

Press Release

Punjab, Kerala, Mizoram win big in KIYG's football tournament

Pune, Jan. 10: Mixed fortunes marked Kerala's opening fixtures in the Khelo India Youth Games football competition here on Thursday with the Under-21 boys; team dropping a point to Chandigarh and their Under-17 girls swamping Himachal Pradesh by a 28-0 margin.

Dhruv gave Chandigarh the lead in the 62nd minute but nine minutes later Habeeb Rahman fired the equaliser to save a point for Kerala.

In the girls match, Kerala rode on Meghna's seven-goal blitz as the hapless Himachal Pradesh girls were put to the sword. Other scorers in the rout included Sona (5), Sreelakshmi and Amaya (3 each), and Abhirami, Bhagya, Theertha and Ananya (2 apiece).

Punjab opened their campaign with a whirlwind 6-1 win over Uttarakhand in the boys U-17 section, led by a brace from S. Longjam.

In a one-sided encounter, the other goals came from Gurfreed Singh, Tarun, Akash, and Nangminlun. Abhisar Tiwari was the lone scorer for Uttarakhand.

Tamil Nadu had to wage a grim battle to down Odisha 1-0 in their U-21 girls opener. Mariyammal Balamurugam's strike in the seventh minute turning out to be the match-winner.

Later, scoring twice in each half, Karnataka collected full points with a 4-1 win over Mizoram in the U-21 tournament.

Alfred Lal Routsang and Sumit Kumar Puran scored in the first half, while Khwairakpam C. Singh and Michael Touthang boosted the scoreline after the break. For Mizoram, H.P. Lalremruata scored the consolation goal..

There was consolation in the Under-17 competition for Mizoram who got the better of hosts Maharashtra 3-0.

Skipper Lalnunzama led the way for the north-eastern state with support goals from David Lalhlansanga and Lalruatfela.

Further disappointment lay in store for Maharashtra who lost 0-2 to Odisha in the girls U-17 event. Susmita converted a penalty to give her side the lead and Deepa made it 2-0 to seal the match.

In a U-21 girls match Mizoram trounced Himachal Pradesh 13-0. Lalchhanhimi, Miriam Lalnunsiami (four each) Lalrinmuani (3) and Lalnuntluangi (2) were the scorers.

Results

U-21 (Boys)

Kerala drew with Chandigarh 1-1

Mizoram bt Maharashtra 3-0

U-17 (Boys)

Punjab beat Uttarakhand 6-1

Karnataka bt Mizoram 4-1

U-21 (Girls)

Tamil Nadu bt Odisha 1-0

Mizoram bt Himachal 13-0

U-17 (Girls)

Kerala bt Himachal Pradesh 28-0

Odisha bt Maharashtra 2-0