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DHAKA: Veteran Bangladesh batter Mahmudullah on Wednesday announced his retirement from international cricket. "I have decided to retire from international cricket," the 39-year-old, who retired from Tests in 2021 and T20Is in 2024, wrote in a social media post. Mahmudullah ends as Bangladesh's fourth-highest ODI run-getter with 5689 runs at 36.46, including four centuries -- all in ICC tournaments. He scored back-to-back centuries in the 2015 World Cup, another in the 2017 Champions Trophy against New Zealand, and a fourth in the 2023 ODI World Cup against South Africa. "I would like to thank all of my teammates, coaches & specially my fans who have always supported me," added his Facebook post. "A big thank you to my parents, my in laws specially my father in law & most importantly my brother Emdad Ullah who has been there for me constantly since my childhood as my coach & mentor," signed off Mahmudullah, who played 239 ODIs, 50 Tests and 141 T20Is in his 17-year career.

Rinku Hooda leads India's stellar show in javelin at World Para Athletics Grand Prix

NEW DELHI: India delivered a stellar performance on the second day of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025 with Rinku Hooda emerging as the standout star in the men's javelin events. Rinku clinched the gold medal in the F46 category with an impressive throw of 60.26 meters. India's dominance was further underlined in the men's javelin F12, F37, F42, F43 combined category, where Indian athletes swept the podium. Pushpendra Singh led the pack with a gold-winning throw of 57.57 meters, followed by Mohit who secured silver with 45.45 meters, and Jaswant who took bronze with 45.94 meters, marking another clean sweep for the hosts. The momentum continued across other field events, with Ritender adding another gold for India in the men's javelin F40/F41 category with a throw of 30.33 meters. India's women athletes also made their presence felt. In the shot put event, Svetlana Mironova claimed gold with a throw of 13.97 meters, while India's Khushboo Gill took silver with 9.52 meters and Ananya Bansal earned bronze with a 7.73-meter effort. In the women's javelin F34 category, India's Baghyashri Madhavrao Jadhav won gold with a throw of 12.73 meters, edging out Uzbekistan's Diluz Ziyodulloeva, who took silver with 11.30 meters. Mubina claimed the bronze.

Rohit might be eyeing 2027 ODI WC title before calling it quits: Ponting

DUBAI: Australia legend Ricky Ponting believes Rohit Sharma is still going strong and a sense of unfinished business was behind his decision to continue playing and leading India in the 50-over format until the 2027 ODI World Cup to be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. Barring the ODI World Cup, Rohit has won all ICC titles while captaining India. He came agonisingly close to laying his hands on the 50-over world title at home in 2023, only to lose to Australia in the final. Speaking on The ICC Review, the former Australia skipper said Rohit is pretty clear about his future goals. "When you start getting to that point of your career, everyone's waiting for you to retire. And I don't know why, when you can still play as well as he's played (in the Champions Trophy final), I think he was just trying to put those questions to bed once and for all and say, 'no, I'm still playing well enough. I love playing in this team. I love leading this team.' And I think, the fact that he said that, to me, it means that he must have that goal in mind of playing in the next (50-over) World Cup (in 2027)," Ponting stated.

Argentina puts 7 of Maradona's healthcare professionals on trial

BUENOS AIRES: An Argentine court on Tuesday started its trial of seven healthcare professionals accused of negligence in the death of soccer great Diego Maradona, at age 60. Maradona was under the care of those professionals when he had a cardiac arrest in a house outside Buenos Aires on Nov. 25, 2020. Three judges will decide whether those charged, including a neurosurgeon, a psychiatrist and several medical staffers, are guilty of manslaughter.

Carmona Youth, Varca B move up

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RAIA: Carmona Youth defeated USC Seraluim Youth 2-1 to move into the next round of Benaulim constituency youth football tournament played at Varca ground, on Wednesday.

Carmona youth netted a goal each through Dawson and Fabius and for USC Seraluim Youth Mandal netted a goal.

Earlier, USC Seraluim

pipped Varca A 1-0 to move into the next round. USC Seraluim netted the match winner through Ashley Fernandes.

In another match, Varca B edged past Colva Youth 5-4 to march into the next round. Varca B netted a brace each through Jobern and Arron Baretto, while Francisco netted a goal. And for Colva Youth, Cain netted a brace, while Samson and Riston scored a goal each.

Sporting Clube pip Chanmari FC 1-0

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PANJIM: Sporting Clube de Goa secured a 1-0 victory over Chanmari FC (CFC) in the All India Football Federation I-League 2 match played at Bambolim Athletics Stadium, on Wednesday.

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Sporting Clube's Biswa Darjee delivered a decisive goal in the closing moments, securing a vital victory for the team and extending their winning momentum, while Chanmari FC were dealt their second defeat of the season.

While Chanmari FC, with 19 points, posed a threat on the counter, Sporting Clube's defence remained resolute, with key players making crucial interceptions to neutralise their opponents' attacks. With

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Biswa Darjee celebrates after putting Sporting Clube de Goa 1-0 up against Chanmari FC at Bambolim Athletics Stadium, on Wednesday

the win, Sporting Clube moved up to 15 points in the standings.

