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INDIAN BLIND FOOTBALL FEDERATION (IBFF)

Timeline

2013

- The SRVC (Society for Rehabilitation of the Visually Challenged) put together the first Indian National Blind Football team with the Indian Blind Sports Association, New Delhi.
- In their first-ever international event, held in Bangkok in August, the Indian Blind Football team reached the Semi-Finals and ended fourth.

2014

- Enroute to the International Five Nation Blind Football Tournament in Hong Kong in December, the Indian Blind Football team played a friendly game in Malaysia with the host team. The tour was prepared for a fortnight in early December under the supervision of Mr. W K Loo, an international referee coordinator and trainer from Malaysia.

2015

- In January, India was ranked 28th in the world as per IBSA rankings.
- Before the squad flew to Japan in September, they attended a preparatory camp in Kochi, led by Mr. W K Loo from Malaysia, for the Asian Championships in Japan (which was a Rio Paralympics qualifier).
- In December, Elias Mastoras, a referee coordinator, including the recent Paralympics, held a referee coaching session in Kerala, India, for potential blind football referees.

2016

- In January, India moved up to 25th position as per IBSA world rankings.
- The All-India Invitational Blind Football Tournament, which featured 86 blind footballers and was held at Aluva Blind School in April and May, was won by the Kerala squad.
- IBFF and SRVC organised a road show and blind football camp in Kolkata and the North East, including Tura, Meghalaya, Guwahati, Shillong, and Imphal, in September.
- The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF), which is supported by SRVC, was recognized by the Paralympic Committee of India in October'16 as the country's only recognised organisation for promoting blind football and focusing emphasis on the sport.



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- In October, the IBFF undertook its second visit of the North East, with Mr. W K Loo from Malaysia leading a four-day training programme in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Malaysia, Laos, and hosts India competed in the first-ever India International Blind Football Championship, which was held in Kochi from December 1 to 4. Malaysia won the event. Prior to this, 18 players from across India were invited to the National Selection camp in November which is led by Mr. W K Loo.

2017

- In January, India's world ranking became 23rd based on international matches played.
- A training camp was held in Aizawl in January, followed by a four-team Mini North East Blind Football Tournament in Shillong in February. The championship was won by Bethany Society, Shillong.
- Blind Football awareness camps were organised in Kozhikode in February, followed by Mumbai and Olassa Blind School Kottayam in March.
- In March, a Demo game and Awareness camp were held in Delhi.
- NIVH Dehradun won the second edition of the All-India Invitational Blind Football Tournament, which was held in Kerala in April.
- As Part of The Grassroots Day Event in Bengaluru, IBFF Conducted a Blind Football Demo Session. At the Bengaluru Football Stadium, a friendly game was played between KWAB Bengaluru and the SRVC Kerala Blind Football team.
- On the 3rd of September, the IBSA World Blind Football Chairman and German National Team Coach, Mr Ulrich Pfister, inaugurated the First Blind Football Academy for the first batch of ten members in Kochi, Kerala. Shri Alphons Kanathanam, Union Minister of Sports and Industry, enrolled the Academy's first Trainee.
- In September, IBFF Organized a demo game at INS Venduruthy, a naval facility, and Lulu Mall Kochi in November.
- In December, IBFF held an interaction session with the Kerala blasters team and the blind football academy team in Kochi, Kerala. In front of the Kerala blasters, IBFF academy players played a demo game.

2018

- In January, the IBFF academy team played a Demo game in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Shri Aditya Thackeray, and Chairman MDFA was the Chief Guest.



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- The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) hosted the Second Edition of the North East Blind Football Tournament at Montfort Centre of Education Tura, Meghalaya. From the 27th to the 30th of January, the North East Sowers Blind Football Club emerged victorious, defeating Delhi in the finals on the 30th of January.
- IBFF hosted a national team selection camp and a fitness training camp in February in preparation for the world grand prix in Japan. Danny Deigan, the Australian fitness and performance coach for the AIFF Indian National Football Team, has led fitness and training sessions for the blind footballers.
- On March 11th, IBFF held a Blind Football Demo Game and a Blind Folded Walk at Decathlon in Kochi.
- From the 10th to the 17th of March, a National Blind Football Camp was held for selected members in preparation for the World Grand Prix, Japan development category games. The sessions were led by international referee Mr. WK. Loo.
- From March 21 to 25, the Indian blind football squad competed in the inaugural World Grand Prix Blind Football Tournament in the Development Games Category, against the Japan National Training Centre team and Belgium.
- The IBFF held the Third National Blind Football Tournament in Kochi from April 27th to May 1st, and the Kochi blind football academy team won the tournament.
- The IBFF held the Thailand and India Blind Football Combined Training Sessions in Kochi, Kerala from July 23 to 26, as part of a skills exchange programme to develop the National Academy Team, that features Indian players, for the future.
- From August 31 to September 2, the IBFF hosted the first edition of the South & West Zonal Blind Football Tournament in Bengaluru. The first South West Zonal competition was won by SRVC Kerala.
- From the 17th to the 22nd of September, the IBFF hosted an international friendly series and combined training sessions between the Australian and Indian blind football teams in Kochi, India. The series was won by India (2-0)
- The Kerala Blasters' Manjappada Official Fan Club honoured members of the India team while they were in Kochi last week for matches against Australia in September
- The Blind Football Demo Game was held on the 6th and 7th of October at the Adidas the Football Base Plaza Venue in Chattarpur, Delhi, between the Delhi Blind Football Team and the NIVH Dehradun Team.



