

# Neeza poised for quadruple, Ishita eyes triple crown



Neeza Kamat



Ishita Colaco



Pradnya Caro

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**RAIA:** Rising star Neeza Kamat dazzled the arena by advancing to the finals in four categories - girls U-15, U-17, U-19, and women's singles, putting her in line for a rare quadruple crown in the Ulhas Jewellers BPS Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2024 organised by the BPS Sports Club under the aegis of

Goa Table Tennis Association, at the multipurpose hall, Fatorda, on Sunday. Ishita Colaco has also made headlines by reaching the finals in three categories - girls U-13, U-17 and women's singles, giving her a shot at a triple crown. Pradnya Caro has been the other standout player in the girls section, reaching finals in the U-15

and U-19 category. On a day of exhilarating matches, Ishita displayed her skills and determination by outplaying Pradnya Caro 3-1 in the U-17 girls semi-finals, while Neeza secured a convincing 3-0 win over Shreya Phadte in the other semi-final. The U-19 girls semi-final saw Neeza continuing her dominant run with a

3-0 win against Urvi Surlakar and Pradnya Caro advancing to the final with an impressive 3-0 win over Riya Gopi.

The women's singles semi-finals were equally thrilling, as Ishita once again proved her mettle by overcoming Pradnya with a flawless 3-0 performance. Neeza mirrored this result outsmarting Urvi Surlakar 3-0 to cement her place in the final.

This tournament serves as one of the event for selections for the table tennis nationals.

Results: U-17 girls singles semi-final: Ishita Colaco bt Pradnya Caro 3-1. Neeza Kamat bt Shreya Phadte 3-0.

U-19 girls singles semi-final: Neeza Kamat bt Urvi Surlakar 3-0. Pradnya Caro bt Riya Gopi 3-0.

Women's singles semi-final: Ishita Colaco def. Pradnya Caro 3-0.

Neeza Kamat def. Urvi Surlakar 3-0.



Sopan Desai got FIDE Rating 1524 in Standard Format of rating chess tournament. He was a student of Swastik Vidyalay, Priol, till Class X and is trained by Amogh Namshiker. His school teachers and parents motivated him to participate in chess tournaments. Presently, he is studying in GVM's Adarsh Higher Secondary School

## Siolim United in next round

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**RAIA:** Siolim United edged past Ritu Boys, Calangute, 4-2 via tie-breaker to move into the next round of Piyush Arambol Football Cup 2024 at Mount Carmel Church ground, Arambol, on Sunday.

## ARAMBOL FOOTBALL

Saideep scored a goal for Siolim United, while George netted the equaliser for Ritu Boys. At the end of regulation time, both the teams settled for 1-1 draw. In the resultant tie-breaker, Siolim United proved to be the better shooters.

## Super subs give Venezuela win over Ecuador, Mexico edge Jamaica

**AFP, SANTA CLARA:** Goals from substitutes Jhonder Cadiz and Eduard Bello gave Venezuela a 2-1 win over 10-man Ecuador in their Copa America Group B match on Saturday.

In the group's other game, Mexico made a winning start to their campaign with a 1-0 victory over Jamaica in Houston but lost their captain Edson Alvarez to injury.

Ecuador were forced to play with 10 men from the 22nd minute of the game at Levi Stadium when striker Enner Valencia was sent off for dangerous play.

## COPA AMERICA

The 34-year-old forward struck the chest of Venezuela defender Jose Martinez with his boot while challenging for a high, bouncing ball in the box and was initially awarded a yellow card but after a VAR review he was shown a straight red.

Ecuador, which had been in control of the game before the dismissal, responded well and went ahead in the 40th minute when Venezuela failed to clear a free-kick into the box and Jeremy Sarmiento pounced on the loose ball to drill home.

Venezuela head coach Fernando Batista made two changes at the break, bringing on Cadiz and Bello and both were to make a decisive impact. Then, in the 74th minute, Alexander Gonzalez

## TODAY'S SPORTS

**Exhibition football match:** Married vs Bachelors on the occasion of feast of St John the Baptist, at the St John the Baptist ground, Dando-Benaulim, 10 am

# St Anthony SC prove it in penalty shootout

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**RAIA:** St Anthony SC, Assolda, moved past Parish Youth Nuvem 6-4 via tie-breaker to march into the quarter-finals of 50th Custodio memorial football tournament organised by Raia Sporting Club, at Raia panchayat ground, on Sunday.

