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Arunachal to host SAFF U-19 Championship

ITANAGAR: Arunachal Pradesh has been awarded the hosting rights for the SAFF U-19 Championship, marking the State's first-ever international football tournament...

Had 'fruitful' meet with I-League, IWL clubs over contentious issues: AIFF

NEW DELHI: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Thursday claimed it had a 'fruitful' meeting with owners and representatives of I-League and IWL clubs...



Dhaani Karishetty, Class IV student of Our Lady of the Rosary High School, Dona Paula, bagged three gold medals in the Sub-Junior Individual Event, 53kg weight category...

Newcastle sweep aside Arsenal to reach League Cup final

NEWCASTLE: Newcastle swept into the League Cup final for the second time in three seasons with a vibrant 2-0 win against Arsenal in the semi-final second leg...

Real great Marcelo announces retirement

RIO DE JANEIRO: Former Real Madrid left-back Marcelo announced his retirement from professional football on Thursday after a trophy-laden career.

Sunrisers to buy Yorkshire Hundred franchise for reported £100m

LONDON: Indian Premier League side Sunrisers Hyderabad are set to become the first 100 percent owners of an English cricket Hundred franchise...

Nuven SC in last four

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RAIA: Nuven Sports Club march into semi-finals outplaying Guirdolim Club 2-1 in the 17th All Goa Inter-Village Seraulim Panchayat Cup football tournament...

over the outrushing goalkeeper under the Guirdolim crossbar.

At half time, Nuven SC were leading 1-0. Guirdolim Club equalised in the second half when Sil-don Peixoto scored from a close range in the 42nd minute...

Goa win bronze medal in beach volleyball

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Bronze medallists Rama Dhawaskar and Nitin Sawant along with Pralhad Dhawaskar (Goa Police volleyball team coach) and Surya sawant (SAG coach)

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PANJIM: Goa bagged the bronze medal in beach volleyball championship at the ongoing 38th National Games, Uttarakhand, on Thursday.

In a tough and competitive match, the Goan team consisting Rama Dhawaskar and Nitin Sawant outplayed Telangana by fighting back after losing the first set 2-20.

Post match, Coach Pralhad Dhawaskar said, "It was a very tough match with both the teams playing very well. It is great to have beaten the former champions. Our boys kept their nerve and won the match.

This result was due to the hard practice the team had undergone for 21 days in Panjim. We had three sessions with each session lasting 2.5 hours.

Rama, the veteran player, who was also involved in the Gujarat Games, said that the match was tough but it was good.

He said, "We played the mind games. We lost the first set and decided to start attacking while taking care of our defence. We were nervous in the first set and then we attacked like I said. It caught them slightly off guard. By the time they recovered their posture we had won the second set.

In the third set we were confident. We were 10 all but from there we pushed ahead and won the match."

Nitin said, "It was very helpful to have somebody like Rama in your team. He guided me and changed the strategy based on the conditions of the match. Winning the medal is great. After losing the first set we changed the strategy and it helped us."

Irvin Soares, former president of the association said, "It is absolutely great our Goan team won a medal. I was hoping for the gold and silver. We have the beach which is given by nature and our talent and hard work did the rest. The boys can expect to get Rs 1 lakh each for the bronze medal from the State government."

NATIONAL GAMES

Churchill Bros look to regain top spot at home

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PANJIM: Hosts Churchill Brothers FC will face Gokulam Kerala, at Raia panchayat ground, at 3.30 pm.

The Red Machines will try their best to bank on home advantage to regain top position in the I-League table standings.

I-LEAGUE PREVIEW

In another match, Dempo Sports Club will be eager to bounce back when they take on Inter Kashi in an away fixture of the I-League 2024-25 at

Dempo SC eager to bounce back

Kalyani Stadium, West Bengal, on Friday, at 7 pm.

The Golden Eagles suffered a tough 0-4 defeat against Rajasthan United FC in their previous outing, where second-half goals from Gerard Artigas, Lucas Rodriguez, Naoba, and Alain Oyarzon sealed the win for their opponents.

Meanwhile, Inter Kashi will have the backing of their home crowd after edging

past Gokulam Kerala 3-2 in a closely contested encounter. Domi Berlanga's brace and a penalty from Nikola Stojanovic secured the victory, while Gokulam responded through Abhijith Kurungoden and Sinisa Stanisavic.

Addressing Dempo Sports Club's defensive performance, Naik brushed aside concerns despite the previous loss.

"Only in the last game, maybe some individual errors led to goals. Overall, if you look at the defensive aspect of the team, it's been great. So, there

are no issues defensively. The only challenge has been in the attacking areas. But I have full confidence in the boys. They are giving their best and creating chances," he asserted.

Looking ahead to the match, Naik emphasised the team's readiness. "It will be a similar game, I guess. The boys are pumped up and ready. I could see the positive vibes in the team this morning during training. There's a lot of positive energy. So, we are ready. I could see it. I could feel it. I could sense that positivity in the team," he signed off.