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- From the 3rd to the 4th of November, the IBFF hosted the First East Zone Blind Football Tournament and Training Session at Extra Time Ground in Kolkata. The FABB Kolkata senior team won the event.
- On the 1st of December, the IBFF held a Blind Football Demo and Exhibition Game at the Game Town Ground in Irumpanam.
- On December 3rd, the IBFF hosted a Blind Football Demo and Interaction Session with Jamshedpur FC to celebrate World Disability Day at West School Ground, Panampilly Nagar, Kochi.
- From the 5th to the 7th of December, a Blind Football Goalkeeper Training Session with AIFF National Goalkeeper Coach Rogerio Ramos was held.
- On the 10th of December, as part of Disability Awareness Week, the IBFF organised a Blind Football Demo Game at the SH College Lake View Ground in Thevara to showcase the talents of the visually challenged Blind Footballers.

2019

- Sunil J Mathew, the Indian Blind Football Federation's Sporting Director, met with the Indian National Team Coaches and AFC top officials in Abu Dhabi in January to examine the possibility of creating additional Blind Football centres around India.
- From the 23rd to the 26th of January, the IBFF hosted the Third North East Blind Football Tournament in Meghalaya. After a hard-fought final against the NESBFC North East team, Bethany Society won the Third North East Blind Football Tournament.
- From the 26th to the 28th of February, the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) hosted a First-Ever Coaches and Players Training Sessions with England Football Association Blind Football Coaches and Trainers in Kochi, Kerala.
- On March 8, the IBFF and Kerala Blind Football Federation collaborated to hold a Blind Football Training Session at the School for the Blind in Trivandrum.
- From the 12th to the 15th of April, the IBFF hosted the Fourth IBFF National Blind Football Tournament at Fever pitch Ground in Yeshwantpur, Bengaluru. The National Title was won by Bethany Society Shillong, Meghalaya.
- On the 15th of April, the IBFF hosted the First-Ever Women's B1 Game during the Men's Nationals in Bengaluru. For the first time, the two women's blind football teams competed in a demo game with female goalkeepers, officials, coaches, and guides.
- On the 17th of July, the Indian Blind Football Federation had an interaction session with AIFF officials and coaches in Ahmedabad. The National Team players had the



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opportunity to meet with Igor Stimac, the Head Coach of the Indian Football Team, and the coaching staff.

- The first ever official B2 / B3 partially sighted game was held on September 9th at the Aluva Blind School Grounds in Kochi, with an enthusiastic group of B2 and B3 players from across Kerala.
- The IBSA Blind Football Asian Championship (Thailand, Pattaya'19) was held between 1st to 6th October. The Indian Blind Football Team secured its highest position, finishing 5th Overall Beating Higher Ranked Teams Like Malaysia (World Ranked 17th) 2-0 for the 5th Place at the IBSA The Asian Blind Football Championship, Pattaya. The selection camp for this tournament was held for a month at the academy at Kochi
- From the 16th to the 17th of November, the IBFF hosted the second edition of the Regional East Zone Blind Football Tournament and training session in Kolkata. FABB Kolkata won the title after a penalty shootout victory over GNBFC Tura in the final at the Rabindra Bharati University grounds in Kolkata.
- During the East Zone competition held at Rabindra Bharathi University Ground in Kolkata on November 17th, the Indian Blind Football Federation organised a women's blind football demo game and a training session. The session brought twelve girls, including two female goalkeepers. They played an exhibition game, and few goals were scored on the day.
- During the East Zone Tournament on November 17th at Rabindra Bharathi University Ground in Kolkata, the Indian Blind Football Federation held a B2/B3 football (for partially sighted) game.
- On December 3rd, the Indian Blind Football Federation and SRVC hosted a game and interaction with the stars of the ISL Kerala Blasters FC squad, which was sponsored by Jain Tubes, the official sponsor, to celebrate World Disability Day.
- In India, a Memorable Night for Blind Football! On the 13th of December, the ISL game between KBF and JFC witnessed Indian blind football players walking hand in hand into the field with some of the game's stars. the Indian Blind Football Federation arranged a penalty shootout with KBFC players and for the first time in India, organized an audio descriptive commentary session at the stadium.
- From the 17th to the 20th of December, the IBFF held a three-match international Friendly series in Kochi, Kerala, in which the Indian Development Team (B team) defeated the Japan Development Team (B team). The three-match series was won by the Indian Development team (2-1)



