative come together to compete in this year ending championship. Spread over four age categories (U-9,U-11,U-13,U-15) there were a total of 143 young shuttlers who had signed up for an opportunity to make their respective centres proud.

It is worth noting that eight year old Zoramthari who had previously competed in higher age groups, once again, proved her mettle by being crowned champion in the girl's U-9 category for the Champai Grassroots Centre, which also emerged champion in the U-11 category. In the other two categories, Rahmlun and Serchip Grassroots centres won the U-13 and U-15 finals. On the other hand, amongst the boys' categories, Serchip and Siaha grassroots centres won the U-9 and U-11

finals whereas Bawngkawn and Siphir Grassroots centres won the U-13 and U-15 finals respectively.



Winners of the first edition of the Mizoram Grassroots Badminton Tournament

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Sports lead to a healthy body that leads to a healthy mind that finally leads to a positive attitude towards life. Every parent should also imbibe the values of a sportsman spirit and not just focus to win.

- Favourite sport: **Badminton**
- A sport you wished was more popular in India: **Athletics and track events**
- Favourite female athlete: **Serena Williams**
- Favourite Indian athlete: **Dhyan Chand**
- An athlete you draw inspiration from: **Mary Kom**
- Favourite movie based on sports: **The Karate Kid**