The first half saw both teams battling fiercely for control, with each side creating chances but unable to break the deadlock. The game remained intense as both teams fought hard to gain the upper hand.

In the second half, Biswa

scored a late header in the 92nd minute, following a perfectly delivered cross from Myron, securing the victory for Sporting Clube.

Sporting Clube, currently standing in third position in the league, will face their next match on March 17, against KLSA at the Khuman Lampak Stadium in Manipur.

GFA invites bids for new teams in Goa Pro League

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PANJIM: The Goa Football Association (GFA) has opened invitations for clubs, entities, and organisations interested in forming a football team to compete in the Goa Professional League (GPL) - Goa's top-

tier football competition.

With a rich legacy in Indian football, the GPL continues to be the breeding ground for local talent, providing players with a platform to shine at the national level.

Recognising the growing passion for football in the State, GFA is now extend-

ing an opportunity for new teams to join the league and contribute to Goa's vibrant football ecosystem.

Interested parties can collect the official bid document from the GFA Office in Panjim during working hours. The last date to pick up the document is April 15.

Goa to host Indian Masters Nat Badminton Championship

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PANJIM: Goa will be host of the Yonex Sunrise 47th Indian Masters (Veteran) National Badminton Championship 2025, set to take place from March 16 to 23, at Peddem Indoor Stadium, Mapusa.

This tournament serves as the selection event for the BWF World Seniors Championship, attracting over 2,200 players and 2,700 entries across 45 events, ranging from the 35+ to 75+ age groups.

The championship will feature former Indian national and international badminton stars, such as Leroy D'Sa, Abhin Shyam Gupta, Joy Anthony, Nikhil Kanitkar, Vijay, Lancy, S. Banu and many more, ensuring a fiercely competitive tournament.

The details were announced at a press conference held at a city hotel, here.

Addressing the media-persons, Chief Patron of the Goa Badminton Association (GBA) Shrinivas Dempo, highlighted the far-reaching impact of hosting such a prestigious national event in Goa.

Reflecting on his company's long-standing com-

mitment to sports, Dempo spoke about Dempo Group's Goodwill Ambassador Scheme, which nurtures young Goan talent.

He congratulated Aarush Pawaskar, a Dempo-supported athlete, for winning a silver medal at the France International Open in Sub-Juniors and reiterated his commitment to supporting emerging Goan athletes.

He also lauded the Goa Badminton Association for completing 60 years of excellence and expressed confidence that this year's initiatives would have a lasting impact on badminton in the state.

Goa Badminton Association President Manoj Patil took the opportunity to celebrate Goa's rich badminton legacy, recalling icons like late Rasik Painguinkar, Michael D'Sa, Ashutosh and Leena Pednekar, as well as modern-day stars like Anura Prabhu Desai and Anushka Kuvelkar, former India's No.1 players and Tanisha Crasto, who represented India at the Paris Olympics.

He also recognised rising Goan talents Arjun Fallary, Lydia Barreto and Aarush Pawaskar, all of whom have represented India internationally.

To mark the 60th Anni-

versary of the GBA, Patil announced a series of seven key initiatives designed to further develop and promote badminton in Goa. These include the launch of a Grassroots Badminton Programme, ensuring structured training opportunities in every taluka of Goa, and the hosting of two All India Ranking Tournaments for the Sub-Junior (U-15 & U-17) and Mini (U-13) categories, which are expected to attract around 3,000 young players from across the country.

Other initiatives include a Technical Officials' Workshop to train more referees and umpires, a Talent Identification Programme to support young rising prospects, and a School Outreach Programme aimed at introducing badminton at the grassroots level.

Additionally, a Corporate Badminton Tournament will be organized to engage Goa's business community, and a Grand Badminton Convention will bring together past and present players to celebrate Goa's badminton journey.

TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA Futsal League: Cana Benaulim SA vs Ponda Footballers, at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, 6 pm. CDJ Ribandar vs Enfermos SC, 7 pm

GFA U-13 Girls League All Goa Finals: Compassion FC vs Union of Chinchinim Villagers, at Sinquetim ground, Navelim, 4.30 pm

Benaulim constituency youth football: Orlim Youth vs Varca Youth, at Varca ground, 4 pm

14th Wilred Leisure Soccer Cup: Fr Agnelo YSC, Paroda, vs Cuncolim Union, at the DSYA ground, Curtorim, 4.45 pm

Hyderabad FC hold Kerala Blasters

AGENCIES, HYDERABAD: Hyderabad FC held Kerala Blasters FC to a 1-1 draw in the Indian Super League match played at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium, here, on Wednesday.

This was the last league-stage encounter of the season, as Kerala Blasters FC wrapped the campaign at the eighth spot with 29 points, whereas Hyderabad FC finished at the penultimate place with 18 points.