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2020

- On the 25th of January, the IBFF hosted a blind football demo game in Kakkand, with Olympian PR Sreejesh as the chief guest.
- On the 15th and 16th of February, the IBFF held a first-time 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 NSDF. A demo game was also held between the Shillong & Tura teams and also played a demo game between Nagaland Women's Teams
- On the 18th of February, the IBFF held a blind football introductory training session at the Bhimbhar School for the Blind in Siliguri. The practice gathered around 20 players, including 10 boys and 10 girls.
- During the lockdown period from July to December, the IBFF held webinar sessions with foreign coaches and players on the 20th of each month. Coaches and players from Germany, England, Brazil, Argentina, Japan, Australia, and Thailand addressed a variety of blind football topics. On July 20th, Ulrich Peisterer, Chairman of the IBSA Blind Football Committee, inaugurated the Webinar session.
- On December 3, 2020, IBFF, SRVC, and Chavara Cultural Centre together celebrated World Disability Day with programmes showcasing the skills of the differently-abled. A Blind Football demonstration and a penalty shootout were among the attractions.

2021

- After a year of shutdown due to covid restrictions, the IBFF National Academy in Kochi reopened in February. A group of six players is still being trained on a daily basis and is being offered vocational training opportunities.
- At the Gamma Football Arena in Kadavanthara Kochi, the IBFF hosted the first Blind Football Training Camp and Demo Game for Women. The session, which took place from the 26th to the 28th of February, attracted over 20 participants from Kerala, Pune, Bangalore, and Chennai, including female players, coaches, goalkeepers, and referees. DCP Ms Aishwarya Dongre IPS inaugurated the camp and Mrs Sheela kouchouseph distributed the certificate to the participants.
- Between the 2nd and 4th of April, the Kerala blind football team participated in a three-day football camp held by the society for rehabilitation of the visually challenged and the Indian blind football federation at the Gamma football stadium in Kadavanthra. Mr. Pradeep Dutta, Associate Professor of Sports Authority of India, LNCPE Campus, Thiruvananthapuram, officially inaugurated the camp.



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- On September 5th, the Indian Blind Football Federation organised a demo game at the United Sports Centre in Kakkanad, Kerala. Players from Bengaluru, Kerala, and the National Blind Football Academy participated in the game.
- On the 14th of October, at Kochi's Gamma Football Arena, Kadavanthara, World Sight Day events started with a blindfolded walk and an exhibition game with the National Blind Football Academy Players.
- On October 1, the Indian Blind Football Federation and the Kerala Blind Football Federation held a joint training session in Thrissur as part of the development of blind football in Kerala.
- The First Partially Sighted Blind Football was held in Kerala on October 21st at the Mar Charles Lavigne Indoor Stadium, S B College, Changanacherry, by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) and the Kerala Blind Football Federation. The Chief Guest for the Finals was Adv Job Michael MLA, Changanacherry.
- From the 27th to the 30th of October, the Indian Blind Football Federation hosted the first women's and fifth edition of the men's National Blind Football Tournaments in Tamil Nadu, Chennai. The Karnataka team won the first women's national tournament, defeating the newly formed combined team of players from across the country, IBFF Reserves. The fifth men's national competition was won by Meghalaya, who defeated Kerala.
- During the national competition in Tamil Nadu from October 27 to October 30, 2021, the Indian Blind Football Federation offered training sessions for both coaches and officials. The referee training programme was handled by Indian referee coordinator Manjith Gokulan, and new coach training classes were provided by IBFF Sporting Director and Coach Sunil J Mathew. Coaches and referees from all over the state attended the workshop.
- On the 11th of November, AIFF offered a fantastic platform for the Futsal Championships in New Delhi, which included a match between Uttarakhand and Delhi. All of AIFF's, Delhi Football Association's, and IBSA Delhi's top officials were present.
- From the 5th to the 22nd of November, the Indian Blind Football Federation held a national team selection camp in Kochi, Kerala, and competed in an international friendly series against Oman in Muscat, Oman, from the 24th to the 28th of November. The International Blind Football Foundation conducts the tournament as part of the development of blind football in Asia.



