



Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF)
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Blind Football Demo Game at Kerala

IBFF conducted a blind football demo game at Campeones Sports City, Kochi, Kerala on 25th January 2020. Olympian Sreejesh (Indian Hockey Captain) and MP Shri Benny Behanan was the chief guest of the event.



Blind Football Training Sessions for Players, Coaches , Referees and Demo Game at Nadaland

IBFF held its first training camp for blind footballers, coaches, and referees in Nagaland at the Don Bosco School Grounds in Dimapur, in collaboration with the Disability Commissioners Office of Nagaland, Prodigals Home, and the NSDF on the 15th and 16th February'20. A demo game was also held between the Shillong and Tura teams. Gabriel Nongrum, national player, scored the game-winning goal for Shillong. The closing ceremony was held by Dimpaur district commissioner Anoop IAS, who handed out certificates to all participants. This programme brought 18 players from Nagaland, including eight females and ten boys and few coaches and referees. Sunil J Mathew is in charge of the players, coaches, and referees training and theory sessions..



Blind football training session at Siliguri

IBFF held a blind football introductory training session at Bhimbhar School for the Blind in Siliguri from 18th and 19th February'20. The training sessions are led by Muhammed Rashad, the national coordinator, and Anthony Samuel, an academy player. The practise attracted around 20 players, including 10 boys and 10 girls.





International Webinar Sessions

The Indian Blind Football Federation hosted Webinars with international players and coaches on blind football related themes. Coaches and players from Germany, England, Brazil, Argentina, Japan, Australia, and Thailand addressed a variety of blind football topics. Ulrich Peisterer, Chairman of the IBSA Blind Football Committee, inaugurated the Webinar session on 20th of July'20



World Disability Day Celebration at Kerala

IBFF, SRVC, KBFF and Chavara Cultural Centre jointly celebrated the World Disability Day on 3rd December 2020 with an events to showcase the talents of the differently-abled. This included a Blind Football demo and a penalty shootout followed by a Live music event by Heart 2 Heart (3 piece visually impaired band) which was all streamed live for free.



National Blind football academy

After more than a year, the Indian Blind Football Federation restarted Blind Football Training at the full-time National Academy in mid-February 2021. Due to the second wave of covid, we were forced to close from mid-April to mid-July, and the players that stayed at the academy followed all of the covid requirements and were provided with covid insurance and gym equipment to maintain their fitness. In addition, we conducted

online fitness sessions too. During the challenging lockdown, the IBFF did an excellent job of distributing vital supplies and food to teams and players. The academy currently has five permanent and three temporary blind football players.



The First Women's Blind Football Training Session and Demo Game at Kerala

The Indian Blind Football Federation organized the first Blind Football Training Camp for Women players at the Gamma Football, Kochi, Kerala. Women players from Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu were attended the sessions from 26th to 28th February'21. The camp also trained women coaches, goalkeepers and referees as we aim to develop the game across and bring inclusion to the sport. DCP Ms Aishwarya Dongre IPS inaugurated the camp and Mrs Sheela Kouchoseph distributed the certificate to the participants. Sunil j Mathew, the head coach of the national team leads the training session and theory classes. Around 20 participants were participated from Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.



Trinin Session and Demo Game for Kerala Blind Football Players at Kerala

The Kerala blind football squad participated in a three-day football camp held by the Society for Rehabilitation of the Visually Challenged, KBFF and the Indian Blind Football Federation at the Gamma football arena in Kadavanthra from 2nd to 4th April'21. The camp was inaugurated by Mr. Pradeep Dutta, Associate Professor of Sports Authority of India, LNCPE Campus, Thiruvananthapuram. The inaugural function was attended by National Blind Football Academy sponsors Mr Butler, CEO, C P Mammen, Jijo Palathingal (Chavara Cultural Center) and Duleep (Gamma Football) Gokulan (KFA). Mr Mammen, CEO, Mr Butler met the players and encouraged them. The three-day session was organised by National Blind Football Team Coach Sunil J Mathew and the IBFF coaching staff and included eight players from various districts in Kerala. The



Kerala players also participated in a training match with the National Blind Football Academy's players.



Khelo India E-PathshalaProgram

A Unique Online Platform put together by Sports Authority of India and AIFF to develop Grassroots Blind Footballers. The blind football participated and received gifts from AIFF and SAI



AFC-Aurora E-Goal Presentation

Sunil J. Mathew, Sporting Director, and Coach were presented a paper about blind football in an online session on 'Diversity & Inclusivity' part of the e-Goal session organized by AFC - Aurora, Jordan. This included 15 FA youth national team players from the West Asia region.

INTERNATIONAL BLIND SPORTS FEDERATION (IBSA)

- IBSA, the International Blind Sports Federation, is in charge of a wide range of sports for athletes who are blind or partially sighted
- Football for the blind and partially sighted, which started out as a playground game for pupils in special schools for the visually impaired, has now become one of the most popular sports for people with a visual impairment worldwide.
- Major Championships and Tournaments: World Championships, African Championships, American Championships, Asian Championships, Central American Championships, European Championships, European Championships Division 2, World Grand Prix, Paralympic Games
- Blind football is played in 52 countries by the recognition of IBSA, Argentina is the top ranked team from the latest rank list published by IBSA at 1st January 2020




Blind football demo game at Kerala

IBFF has conducted a demo game on 5th September at Kochi. The players from Bengaluru, Kerala, and the members of National blind football academy were participated the game. Played two games and distributed the head guards to the all the participants



World Sight Day Celebration at Kerala

World Sight Day celebrations marked with a blindfolded walk and an exhibition game with the National Blind Football Academy Players at Kochi on 14th October'21 at Gamma Fooball Arena, Kadavanthara. The Demo Game was inaugurated with a blindfold kick off by Fr.Thomas Puthussery,CMI, Director, Chavara Cultural Centre, Kochi, and Ms Gita, President, Innerwheel Kochi.



