

PRESS RELEASE

Nagaland Enters Final for Third Consecutive Year: Can They Secure a Hat-Trick?

Riding on the back of a composed chase and a disciplined bowling attack, **Nagaland** defeated **Manipur** by 4 wickets in the **semi-final** of the **3rd NECDC Senior Men's Interstate Friendship Tournament 2025** at **Nagaland Cricket Stadium, Dimapur**. This win marks **Nagaland's third straight appearance in the NECDC finals**, setting the stage for a potential historic **hat-trick title**.

The match, shortened to 42 overs per side due to conditions, saw Nagaland chase down a revised target of 148 with 7 balls to spare. **Vino G Zhimomi** was named **Player of the Match** for his decisive 3-wicket spell.

First Innings – Manipur: 159/9 in 49 Overs

Manipur posted a competitive total of 159 in a weather-disrupted match. **Jotin Singh Pheiroijam** once again led the scoring with a composed **72 off 86 balls**, anchoring his side's innings. However, Nagaland's bowling unit, spearheaded by **Vino G Zhimomi (3/14)** and **Akavi A Yeptho (3/30)**, kept the scoring in check.

Top Scorer:

- Jotin Singh Pheiroijam – 72 (86)

Bowling (Nagaland):

- Vino G Zhimomi – 3/14 (10 overs)
 - Akavi A Yeptho – 3/30 (10 overs)
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Second Innings – Nagaland: 150/6 in 38.5 Overs (Target: 148 in 42 Overs)

Nagaland's chase was a display of discipline and composure. **Yugi** top-scored with a fluent **46 off 48 balls**, while **Nchumbemo Humtsoe** remained unbeaten on **35 off 64 balls**, guiding the team to victory in the 39th over.

Top Scorers:

- Yugi – 46 (48)
- Nchumbemo Humtsoe – 35* (64)

Bowling (Manipur):

- Jotin Singh Pheiroijam – 3/27 (8 overs)

Player of the Match: Vino G Zhimomi (Nagaland)



Zhimomi's tight spell of **3/14** in his full quota of 10 overs broke the back of Manipur's innings and was instrumental in keeping the target within reach for Nagaland. His performance earned him the Player of the Match title.

Match Summary: Manipur vs Nagaland

- **Venue:** Nagaland Cricket Stadium, Dimapur
 - **Date:** May 13, 2025
 - **Time:** 8:42 AM
 - **Toss:** Manipur won the toss and elected to bat
 - **Result:** Nagaland won by 4 wickets (VJD Method – Target: 148 in 42 overs)
 - **Player of the Match:** Vino G Zhimomi (Nagaland)
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MEGHALAYA STORMS INTO THE FINAL AFTER DOMINANT 7-WICKET SEMI-FINAL WIN OVER ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Meghalaya cruised into the final of the **3rd NECDC Senior Men's Interstate Friendship Tournament 2025** with a resounding **7-wicket victory** over **Arunachal Pradesh** at the **Sovima Cricket Ground**. Powered by a sensational bowling performance from **Manish Sharma**, Meghalaya dismantled the Arunachal batting lineup and chased down the modest total in under 20 overs. Sharma was deservedly named **Player of the Match** for his exceptional 4-wicket spell.

First Innings – Arunachal Pradesh: 101 all out in 33.1 Overs

Under pressure from the first over, **Arunachal Pradesh** struggled to build any momentum. Their top scorer, **Neelam Obi**, showed some resistance with 28 runs from 51 deliveries, while **Licha Jhon** added 22 off 59 balls. However, Meghalaya's bowlers were relentless.

Top Scorers:

- **Neelam Obi** – 28 (51 balls)
- **Licha Jhon** – 22 (59 balls)

Bowling Carnage by Meghalaya:

- **Manish Sharma** – 4/2 (5.1 overs)
- **Ram Gurung** – 3/21 (7 overs)
- **Aryan Borah** – 3/28 (10 overs)

The Arunachal lineup was bowled out for just 101 in 33.1 overs, as Meghalaya's bowlers dictated terms from start to finish.

Second Innings – Meghalaya: 103/3 in 19.3 Overs

Chasing a small target, **Meghalaya's top order** batted with intent and clarity. **Arpit Bhatewara** led the chase with an elegant **49 off 39 balls**, anchoring the innings till the brink of victory.

Top Scorer:

- **Arpit Bhatewara** – 49* (39 balls)

Bowling Highlights from Arunachal Pradesh:

- **Limar Dabi** – 1/18 (4.3 overs)
- **Likha Soniya** – 1/36 (5 overs)
- **Nabam Dol** – 1/27 (7 overs)

Meghalaya chased down the total with ease, finishing the job in just 19.3 overs to seal their place in the final.

Player of the Match: Manish Sharma (Meghalaya)



Manish Sharma delivered a **devastating bowling spell**, returning with dream figures of **4 wickets for just 2 runs** in 5.1 overs. His precise line and ruthless discipline broke the back of Arunachal's batting order, setting the tone for Meghalaya's dominant win..

Match Summary: Match Summary: Arunachal Pradesh vs Meghalaya

- **Venue:** Sovima Cricket Ground, Dimapur
- **Date:** May 13, 2025
- **Time:** 8:30 AM
- **Toss:** Meghalaya won the toss and elected to field
- **Result:** Meghalaya won by 7 wickets

- **Player of the Match:** Manish Sharma (Meghalaya)

UPCOMING FIXTURE (FINALS – DAY & NIGHT)

- **Match:** Meghalaya vs Nagaland
 - **Venue:** Nagaland Cricket Stadium
 - **Date:** 15th May, 2025
 - **Time:** 1:00 PM
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Closing & Prize Distribution Ceremony Announcement

We are **honoured to welcome Dr. Neiphiu Rio, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Nagaland & Convener, NECDC**, as the **Special Guest** for the **Closing & Prize Distribution Ceremony** of the **3rd NECDC Senior Men's Interstate Friendship Tournament 2025**. His presence will mark a celebratory culmination of a spirited and successful tournament.

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