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AFC
WOMEN'S
ASIAN CUP



2022 is a year for women's football in India. It kicks-off with the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 from January 20, and then we have the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup India 2022 from October onwards.

Hosting the two mega Championships will help further popularise football in India among the masses and youth in our effort to take Indian Football Forward Together.

We aim to build on the success and popularity of the FIFA U17 World Cup India 2017 in our mission of making Football a pan India sport.

I need to salute the indomitable spirit of our Blue Tigresses, many of whom have overcome all sociological and personal roadblocks to make it this big. It is in you that we trust, and our support will always continue to be by your side. You make us dream.

I also need to thank the Asian Football Confederation for all their support and granting us the hosting rights of the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022, and their confidence in our organisational abilities.

At the same time, we are grateful to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for their support, as much we are indebted to the State Government of Maharashtra for their cooperation in the hosting of the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022.

My best wishes to all the participating teams.

Thanking you,
Warm regards,

PRAFUL PATEL
PRESIDENT, ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION





ADITI CHAUHAN

GK

1



Aditi is the mainstay under the bar for the Blue Tigresses. She switched to football from basketball at the age of 15. From thereon she represented the India U-19, and subsequently the Senior Women's team. A leader on and off the field, her experience and influence have made her a role model of not just women's football, but women's sport in general.

Home Town: New Delhi | D.O.B: 20th Nov 1992

CAPS
49*



Favourite Player:
Manuel Neuer

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.



SOWMIYA NARAYANASAMY 19 **GK**

Hailing from Tamil Nadu, Sowmiya also comes from a family of farmers. She caught everyone's eyes with her performances in the junior, and state level tournaments. It was in 2018 that she represented India in the AFC U19 qualifiers in Thailand, wherein she kept a clean sheet in two matches - against Pakistan and Thailand, and eventually got selected to the senior squad.

Home Town: Salem, Tamil Nadu | D.O.B: 25th July 2000

CAPS
1*

Favourite Player:
Hope Solo



*In official matches till January 1, 2022.



MAIBAM LINTHOINGAMBI 23 DEVI GK



Linthoi hails from a farming family in Manipur, and has come through the youth system having represented India in the U16, and U19 AFC Championships, before sealing her berth in the senior squad in 2018. Known for her acrobatics, her first big breakthrough came when she was selected as the first-choice goalkeeper in the 2nd round of the AFC Women's Olympic Qualifiers.

Home Town: Kakching, Manipur | D.O.B: 2nd Feb 1999

CAPS
5*

Favourite Player:
Hope Solo

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.

DALIMA CHHIBBER

17

DF



Dalima is barely 24 but is already one of the experienced defenders in the squad. She started off with India U16, and then captained India U19 in the AFC qualifiers in Jordan. A versatile and hardworking athlete, Dalima is the set-piece specialist – fans keep referring to her 35-yarder screamer against Nepal in the SAFF Championship final.

Home Town: New Delhi | D.O.B: 30th Aug 1997

CAPS
29*
GOALS
2*



Favourite Player:
Carli Lloyd

SWEETY DEVIO

DF



Sweety, often touted by many as the next big thing in Indian women's football is the sturdy central defender, who is also adept in essaying inch-perfect long passes. Sweety has represented India in the AFC U19 Qualifiers, and has never looked back since - establishing herself as a regular partner to captain Ashalata Devi at the back.

Home Town: Langthabal Lep Makha, Manipur | D.O.B: 1st Dec 1999

CAPS
26*

Sweety 2

Favourite Player:
Sergio Ramos



ASHALATA DEVI

DF

The rock at the back, captain Ashalata Devi is the one everyone in the team looks up to. She was one of the three nominees for AFC Women's Player of the Year in 2019, the same year when she had won the AIFF 2019 Women's Player of the Year Award. A big-match player, she has proven her mettle under pressure, time and again.

Home Town: Imphal, Manipur | D.O.B: 3rd July 1993

CAPS
64*
GOALS
4*


#4.

Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi



*In official matches till January 1, 2022.



MANISA PANNA

DF

3



Hailing from Odisha, Manisa Panna grew up playing alongside boys in her village as there weren't any other girls who were into football. Her late father was her first coach, as she progressed to represent the Indian U-16, and U-19 National sides. She has been part of the senior squad which won the 2016 SAFF Championship, and the 2016 SAG Games football gold.

Home Town: Rourkela, Odisha | D.O.B: 20th Apr 1991

CAPS
15*

Favourite Player:
Sergio Ramos

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.

RITU RANI 21

DF



Hailing from the state of Haryana, Ritu Rani is part of a group of female footballers who are leading a revolution in football for women in the state. Hailing from a farming family from Alakhpura, Ritu overcame a lot of societal barriers on her way to represent the Blue Tigresses. She is known for her tough tackling, and aerial abilities.

Home Town: Alakhpura, Haryana | D.O.B: 25th May 1997

CAPS
2*

Ritu Rani

Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.