Moses D'Sa, the attacking midfielder, was the star of the match with his dribbling, passes and power-packed shots.



Moses D'Sa receives the man-of-the-match award from a dignitary

Parish Youth Nuvem defender Niclu Colaco was at his best, while St Anthony SC striker Louise Noronha gave his best for his team. In the 9th minute, PY Nuvem had the first glance at the rival goal

but striker Louise's power-packed shot missed the target by a whisker.

PY Nuvem striker Jonas Colaco shot from a close range but St Anthony SC goalkeeper Allwyn Faria was equal to the task. A sudden and foxy move by St Anthony SC turned the match with long ranger of Moses landing into the PY Nuvem net in the 20th minute.

Later, Alvitto Dias of PY Nuvem equalised after sending a well-measured ball to Shenoy Colaco, who rose high and headed the ball into St Anthony SC net in the 46th minute.

Then in a counterattack, Valentine Carvalho doubled the lead for St Anthony in the 51th minute.

As the match coming to the final quarter, Sunny

Fernandes of St Anthony SC after dribbling past PY Nuvem defenders shot from a close range but the PY Nuvem goalkeeper denied it. Later, PY Nuvem's Jonas equalised 2-2 in the 56th minute. In the resultant tie-breaker, St Anthony SC proved to be the better shooters.

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Fatima Convent High School, Margao, emerged champions in the Salcete taluka inter-school girls U-17 chess tournament organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs at the multipurpose hall, Fatorda, recently. Fatima Convent HS was represented by Kaya Renee Coutinho, Alysa Lavita Coutinho, Ashwini Mhatre, Danielle Xavier and Soha Khatib. The Taluka winners are now qualified to play in the South District level chess tournament



The King's School, Sao Jose de Areal, emerged champions in the Salcete taluka U-17 inter-school boys chess championship organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, at the multipurpose hall, Fatorda, recently. Edrick Vaz, Sara Powar, Atharva Sawal and Samuel D'Cunha represented the school

# Arnaldo elected unopposed as president of Curtorim Gymkhana



The new committee of Curtorim Gymkhana, headed by Arnaldo Costa, was elected for the 2024-26 term

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**RAIA:** Arnaldo Costa, former Goa Football Association Executive Member, former president and former general secretary of

Curtorim Gymkhana was elected unopposed as the president of Curtorim Gymkhana for the year 2024-26.

The following are members of the newly elected committee: Vice-President Jose Luis, General Secretary

Terrance Fernandes, Joint Secretary Joaquim Antonio Dias, Treasurer Luis Azavedo, Assistant Treasurer Jaison Luis, Sports Secretary Rosario Hilario, Assistant Sports Secretary Alister Costa, Cultural Secretary

Jojo Travasso, Executive Members Wilson Luis, Seby Fernandes, Alcino D'Silva, Lynaldo Costa, Savlo Naik, Pascoal Fernandes, Shailesh Prabhu, Joaquim Mascarenhas, Mario Gomes, Carlos Paes and Salvador D'Mello.

# Canacona taluka chess tournament on June 30

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**RAIA:** The 14th Sita Pandhari Raikar Canacona Taluka Chess Tournament organised by Canacona Sports and Cultural Club and supported by Ratnakar Raikar will be held on

June 30, at the Shradhanand Vidyalaya, Poinguinim. The tournament will be held in two age categories - U-15 (born on or after January 1, 2010) and above 15 years (born on or before December 31, 2009).

A chess player from Canacona

taluka and who is studying in Canacona can participate. The tournament will be played in Swiss League System in which each player has to play seven rounds. The winners will be awarded with cash prizes and trophies in each age category.

Also age group category - two prizes for U-7, 9, 11 and 13 years in boys and girls section. For details and entries, interested players should contact, Tanishq Kavlekar, Vallabh Desai and Ratnakar Raikar on or before June 27.