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- 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.
- 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

2022

- Himmotthan organised a grassroot Training of Trainers (TOT) for Blind football coaches and Physical Education Teachers (Para) from 6th to 7th of January'22, in collaboration with NIEPVD and the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF)
- The Indian Blind Football Federation and the Kerala Blind Football Federation held a two-day training session for new players at the Gamma Football Arena in Kadavanthara from 8th to 9th of January'22
- IBFF conducted a national Team Selection Training Camp for the International tour to the UK in May 2022 at Kochi. Around 22 of the best B1 players and GK talents assemble for the week-long selection trials which will also have training sessions for new players as the squad builds for future tournaments
- The second Training of Trainers (TOT) was conducted by Himmotthan Tata Trusts jointly with the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) at NIEPVD Dehradun, Uttarakhand on 28 & 29 March'22 which also hosted a mini-Invitational Blind Football Tournament. A total of 14 Trainers from different states took part in this TOT which was taken by IBFF Trainer Naresh Singh Nayal
- The second women's training camp and mini tournament was held in Kochi, Kerala, with players from six states participating from the 18th to the 23rd of April. On the last day, IBFF combined the players and played a mini tournament
- The Indian Blind football team played a three match Blind football friendly series against the England Youth team at the England FA Training centre St George's Park, Burton upon Trent from 3rd to 9th May '22.
- Second edition of the IBFF Women's National Blind Football Tournament organised by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) in collaboration with Mai Bal Bhavan held at the Impetus Sporting – Turf ground, Pune, Maharashtra. From 24th to 26th May '22. The



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event saw 80 participants from across the country participate in this annual event. The Maharashtra team emerging as winner of the Second IBFF Women's national tournament beating Karnataka.

- The Indian Team is participated IBSA World Grand Prix Tournament at Mexico City from 29th July to 8th Aug'22. Indian team got a wonderful platform to play some of the top sides in the world and gain experience. Indian team played against, Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico and Argentina.
- IBFF conducted the first Women's National Blind Football team selection Camp at Gamma Football Ground, Kadavanthra from 19th to 26th August 2022. Shortlisted 12 players and two goalkeepers for the final team selection to play the IBSA Women's Asian Blind Football Championship held at Kochi, Kerala from 11th to 12th November 2022
- Sixth edition of the IBFF Men's National Blind Football Tournament organised by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Blind Football Association held at the FC Marina – Turf ground, Chennai, Tamil Nadu from 18th to 20th September '22. Around 140 participants from across the country participated at this annual event.
- Started the women's national team final selection camp for the Asian championship from 1st October at Pune, Maharashtra
- Started the Men's national team final selection camp for the Asian championship from 4th October at Kochi, Kerala
- IBFF Hosted the IBSA Asia-Oceania blind football championship for men's and women's from 8th to 19th November 2022. This tournament featured two countries for the women's category and Ten countries for the men's category, with China winning the men's tournament and Japan winning the women's tournament.

2023

- IBFF Organized the fourth edition of the Men's and First Women's IBFF Northeast Zonal Blind Football Tournament from the 28th to the 30th of January'23 at the Evenori turf ground in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. The Arunachal Pradesh team emerging as winner of the Men's tournament beating Meghalaya and the Nagaland team emerging as winner of the Women's tournament beating Meghalaya
- IBFF Organized the Third edition of the Men's and First Women's IBFF East Zonal Blind Football Tournament at the Tinsplate sports ground, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, from 13th to 15th February'23. Odisha team emerging as winner of the Men's tournament beating



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West Bengal and the Odisha team emerging as winner of the Women's tournament beating West Bengal

