



**Sports and Youth Services Department  
Government of Odisha**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It's a pleasure on my part to inform you that the prestigious ODISHA WOMENS LEAGUE has been scheduled to start from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021. 6 (six) teams will be participating in this League and all the matches will be played in a double header league basis. There will be a total of 30 no's of matches. The teams participating in this league are Sports Hostel, SAI-STC, OGP CLUB, Rising Student Club, East Coast Railway & Odisha Police.

The Champion Team of this prestigious League will qualify to participate in the ensuing IWL to be conducted by All India Football Federation. Also, I would like to inform you that the Rising Student Club of State has the honour of being the Champion (2017-18) & Runners Up (2016-17) of the prestigious IWL. Also, the Odisha Police of our state has also represented in this prestigious IWL. This Odisha League is going to commence from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and will conclude on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021. All the matches will be played at Bhubaneswar (Kalinga Stadium practice ground and Capital High School Ground).

This prestigious event is being jointly organized by Football Association of Odisha and the Sports and Youth Service Department of Odisha. In the recent past, the Sports and Youth Service Department of Odisha has undertaken a lot of initiatives for the development of sports & games in our state.

Also, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Shri Naveen Patnaik (Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt of Odisha), Shri Tusharkanti Behera (Hon'ble Minister of Sports & Y S), Shri Vishal Kumar Dev I. A. S (Principal Secretary, Sports & Y S Deptt, Govt of Odisha), Shri R Vineel Krishna I.A.S (Special Secretary, CMO & Director of Sports & Y S, Govt of Odisha) & the entire department of Sports & Y S Deptt of Govt of Odisha for their kind support in promoting Football in our state.

Certainly, this noble endeavour of our govt will be a game changer for the development of Football in our State especially for Women Football.

In the end I would like to request all my friends of the media fraternity to kindly cover this prestigious event and give wide publicity in your esteemed print & electronic media for the larger interest for the development of sports and games of our state.

Wishing good luck to all participating teams.

Soliciting your kind cooperation.

Asirbad Behera  
Secretary, FAO