Training and awareness session at Thrissur, Kerala

Indian blind football federation and Kerala blind football federation jointly conducted a training session at Thrissur as part of the development the blind football across Kerala state on 19th October 2021. Kerala blind football state team captain lead the session and Rashad, national coordinator given the basic training for the players. Fr. Solomon, Director, Dharshana Club, Thrissur also given the awareness classes to the players to motivate the participants





First Partially (B2/B3) Kerala Blind Football Tournament at SB College, Kottvam, Kerala

The Kerala Blind Football Federation along with the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) were organized the First Partially Sighted Blind Football held in Kerala at the Mar Charles Lavigne Indoor Stadium, S B College, Changanacherry on 21st Oct'21. Partially Sighted footballers from across Kerala were participated at the first time event held in an international quality indoor stadium. Adv Job Michael MLA Changanacherry was the Chief Guest for the Finals and he distributed the trophies. Ernakulam district team won the final against Palakkad district team with 3-2. Sujith MS (Palkkad) won the top scorer award and Anadh Krishnan (ernaklam) won the player of the tournament award.



First Women's National Blind Football Tournament Tamil Nadu, Chennai 27th to 28th October 2021

The Karanaaka team won the first women's national competition defeating IBFF Reserves, a newly formed united team of players from across the country. With a total of three goals, Abhinayashree (Tamil Nadu) was named Player of the Tournament, while Swetha M (IBFF Reserve) was named Golden Boot. The best goalkeeper award went to Reshma Karthik of Karnataka, and the emerging new player award won by Sarika Barud of Maharashtra. 5 state teams are participated in this tournament



5th Men's National Blind Football Tournament Tamil Nadu, Chennai 28th to 30th October 2021

The Meghalaya team won the Fifth Men's National Tournament defeating Kerala (1-0). Klingson D Marak (Meghalaya) won the golden boot with a total of eight goals, while Anthony Samuel (Kerala) was named Player of the Tournament. The best goalkeeper award went to Sujith PS of Kerala, while the emerging new player award went to Shivam Negi of Uttarakhand. 11 state teams are participated in this tournament.



Training for Referees and Coaches at Tamil Nadu

Coaches and referees were both trained by the Indian Blind Football Federation during the national tournament held at Chennai. The referee training programme was overseen by Indian referee coordinator Manjith Gokulan, and coaches training classes were given by IBFF Sporting Director and Coach Sunil J Mathew. The coaches and referees workshop drew over 50 people from all over the region.



Demo game in AIFF Futsal Ch'ships at Delhi on 11th Nov'21

A Great platform provided by AIFF during the Futsal Ch'ships at New Delhi on 11th Nov'21 which included a game between Uttarakhand v Delhi with young protégé Sahil scoring for Uttarakhand to beat the hosts 1-0. Attended by all the top officials from AIFF, Delhi Football Association, IBSA Delhi. Should help get the game more recognized in the future with AIFF promising more awareness platforms and support to grassroots BF development across the country.





National blind football selection camp from 5th November to 13th November for the Oman tour at Kerala

A national team selection camp for the Oman Tour was held in Kochi by the Indian Blind Football Federation. After a two-week initial camp, the best Eight B1 players and two GKs were selected for the Oman tour after being shortlisted from the Nationals'21 in Chennai at the end of October.



Muscat blind football challenge at Muscat , Oman, from 24th November to 28th November 2021.

Indian Blind football team participated at the IBF Foundation Muscat Challenge Blind football friendly series at Muscat Oman from 24th to 28th November 2021. The tournament is conducted by the International Blind Football Foundation as a part of the blind football development in Asia. India lost the first match (1-0) and second match (2-0) to a much physically stronger Oman side though the score line did not reflect some of the quality displayed by the Indian players . Positives being great learning's and invaluable experience for the boys from the tour with 4 players making their debuts and also having Keryn Seal (ex Eng International/ Paralympian with 127 caps) given a practise session with some brilliant insights to the game.



Women's blind football training session and mini tournament at Pune, Maharashtra

The Indian Blind Football Federation is organized a Women's Blind football training camp and mini tournament from 26th – 29th December 2021 with the Mai Bal Bhavan, Pune as the local hosting partner at the KB Astro Turf Ground, Pune Maharashtra . The Women blind football teams from Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat and Delhi were participated the training session and the tournament.

The Maharashtra team won the Mini Tournament defeating Gujarat (3-0). Sarika (Maharashtra) won the golden boot with a total of Seven goals, while Preethi (Delhi) was named Player of the Tournament. The best goalkeeper award went to Harsha (Maharashtra), while the emerging new player award went to Asha (Gujarat).