SANJU 8 YADAV

DF



The 2019-20 AIFF Women's Player of the Year is an inspiration for upcoming female athletes across the country. Hailing from the legendary village of Alakhpura in Haryana, Sanju comes from a family of farmers. She faced objections from different sections when she first took up football. On the field, nevertheless, she is a livewire down the flanks.

Home Town: Alakhpura, Haryana | D.O.B: 12th Sep 1997

CAPS
33*
GOALS
7*

Sanju

Favourite Player:
Sunil Chhetri

SHILKY DEVI 5

DF



She's the 'wonder girl,' just 16 -- the youngest player across all teams in the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022, and quite versatile too. She is capable of playing as a defender, or even central midfield. At 12, she was joint top-scorer in India's triumph at the 2018 SAFF U-15 Women's Championship, and scored two in the AFC U16 qualifiers thereafter.

Home Town: Moirang, Manipur | D.O.B: 23rd Nov 2005

CAPS
2*

Shilky

Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.



KAMALA YUMNAM

6 DEVI

MF



2017 AIFF Women's Player of the Year Kamala Devi adds experience and quality to the attack of the Blue Tigresses. With 33 International goals, Kamala also excels in setting up teammates with her meticulous passing. She has won the SAFF women's Championship on four occasions, and has also helped India win Gold medals at 2010, and 2016 South Asian Games.

Home Town: Thoubal, Manipur | D.O.B: 4th Mar 1992

CAPS
51*
GOALS
33*

Kamala
9.

Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.

ANJU TAMANG

MF

A versatile player, she too hails from a family of farmers, and first fell in love with football back in her school days while playing against boys in her village. She was initially a forward, who later moved to a wing-back, and also as a midfielder. She has contributed to India winning the SAFF Championship, and also the SAG Games gold medal.

Home Town: Siliguri, West Bengal | D.O.B: 22nd Dec 1995

CAPS
28*
GOALS
2*

Anju Tamang

Favourite Player:
Neymar





RATANBALA NONGMAIJIEM 7 DEVI

MF



'Ratan,' as she is fondly called by her teammates, scored her first International hat-trick against Indonesia in 2019. The box-to-box medio was also India's joint top scorer with Sandhiya Ranganathan, netting two goals in three matches of the AFC Women's Olympic Qualifiers in 2019 in Myanmar. She is often referred to as the X factor in the team.

Home Town: Moirang, Manipur | D.O.B: 2nd Dec 1999

CAPS
29*
GOALS
14*

M. Ratanbala Devi

Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.

INDUMATHI KATHIRESAN

MF

12

Midfielder Indumathi Kathiresan is a daughter of daily wagers in Tamil Nadu who serves the society as a Sub-Inspector in Tamil Nadu Police. During the first phase of the pandemic in 2020, she led from the front patrolling the streets of Chennai, ensuring safety for all – a true Covid warrior. On the field, she is an epitome of confidence, one of the mainstays.

Home Town: Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu | D.O.B: 5th Jun 1994

CAPS
40*
GOALS
10*



Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi





SANDHIYA RANGANATHAN 13 MF



Sandhiya grew up in an orphanage after losing her father at a young age. While shuttling between the orphanage, and her school in her formative years, football became Sandhiya's ticket to success. In the 2018 COTIF Cup in Spain, she scored a brace against Morocco, and then finished as joint top scorer with Ratanbala in the AFC Women's Olympic Qualifier second round.

Home Town: Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu | D.O.B: 20th May 1998

CAPS
10*
GOALS
8*

Favourite Player:
Cristiano Ronaldo

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.



PRIYANGKA NAOREM DEVI 14

MF



Eighteen-year-old Priyangka, who hails from a farming family is blessed with sublime ball control, and an ability to put in deadly set-pieces. She was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2018 SAFF U-15 Women's Championship as India emerged champions. Most recently, Priyangka was India's top scorer at the 2021 SAFF U-19 Women's Championship with four goals.

Home Town: Kakching, Manipur | D.O.B: 9th Apr 2003

Priyangka

**Favourite Player:
Cristiano Ronaldo**

KARTHIKA ANGAMUTHU 20

MF



An exceptionally crafty midfielder, Karthika Angamuthu hails from Salem, Tamil Nadu, where she took up football at the age of 11. Karthika's parents are mill workers but the encouragement was always there for her to dream big. Her performances in the 2019-20 Hero Indian Women's League earned her a slot in the Senior Women's National team.

Home Town: Salem, Tamil Nadu | D.O.B: 21st Nov 1999

CAPS
1*



Favourite Player:
Cristiano Ronaldo

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.

FW PYARI XAXA 10

Nicknamed the 'Ferrari' for her astounding speed, Pyari was part of India's AFC U19 campaign in 2014, a feat which earned her the 2015 AIFF Emerging Woman Footballer of the Year Award. She made her debut for the Blue Tigresses at the age of 18. She is a big fan favourite, and was voted the Indian Football Fans' Player of the Year 2020-21.