Both Hyderabad FC and Kerala Blasters FC have finished their runs in the league this season with this match.

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Hyderabad FC 1 (Sourav K 45') Kerala Blasters FC 1 (Dušan Lagator 7')****Sao Jose de Areal in quarters**

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RAIA: Sao Jose de Areal had a thrilling win over Navelim Villagers Union 3-2 to enter into the quarter-finals of 14th Wilred Leisure Soccer Cup 2025 at the DSYA ground, Curtorim, on Wednesday.

Dayrl Costa scored a brace for Sao Jose de Areal and remained 2-0 ahead at the half time.

After resumption of second half, Navelim Villagers Union regroup quickly and fired two quick goals through Noah Luis to level the score but at the last quarter Sao Jose de Areal scored the match winning goal through Brasel Viegas.

Dyral Costa of Sao Jose de Areal was adjudged as the man-of-the-match, which presented by Anil Chougule.

Margao SC, Futebol Club YFA win

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RAIA: Margao Sports Club defeated St Sebastiao Youth Club 4-2 in the Goa Football Association Futsal League match played at Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, on Wednesday.

Joylex Vaz scored a brace, while Ashwin Rebello and Shubert Colaco scored a goal each for Margao SC. Syndroy Araujo and Ryan Dias netted for St Sebastiao YC.

In another match, Futebol Club YFA trounced Parish Youth Nuvem 11-1.

Sneeden Madeira scored a hat-trick, Rio Jesus and Johnathan Leitao scored a brace each, while Filbert Pereira, Joshua Vaz, Nash D'Silva and Sachin Patil scored a goal each for Futebol Club. Valaco Tavares scored the only goal for Parish Youth Nuvem.

E Bengal crash out of AFC Challenge League

PTI, ARKADAG (Turkmenistan): A 10-man East Bengal conceded two late goals to go down 1-2 to FC Arkadag of Turkmenistan and crash out of the quarter-finals in the AFC Challenge League, here, on Wednesday.

Messi Bouli put East Bengal in the lead in the first minute of the second leg quarter-final match, but the Indian Super League side were reduced to 10 men in the 33rd minute when Lalchungnunga was sent off

by the referee for his second yellow card offence.

Altmyrat Annadurdyeyez then struck two late goals (89th and 90+8th) to seal the semi-finals spot with 3-1 on aggregate. They had won 1-0 in the first leg match in Kolkata on March 5.

East Bengal had qualified for the third tier of men's AFC club competition by virtue of winning the 2024 Super Cup. They had topped Group A with seven points to make it to the quarter-finals.

Calangute Veterans in last four

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Succor Miranda presents the man-of-the-match to Seby Vaz of Calagute Veterans

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for Siolim Veterans in the 55th minute.

RAIA: Calangute Veterans got the better of Siolim Veterans 4-1 to enter into the semi-finals of 10th Fatorda Veterans football tournament played at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda.

Seby Vaz of Calagute Veterans scored a hat-trick in the 10th, 24th and 50th minute of play, while Marcus Carvalho pulled one goal back

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Vedanta Sesa Goa extends support to para-athlete Sakshi

The backing will aid her participation in World Para-Athletics Grand Prix 2024-25 and Khelo India Games

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PANJIM: As part of the #IronLadiesIndia'25 initiative for International Women's Day, Vedanta Sesa Goa, in partnership with the Goa Paralympic Association, has extended support to champion para-athlete Sakshi Kale.

The backing will aid her participation in the World Para-Athletics Grand Prix 2024-25 and the Khelo India Games. The initiative celebrates women's resilience and contributions across various fields. To mark the occasion, a felicitation ceremony was held at Sesa Ghor, Patto-Panjim, where Sakshi

received financial assistance and a memento honouring her inspiring journey.

The event was attended by CEO of Vedanta Sesa Goa Navin Jaju, President of the Goa Paralympic Association Vishram Naik, Secretary of GPA Sudesh Thakur, Sakshi's parents and Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Khandola, Principal Prof (Dr) Purnakala Samant among other dignitaries.

Navin Jaju lauded Sakshi's achievements, stating, "Sak-



shi is an 'Iron Lady' and a role model for us all. At Vedanta Sesa Goa, we are privileged to support her dreams. Over the years, we have championed women's aspirations

through initiatives like the Sesa Football Academy, Sesa Technical School, and Vedanta Utkarsh Scholarships. With community support, we hope to create many more champions like her."

A resident of Usgao and a student of GCASC, Khandola, Sakshi has overcome visual

impairment to make her mark at the national level. She will compete in the 100m, 200m sprints, and long jump at the upcoming Grand Prix. Her recent form has been promising, with strong performances in various events. She will later represent Goa at the Khelo India Games.

Expressing her gratitude, Sakshi said, "I am very thankful to Vedanta Sesa Goa for their support. This will encourage other para-athletes and motivate me to achieve more for India."

Sakshi's journey exemplifies determination, and with this latest backing, she is set to shine on the international stage.

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