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# INDIAN BLIND FOOTBALL **FEDERATION**

The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF), established in 2016, promotes blind football in India. Recognized by Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA), Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), and All India Football Federation (AIFF). The Indian Men's team ranks 5th in Asia and 14th globally, while the Women's team holds the 2nd rank in both Asia and the world. IBFF aims to prepare a top-tier national team for future Paralympics.





#### **IBFF SOUTH WEST ZONAL**

The IBFF hosted the Third men's and the Second women's editions of the South-West zonal blind football tournament at Panaji, Goa from 08th - 14th January 2024. This prestigious event was organized as part of the "International Purple Fest Goa 2024" in collaboration with the Government of Goa and co-organized by Goa FA. Gujarat emerged as winners in both the men's and women's categories, defeating Kerala.

#### SAITAMA NORMALIZATION CUP

>>> TOKYO, JAPAN

The Indian women's blind football team recently played in a friendly series in Tokyo, Japan, on February 17th and 18th, 2024. This was a valuable learning experience for our team as we competed against the world's top team.





#### **BFT 2024 INTERNATIONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

>>> THAILAND

The Indian blind football team competed in the BFT 2024 Bangkok four-nation invitational blind football championship in Thailand from March 24th to 31st, 2024. They faced Japan, Thailand, and Laos, finishing fourth. The tournament provided valuable experience for the young team playing against the top international competitors.





#### **IBFF NORTH EAST ZONAL** >>> MIZORAM

The Fifth Men's and Second Women's editions of the IBFF North East Zonal Blind Football Tournament took place at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Mualpui, Salem Veng, Aizawl, Mizoram from April 2nd to 6th, 2024, with the Mizoram Blind Sports Association serving as our hosting partner. Meghalaya (Men's) and Mizoram (Women's) emerge as Champions.



#### >>> NEWSLETTER

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Vukomanovic, head coach of Kerala Blasters, made a visit to the Kadavantra Gamma Football Ground Kochi during the Men's training camp for the Thailand tour. With great enthusiasm, he announced the team list officially and extended his heartfelt best wishes to the entire team.



### TRAINING CAMP

>>> GOA

The IBFF organized a blind football orientation camp and training session for the Goan blind football team at the Don Bosco Higer Secondary School, Panaji, Goa from 8th to 9th January 2024. The session was led by Diethozo Yhoho from IBFF. Total of 12 players, consisting of 7 boys and 5 girls, attended the camp.

#### TRAINING CAMP >>> KERALA

The Kerala blind football team attended a training recently session organized by IBFF, KBFF, and Different Art Centre. The event took place in Trivandrum, Kerala, from May 7th to May 11th, 2024. Led by Diethozo Yhoho, the session had 15 players, including 10 boys and 5 girls..

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

>>> 2024

#### June

·7th to 9th: North and Central Zonal Tournament at Punjab

·East Zonal tournament at Odisha or West Bengal

#### August

·National Tournament 2024 (Men's and Women's) at Maharashtra



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