

PRESS RELEASE

MEGHALAYA CRUISES TO 9-WICKET WIN OVER SIKKIM IN NECDC INTERSTATE TOURNAMENT

On Day 2 of the **3rd NECDC Senior Men's Interstate Friendship Tournament 2025**, **Team Meghalaya** delivered a commanding performance to defeat **Sikkim by 9 wickets** at the **Sovima Cricket Ground**, Dimapur. The comprehensive win marks Meghalaya's first victory of the tournament and highlights the emergence of all-rounder **Akash**, who was deservedly named **Player of the Match**

First Innings: Sikkim Struggles to Build Momentum

Put in to bat first, **Sikkim** posted a modest total of **150 all out in 40 overs**. Despite a resilient knock by **Ankur** who remained unbeaten on 46 off 55 balls, and a steady 40-run contribution from **Ashish Thapa**, the team failed to capitalize on their start.

Meghalaya's bowling unit remained disciplined and aggressive:

- **Ram Gurung** was sharp and economical with **3 wickets for 21 runs in 6 overs**
 - **Akash** showcased his all-round prowess, claiming **3/28 in 9 overs**, breaking the backbone of Sikkim's middle order
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Second Innings: Meghalaya's Dominance with the Bat

In response, Meghalaya chased down the target with authority, finishing at **151/1 in just 24.3 overs**. The opening partnership laid a solid foundation before the match-winning unbeaten stand between:

- **Arpit Bhatewara**, who anchored the innings with *55 off 63 balls**
- **Akash**, once again making an impact, smashed *53 off just 40 balls**, sealing the chase in style and underlining his all-round match-winning performance

Sikkim's only wicket came through Ankur, who bowled 5.3 overs for 37 runs.

Player of the Match: Akash (Meghalaya)



With a 3-wicket haul and an unbeaten half-century, Akash emerged as the standout performer, proving to be the x-factor in Meghalaya's well-rounded squad.

Match Summary:

- **Date:** May 10, 2025
 - **Time:** 9:50 AM
 - **Venue:** Sovima Cricket Ground, Dimapur
 - **Result:** Meghalaya won by 9 wickets
 - **Toss:** Meghalaya won the toss and elected to field
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ARUNACHAL PRADESH EDGES OUT MIZORAM IN A THRILLER TO SECURE FIRST WIN IN NECDC INTERSTATE TOURNAMENT

In a fiercely fought encounter at the **Nagaland Cricket Stadium**, Dimapur, **Arunachal Pradesh** clinched a tense **7-run victory** over **Mizoram** in the ongoing **3rd NECDC Senior Men's Interstate Friendship Tournament 2025**. The match, played on May 10, 2025, saw spectacular bowling displays from both sides, but it was **Nabam Dol's five-wicket haul** that ultimately turned the tide in Arunachal's favor.

First Innings: Arunachal Faces the Heat

Sent in to bat under overcast conditions, Arunachal Pradesh struggled for momentum, eventually being bowled out for **155 in 45.4 overs**. Their innings was anchored by **Techi Doria**, who top-scored with a patient **23 off 48 deliveries**.

Mizoram's bowlers kept things tight throughout:

- **Johan Lalbiakkima** was lethal with the ball, tearing through the middle and lower order with figures of **4/15 in 8.4 overs**
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Second Innings: Nabam Dol Delivers a Masterclass

Chasing a modest target of 156, Mizoram looked in control for stretches of the innings. **K Vanrotlinga's quickfire 39 off 39 balls** raised hopes for a successful chase. However, wickets at regular intervals, triggered by Arunachal's disciplined bowling, derailed the pursuit.

Enter Nabam Dol — the game-changer.

- With a fiery spell of **5/23 in 9.5 overs**, he dismantled Mizoram's lower order under mounting pressure, sealing the victory in the 44th over and earning himself the **Player of the Match** award.
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Player of the Match: Nabam Dol (Arunachal Pradesh)



For his sensational five-wicket haul under pressure, **Nabam Dol** was awarded **Player of the Match**. His ability to deliver when it mattered most was the difference between the two teams. This performance not only secured victory for Arunachal Pradesh but also positioned Dol as a standout bowler to watch in the tournament.

Match Summary: Arunachal Pradesh vs Mizoram

- **Date:** May 10, 2025
 - **Time:** 9:15 AM
 - **Venue:** Nagaland Cricket Stadium, Dimapur
 - **Result:** Arunachal Pradesh won by 7 runs
 - **Player of the Match:** Nabam Dol (Arunachal Pradesh)
 - **Toss:** Mizoram won the toss and elected to field
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UPCOMING FIXTURE

- **Match:** Nagaland vs Sikkim
 - **Venue:** Nagaland Cricket Stadium
 - **Date:** 12th May, 2025
 - **Time:** 9:00 AM

 - **Match:** Manipur vs Mizoram
 - **Venue:** Sovima Cricket Ground
 - **Date:** 12th May, 2025
 - **Time:** 9:00 AM
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