Dempo SC, FC Goa win

Sesa FA, RFYC share spoils in RFDL Zonal Group Stage Goa

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MAPUSA: On the penultimate match day of Reliance Foundation Development League (RFDL) 2024-25 Zonal Group Stage in Goa, Dempo SC cruised past Mumbai City FC 3-0 to maintain their stance at the top of the standings, on Thursday.

RELIANCE LEAGUE

Second-placed FC Goa, too, kept up with their momentum with a resounding 4-1 win over Maharashtra Oranje FC.

Meanwhile, Sesa FA and Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) played out a 1-1 draw, at the Sirsaim ground.

For Dempo SC, Salgeo Dias scored a brace, while Shreyash Gajanan Naik also registered a goal to hand their side a convincing 3-0 victory at the Dul-

HERALD PIC



FC Goa and Maharashtra Oranje FC players vie for the ball during the Reliance Foundation Development League match

er Stadium, here.

FC Goa caught up close with the Golden Eagles, maintaining a one-point gap with a late win over Maharashtra Oranje FC.

Substitutes reigned supreme for the Gaurs as Vellington Fernandes, Lalthangliana and Jovial Dias all came off the bench to cancel out Pratham Ghatnur's opening strike for Maharashtra

Oranje FC and register a big victory at the FC Goa training ground, Guirim.

In the third match of the day at Sirsaim ground, Sesa FA shared points with Reliance Foundation Young Champs in a 1-1 draw as Thokchom Beckham Singh and Heikrujam Sanathoi Singh both got onto the scorer's sheet for the teams respectively.

FC Goa secure 2-1 win to reignite top-2 race

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FATORDA: FC Goa edged past Odisha FC 2-1 in the Indian Super League match played at the Nehru Stadium, here, on Thursday.

The Gaurs jumped to the second spot, replacing Jamshedpur FC (34), as a result of this triumph, having 36 points to their kitty. The Manolo Marquez-coached side took six shots on target as opposed to the two of Odisha FC, also making 15 interceptions vis-a-vis the seven by the juggernauts, reflecting their superiority in both ends of the field.

Odisha FC had a brilliant chance to take the lead on the back of a fantastic free-kick effort by Ahmed Jahouh, who was making his 150th ISL appearance, in the 28th minute.

Stepping up to lead the set-piece wide down the left flank, Jahouh's accuracy and the weight on the ball meant that his kick took the entire FC Goa backline by surprise. The ball rattled off the crossbar, but the home team quickly overturned this momentum with a patient build-up. FC Goa will play their next game against Mumbai City FC on February 12, whereas Odisha FC are set to feature against Punjab FC on February 10.

RESULT

FC Goa 2 (Brison Fernandes 29', Lalthangana Khawlhing OG 47')

Odisha FC 1 (Rahul KP 54')

ISL FIXTURE

NorthEast United FC vs Mumbai City FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Shillong, at 7.30 pm



FC Goa's Brison Fernandes dribbling with the ball against Odisha FC Thoiba Moirangthem and Mourtada Sergine Fall at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Fatorda, on Thursday

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Fr Agnelo YSC in semis

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RAIA: Fr Agnelo YSC, Paroda, entered the semi-finals of 1st Vauradencho Ixtt Trophy 2025 organised by Batoro United Club in association with Margao Sports Club defeating United Club Verna 3-1 at the DSYA ground, Curtorim, on Thursday.

Sowell Fernandes opened the scoreline for Fr Agnelo YSC in the 7th minute of the game and were leading 1-0 at half time.

Changing over, UC Verna tried to control the game but failed to capitalise on the chances they got and Fr Agnelo YSC scored through



Sowell Fernandes of Fr Agnelo YSC is awarded the man-of-the-match by Leander Almeida and Valent Fernandes, former players of Dempo Sports Club

Joel furtado in the 27th and 37th minute of play. UC Verna's Cliton Rebello pulled one goal back in the 40th minute.

TODAY'S SPORTS

I-League: Churchill Brothers vs Gokulam Kerala, at Raia panchayat ground, 3.30 pm

GFA U-15 Division I League: Guardian Angel SC vs Geno FC, at Betalbatim ground, 3.45 pm

GFA Division II League South Zone Play-Offs: South Goa United SC vs Vasco City SCC, at Cansaulim ground. Rising Star SCC vs Guirdolim Club, at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda. Kick of 3.45 pm

1st Vauradencho Ixtt Trophy: Margao Sports Club vs Raia Sporting Club, at the DSYA ground, Curtorim, 4.30 pm

17th All Goa Inter-Village Seraulim Panchayat Cup football: St Anthony's Sports Club Marna-Siolim vs United Sports Club of Seraulim, at Seraulim panchayat ground, 4.30 pm

