

Press Release

Fighting draw gives Mizoram, TN semis berths in U-21 girls football

Pune, Jan 14: Mizoram and Tamil Nadu played out a 2-2 draw and qualified for the semi-finals from Pool A in the Girls U-21 football competition of the Khelo India Youth Games here on Monday.

Trailing 0-2 till the 39th minute, Mizoram came back strongly to draw parity thanks to an 81st minute spot kick converted by D Vanlaliiriattiri. S Priyadharshni put Tamil Nadu ahead in the 11th minute while Sandhiya P made it 2-0. Gladys Zonunsangi reduced the margin in the 39th minute.

Tamil Nadu topped the pool with seven points while Mizoram were second with five points.

In an inconsequential match, Odisha drubbed Himachal 12-0. The hill-State ended their league assignment in this group conceding 38 goals in three outings.

In the girls Under-17 Pool A, Odisha recorded their third straight win defeating Kerala 5-1 and with nine points made the cut for the knockout stage. Despite the defeat, Kerala also made it to the last four with a better goal difference ahead of Maharashtra

The hosts trounced Himachal 18-0 but that was not sufficient as Kerala had beaten Himachal 28-0. The losers ended their campaign by letting in 82 goals in three matches.

In Boys Under-17 play, Mizoram beat Punjab 3-1 but failed to make the semi-final from Pool A. In another match, Karnataka beat Uttarakhand 5-0. Punjab, Karnataka and Mizoram each finished with six points but Karnataka had a goal difference of six followed by Punjab's four. Mizoram with a plus-2 difference had to bow out.

In boys Under-21 matches, Mizoram beat Kerala 3-1 to top Pool A. Chandigarh and Maharashtra played out a 0-0 draw. The three teams finished with two points each, but Kerala made it to the last four on goal difference.

Results:

Boys Under-21: Mizoram bt Kerala 3-1, Maharashtra d/w Chandigarh 0-0.

Boys Under-17: Mizoram bt Punjab 3-1, Karnataka bt Uttarakhand 5-0.

Girls Under-21: Tamil Nadu d/w Mizoram 2-2, Odisha bt Himachal Pradesh 12-0

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