

# Zinc Football Academy Poised for Triple Triumph in May Across National and Regional Tournaments

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**Udaipur, May 1, 2025** — Hindustan Zinc's *Zinc Football Academy* is charting a defining path in the Indian youth football circuit as it enters a crucial month, competing on three major fronts. With strong performances across all age categories, the Zawar-based academy is eyeing top honours in the *Rajasthan League A-Division*, *AIFF Youth League U-17*, and *AIFF Junior League U-15*.

## R-League Title in Sight as Zinc U-20s Chase Historic Repeat

Zinc Football Academy's Under-20 team sits fourth in the *Rajasthan League A-Division* standings, with **17 points from 8 games**, including **5 wins and 2 draws**. League leaders FC Brothers United hold a narrow lead with 26 points from 10 matches. With **12 decisive fixtures** set for May, Zinc's young squad is in a strong position to replicate its iconic **2021 championship**, when it became the youngest side ever to win the R-League title.

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## **U-17 Squad Begins AIFF Youth League Final Round in Guwahati**

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The Under-17 team, after an unbeaten zonal phase run and topping *Group H*, has landed in Guwahati for the **AIFF Youth League final round**. Drawn into *Group C*, Zinc Football Academy will face:

- **FC Madras** on May 3
- **Northeast United FC** on May 5
- **FC Mangalore** on May 7

The top two teams will qualify for the **quarterfinals on May 9**, with the grand **final scheduled for May 14**.

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## **U-15s Set to Battle in AIFF Junior League Play-offs**

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Zinc Football Academy's Under-15 side is also gearing up for the **AIFF Junior League Play-off round** in Jamshedpur. Despite a narrow miss on goal difference in the zonal phase, the team remains confident as they prepare to face:

- **Mumbai City FC** on May 11
- **United Sports Club** on May 13

Wins in these fixtures will seal a place in the **final round**, commencing **May 16**.

## **Driving Grassroots Excellence in Indian Football**

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Zinc Football Academy, accredited by the *AIFF with an elite 3-star rating*, has been instrumental in grooming top talent, with alumni including national players **Mohammed Kaif**, **Prem Hansdak**, **Sahil Poonia**, and **Ashish Mayla**. Backed by **Hindustan Zinc**, a Vedanta Group company and one of India's top 10 social impact firms, the academy is managed in strategic partnership with **The Football Link**.

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The Academy reflects Hindustan Zinc's unwavering commitment to youth development, sports excellence, and social empowerment. As the teams compete for national glory this May, Zinc Football Academy continues to embody the company's broader vision for **nation-**

**building through sports.**

Hindustan Zinc also promotes excellence in **athletics, kabaddi, and volleyball**, while its **Vedanta Zinc City Half Marathon** has made Udaipur a beacon of fitness and tourism on the national stage.