Home Town: Rourkela, Odisha | D.O.B: 18th May 1997

CAPS

8*

GOALS

4*

Pyari

**Favourite Player:
Cristiano Ronaldo**





GRACE DANGMEI

FW

The nimble-footed winger from Bishnupur in Manipur hails from a family of farmers. She is feared for her electric pace, and exceptional dribbling skills. The AIFF Emerging Player of the Year in 2019 had scored a brace against Indonesia in the 2020 AFC Women's Olympic Qualifiers, and more recently scored against Venezuela during India's tour of Brazil in 2021.

Home Town: Bishnupur, Manipur | D.O.B: 5th Feb 1996

CAPS
43*
GOALS
12*

Daymei Grace

Favourite Player:
Megan Rapinoe

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.



RENU FW 15

Another girl from Haryana who is breaking all kinds of barriers, is 21-year-old Renu Rani. A daughter of daily-wagers, she earned her first U16 National team call up in 2016. She famously scored five goals in an AFC U-19 Women's qualifier against Pakistan, a match which India won 18-0. More recently, she scored India's match-winner against Chinese Taipei in a Friendly in 2021.

Home Town: Mangali, Haryana | D.O.B: 16th Jan 2001

CAPS
2*



Favourite Player:
Cristiano Ronaldo

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.



MANISHA KALYAN 16

FW

Manisha Kalyan, the 2020-21 AIFF Emerging Footballer of the Year is the first Indian footballer to have scored a goal against any Brazilian Senior National team. Manisha hails from Hoshiarpur, Punjab, where she first played football at the age of 13 when her school PT teacher asked her to switch from athletics to football.

The rest is history.

Home Town: Hoshiarpur, Punjab | D.O.B: 27th Nov 2001

CAPS
15*
GOALS
3*



Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi



MARIYAMMAL BALAMURUGAN

FW

18



The 18-year-old forward is another youngster who already has two senior international caps under her belt -- that too against top quality sides like Brazil and Venezuela. Hailing from a family of farmers from Salem, Tamil Nadu, Mariyammal was scouted from the 2018 Khelo India Games. She has represented India in the U16, and the U19 AFC qualifiers.

Home Town: Salem, Tamil Nadu | D.O.B: 14th Apr 2003

CAPS
2*

B. Mariyammal

Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.



SUMATI KUMARI

FW

22



17-year old Sumati Kumari started her journey from Gumla, Jharkhand. While playing in her village, the speedy attacker was scouted by AIFF, and brought into the junior national team camps in 2016. Sumati has been a part of the victorious India U-15 Women's Team at the SAFF U-15 Championship in 2019 wherein she scored three goals in four matches in Bhutan.

Home Town: Gumla, Jharkhand | D.O.B: 15th Jan 2004

Sumati

**Favourite Player:
Lionel Messi**

*In official matches till January 1, 2022.

THOMAS DENNERBY

Thomas Dennerby has an experience of over 30 years in coaching several National squads with much success. He had guided Sweden's women's national team to a 3rd-place finish in the FIFA World Cup in 2011, and a quarter-final spot in the 2012 London Olympics. He has also served as the Head Coach of the Nigerian Women's National Team wherein he coached the Super Falcons to qualify to the 2019 FIFA women's World Cup. He also helped the Nigerian women to win the AWCON Award 2018, and was awarded the 2018 Coach of the Year in Nigeria. He has been in charge of the Blue Tigresses since August 2021.



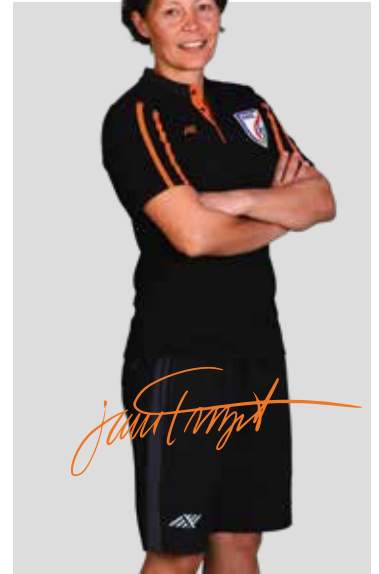
STAFF



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GK COACH



Priya Parathi Valappil
ASSISTANT COACH



Jane Tornqvist
STRENGTH AND
CONDITIONING COACH



Priyanka Bhodke
PHYSIO



Alex Mario Ambrose
ASSISTANT COACH



Kajol Yuvraj Kamble
MASSEUSE

STAFF



Swaroop Satyawati Gurung
TEAM MANAGER



Aswin Kanjadam
VIDEO ANALYST



Soumo Ghosh
MEDIA OFFICER



MATCH SCHEDULE

GROUP A

20.1.22



INDIA

VS

IR IRAN



7:30 PM IST | DY Patil Stadium

23.1.22



CHINESE TAIPEI

VS

INDIA



7:30 PM IST | DY Patil Stadium

26.1.22



INDIA

VS

CHINA PR



7:30 PM IST | Mumbai Football Arena

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