

Dhaka, July 9: Bangladesh U-16 women's national football team coach Golam Rabbani Choton has vowed to show improvement in the South Korea tour that starts on Monday.

The U-16 team flew to Singapore last night from where they will board the flight to Korean city of Paju.

"We have improved our passing game and the running. We have tried to develop our combinations also. We can say that the fitness level of the players can match the international conditions. Even our little Tohura can run 2950 meters in 12 minutes. All the players have improved their fitness levels," said Choton.

"In the ten-day tour of South Korea, we will play four friendly matches. The opponents will include the South Korean U-16 team and three local selections. It would be a wonderful opportunity to shine the arsenal before the final challenges starts," added the coach.

Skipper Krishna Rani Sarker expressed confidence in her team. "We play a better brand of football now. Our teamwork has improved; we are not afraid of taking the challenges," said the forward.

Paul Smalley, the Technical Director of BFF thought the players have grown to face the challenges. "In the Japan tour, our team played against relatively more aged teams. They tasted defeat in a couple of matches but it was a big learning process."

Mahfuza Akter Kiron, the chairman of BFF Women's Wing said that they have tried to prepare the team in the best possible way as per the resource. "Bangladesh have been pitted in a strong group and BFF have tried all the ways to prepare the players to face the higher ranked teams. I believe Bangladesh will fight till end. I have every hope that the girls will not let us down," said Kiron.

Coach Choton pledges team improvement

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