- The Indian Blind Football Federation held a national team selection camp for the Asia & Pacific Invitational Blind Football Tournament in Thailand from March 13th to March 19th, 2023. The national team was chosen from a selection camp and training sessions held at the Gamma Football Ground in Kadavanthra Kochi from 27th February to 10th March 2023.
- The Indian Blind Football Federation participated the Asia & Pacific Invitational Blind Football Tournament in Thailand from March 13th to March 19th, 2023 and the Indian team finished in the 3rd position.
- IBFF conducted a three-day blind football training camp at Nagpur, Maharashtra in association with Atmadeepam Society Nagpur and Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology from 31st March to 2nd April'23. A total of 30 Visually Impaired students and players both boys and girls attended the training session.
- The First edition of the Men's and Women's IBFF North-Central Zonal Blind Football Tournament, organized by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) at the Maharana Pratap Stadium in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, from 1st to 2nd April with the Uttarakhand Blind Football Association (UBSA) as our local hosting partner.
- The Second Men's and First Women's Edition of the IBFF South-West Zonal Blind Football Tournament, organized by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) at the DAC centre, Trivandrum, Kerala from 14th to 16th April with the DAC and KBFF as the local hosting partner.
- IBFF organised an exhibition game jointly with the Kerala Blind Football Federation on 4th May 2023 in connection with CSR Day of Transworld Group. Also conducted a blind folded penalty shoot-out for the members of the Transworld group.
- The 7th edition of the Men's and 3rd Women's IBFF National Blind Football Tournament, organized by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) at the Tinplate sports ground, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, from 17th to 20th May'23 with the Divyang Marg Darshan Trust as our local hosting partner
- IBFF conducted the Indian Women's Blind football team selection camp for the Women's World Championship 2023 from 5th to 15th June'23 at Kochi, Kerala. around 20 players participated across India and selected 8 B1 players and 2 Goalkeepers for the tournament. The world championship will be held in Birmingham UK from 12th to 21st August'23.



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- IBFF conducted the Indian Men's Blind Football team selection camp held in Kochi, Kerala from 26th June to 7th July '23 for the International Blind football tournaments in the calendar year 2023 which includes IBSA Intercontinental Cup and Asian Para Games 2023.
- IBFF conducted the Indian Women's Blind football team training camp for the Women's World Championship 2023 from 23rd July to 10th August at Kochi, Kerala.
- Indian blind football team participated the Women's World Championship 2023 held at Birmingham, UK from 12th to 21st August 2023 and India finish 4th at the Women's Blind Football World Championship.
- The IBSA intercontinental cup 2023, organized by IBFF, took place from September 23rd to October 2nd, 2023 at the United sports centre in Kakkanad, Kochi Kerala. Chile emerged as the champions, defeating Costa Rica in the final match. A total of 10 countries, including India, participated in this tournament, with India finishing in 6th place.
- The national blind football training camp for the Asian para games 2022 was organized by IBFF. The camp took place from October 4th to October 17th, 2023 at the Gamma football ground in Kadavantha, Kochi, Kerala.
- The Indian blind football team made their international debut at the Asian Para Games 2022 in Hangzhou, China From 23rd to 28th October 2023. Demonstrating their skills and determination, Indian team achieved an impressive fifth-place finish, earning three valuable points throughout the tournament.
- The Japanese women's blind football team has invited the Indian blind football team for a friendly series in Tokyo, Japan. The selection camp for the Indian team took place in Kochi, Kerala from December 2nd to 15th, 2023. The series will be held from February 15th to 18th, 2024.
- The IBFF organized a blind football orientation camp and training session at the Assam Blind School in Bihpuria, Assam on the 29th December'23. The session was led by Basudev Barman and Diethozo Yhoho from IBFF. A total of 12 players, consisting of 10 boys and 2 girls, attended the camp.

2024

- IBFF conducted a blind football orientation camp and training session for the Goan blind football team from 8th to 9th January 2024, led by Diethozo Yhoho.



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- The IBFF hosted the South-West zonal blind football tournament in Panaji, Goa, from January 8-14, 2024. With around 90 participants, Gujarat emerged as winners, defeating Kerala in both categories.
- The final training session for selected athletes in a friendly series in Tokyo, Japan, took place on February 1st, 2024, with a total of 5 players and 2 goalkeepers.
- The Indian women's blind football team participated in a friendly series in Tokyo, Japan, gaining valuable insights and experiences for their growth and development in the sport.
- The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) has Conducted a selection camp for the blind football national team from March 11th to 15th, 2024, with final training starting on March 16, 2024 to Participate the International tournament in Thailand
- The Indian blind football team participated in the BFT 2024 Bangkok tournament, competing against Japan, Thailand, and Laos, finishing fourth. The tournament provided an opportunity for young players to face world-ranked teams.
- The IBFF North East Zonal Blind Football Tournament, hosted by the Mizoram Blind Sports Association from April 2nd to 6th, 2024, attracted 72 participants from the North East region, with Meghalaya and Mizoram emerging as winners.
- The IBFF, KBFF, and Different Art Centre held a blind football orientation camp and training session for the Kerala blind football team from May 7-11, 2024, with a demo game inaugurated by NAB Kerala General Secretary Jayakumar J.
- The 2nd IBFF North Central Zonal Blind Football Tournament, held in Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana from 7th to 9th June 2024, saw 90 participants from the region compete, with Delhi (Men's) and Punjab (Women's) emerging as winners.