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Govt. Boys' Hr. Sec. School Tura crowned Champions of SPANDAN U-18 Football League

TURA, Aug 12: Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, Tura emerged champions of the District-Level SPANDAN League (Junior Under-18) Football Tournament after defeating Rongram United Secondary School, Tura 3-0 in the final held at the Football Stadium of Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Tura on Tuesday.



The four-day tournament, organised by the 144 Battalion BSF under the supervision of SHQ BSF Tura and the guidance of FTR HQ BSF Meghalaya, was conducted as part of the Border Security Force's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The event was also held under the Sports for Peace and Development Across the Nation (SPANDAN) initiative of the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

The tournament, which commenced on August 7, witnessed enthusiastic participation from 16 schools, with around 1,200 young players taking part in the competition. The event provided a platform for young footballers to showcase their skills while promoting discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship.

In the much-anticipated final, Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, Tura produced a strong performance to secure a convincing 3–0 victory over Rongram United Secondary School and claim the championship title. Rongram United finished as runners-up, while Rongkhon Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Tura secured third place.



The winning team was awarded a cash prize of ₹ 6,000, while the runners-up received ₹ 4,000 and the third-placed team was presented with ₹ 3,000.

Individual performances were also recognised during the closing ceremony. R. Marak of Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, Tura was adjudged the Best Player, while R. Jerik A. Sangma of Rongram United Secondary School was named Best Goalkeeper. Jeito S. Bath of Rongram Higher Secondary School received the Top Scorer award.





The closing ceremony was attended by Shri Lalit Mohan Sharma, DIG, SHQ Tura, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Shri Saurabh Suman, Assistant Commissioner, along with senior BSF officers, participating students and other guests, were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Lalit Mohan Sharma congratulated the champion team and appreciated the efforts of all the participating schools and young athletes. He encouraged the teams that could not secure the top positions to remain motivated, learn from the experience and continue working towards improving their performance.

He further emphasised the importance of discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship and healthy competition, urging the young players to carry these values beyond the football field and into their everyday lives.

The SPANDAN initiative, through such sporting events, aims to encourage youth participation in sports while promoting peace, development and a spirit of healthy competition among young athletes. A District-Level SPANDAN League Basketball Tournament was also organised in Shillong as part of the programme.