Press Release

Maharashtra girls still in fray for knock-out

Pune, January 15 Maharashtra's Under-21 girls brightened their chances of making it to the knock-out stage easing past Andhra Pradesh 31-19 in the KIYG kabaddi event.

For the hosts, Sonali Helvi did well to help build up a 12-9 lead with some good tackles and great raids.

Later, the hosts were subjected to losses in the Under-21 boys and Under-17 girl's sections respectively.

The State's boys suffered a heart-breaking single point loss to Kerala 34-35 despite beginning well and leading 12-10 initially. At half-time, Maharashtra trailed 14-15. On resumption, Maharashtra's defence let them down and trailed 22-32.

With just five minutes to go, the home team bounced back, cut the deficit, levelling at 34-all into the last minute. However, a successful tackle by the Kerala defence did them in.

Later, the girls were outdone by Haryana 17-37.

Results:

Under-17, Girls: Haryana bt Maharashtra 37-17 **Under-21, Boys:** Kerala bt Maharashtra 34-33

Under-21, Girls: Maharashtra bt Andhra Pradesh 31-19