

Para-athlete Sakshi bags gold, makes Goa proud

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RAIA: Goa's para-athlete sensation Sakshi Kale won the gold medal in T-13 100m athletics at the Khelo India Para Games 2025, the second edition of multi-sport para event under the Central government's Khelo India initiative, underway in New Delhi.

KHELO INDIA PARA GAMES 2025

She is the only para-athlete to win gold medal for Goa.

In February, at the 23rd National Para Athletics Championships 2025, held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, in T-12 category, she won two gold medals in 100m and 200m and silver medal in long jump.

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In March, at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, New Delhi, Sakshi won silver medal in 100m.

"I would like to thank all the people who sup-

ported me, well-wishers and coaches. Special thanks to Sudin Dhavlikar, Apoorv Dalvi and Vedanta," Sakshi said after winning the medal.

Shiroda YC in semis

RAIA: In an exciting quarter-final of 14th Wilred Leisure Soccer Cup 2025, Shiroda Youth Club secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Fr Agnel YSC, Paroda, to enter into the semi-finals, at DSYA ground, Curtorim, on Friday. Melson Fernandes of Fr Agnel YSC scored the first goal in the 31st minute of play and remained 1-0 lead at the lemon break.

After resumption of second half, Shiroda YC attacked the Fr Agnel YSC defence and find the equaliser in the 41st minute through Elias Colaco and in the 61st minute of play Climax Fernandes scored from the box with placement for Shiroda YC and that goal turned to be match winning goal.

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Reston Vaz of Shiroda Youth Club receiving the man-of-the-match award for his outstanding performance by a chief guest

Calangute Association SC walk past Churchill Bros

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MAPUSA/RAIA: Calangute Association SC registered a fluent 3-1 win over Churchill Brothers SC in the Goa Professional Relegation League match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Friday.

All the goals came in the second session of play. For Calangute Association SC Chandrakant Shirodkar (54th minute) and Jovito Fernandes (59th, 98th minute) scored, while Alent Colaco (62nd minute) pulled a goal for Churchill Brothers.

GOA PROFESSIONAL RELEGATION LEAGUE

With this win, Calangute Association SC have 16 points, while Churchill Brothers stay on 13 points both playing their 17 GPL match.

Early in the match, both the goalkeepers came with smart saves. A 25-yard strike by Aman Govekar was paired for a corner by Churchill Brothers' custodian Gairik Roy, while at the other end Churchill Brothers' Garrison Fernandes' shot from just outside the six-yard box was blocked for a corner by Calangute Association SC goalkeeper Aditya Sharma.

In the 35th minute, Churchill Brothers SC's

Lunminlen Haokip dribbled past a host of defenders and drilled a hot-blooded shot which was pushed by Calangute Association SC's custodian Aditya for a corner.

Calangute Association SC came strongly into the second session of play and scored two quick goals through Chandrakant Shirodkar and Jovito Fernandes. A deep cross by Dominic Fernandes inside the goal area was nodded by Chandrakant Shirodkar into the goal, 1-0.

Just five minutes later, this time a brilliant low

er Atharv Dandekar came with a timely clearance to deny Jovito's placement land into the goal.

From the eight minutes of stoppage time, the Red Machine had a glorious chance to level terms but Calangute Association SC's custodian Aditya flung to his left to fist the ball for a corner off a 30-yard rasping shot by Moirangmayum Singh.

While the Red Machine failed to score, Calangute Association SC, a minute before the final hooter, saw Jovito net his brace in connecting substitute Nigel Silveria's cross into the goal, 3-1.

Down by an early goal, Guardian Angel SC fought brilliantly to defeat Panjim Footballers 3-1 at Nagoa panchayat ground, on Friday. Kavya Katkar gave the lead to Panjim Footballers in the 6th minute of the match.

Suman Lepcha equalised for Guardian Angel SC in the 37th minute of the play.

In the second session, Guardian Angel SC scored two quick goals in the span of four minutes. Sannik Murmu gave lead to Guardian Angel SC scoring the second goal in the 83rd minute, while Airen Fernandes made the issue safer for Guardian Angel SC scoring the third goal in the 87th minute.

Albert Developers drub Pilerne SC, Chapora YS score big win

Young Boys of Tonca SC collect full points

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MAPUSA/RAIA: Albert Developers drubbed Pilerne SC by 4-1 margin in the Goa Football Association Division I League match played at Poriat ground, Calangute, on Friday.

GFA LEAGUES

Pilerne SC stunned their opponents with Joanathan D'Souza scoring with a neat placement 1-0 in the 27th minute of play.

On crossing ends, Albert Developers not only levelled terms through Saish Kavlekar in the 58th min-

ute but saw Paulo Joao, Mohit Kankonkar and Abhyuday add their names to the scorer's list.

At Guirim ground, Chapora Yuvak Sangh trounced Goa Velha SC by 7-0 margin.

Young Boys of Tonca SC moved past Sao Jose de Areal SC 2-1 at Rosary ground, Navelim, on Friday.

Ajit Bhattachari and Nur Amin Gaine scored a goal each for Young Boys of Tonca SC, while Judson Soares was the goal scorer for Sao Jose de Areal SC.

GFA U-17 league: FC Goa humble Sporting Clube

FC Goa humbled

Sporting Clube de Goa 7-0 in the Goa Football Association's U-17 League match played at Santa Cruz ground, on Friday.

Sangam opened the floodgates by scoring in the 24th minute with Josley netting the second goal five minutes later.

Down with two goals, Sporting Clube tried their best to come on level terms but could not find the net.

After the break, FC Goa came out all guns blazing with an additional five goals with Asher, Josley and Tanish netting a goal each and Sherlock scoring a brace.

This win leaves FC Goa at the top of the league with a game yet to play.

Roseline, Tanaji, Dhond, Kudchadkar & Rupchandra enter pre-quarterfinals

Sharma, Lakhan, Jamwal & Srivastava among top India seeds to surge ahead

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MAPUSA: Goa's senior shuttlers putting up commendable performances as they advanced to the pre-quarterfinals across multiple categories, at the ongoing 47th Indian Masters National Badminton Championship at the Peddem multipurpose stadium, here, on Friday.

Roseline Bunyan (WS 65+), Manjiri Moktali (WS 55+), and Rupchandra Humraskar (MS 60+) deliv-

ered strong straight-game victories to progress to the next round.

Goa's Tanaji Sawant (MS 70+) fought hard in a three-game battle before securing his spot, while Pradeep Dhond (MS 70+), Satish Dhond Kudchadkar (MS 75+), and the doubles pair of J D'Souza and K Prabhakar (MD 70+) ensured Goa's presence remained strong in the later stages of the competition.

The mixed doubles pair of Pradeep Dhond and Judy Fernandes (XD 60+) also advanced with a convincing win.

next round, with the latter grinding out a tough three-game match.

Sanjay Srivastava (Uttar Pradesh) (1) looked in control in MS 65+, while Parun Singh H (Manipur) (2) survived a scare before sealing his spot in the MS 70+ pre-quarterfinals.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Rajeev Sharma (CAG) (1) continued his smooth run in MS 55+, alongside Sanyasi Rao Ch (Andhra Pradesh) (2), who dominated his match. In MS 75+, Basant Kumar Shikari (Madhya Pradesh) (2) showed his class with a commanding win.



Rupchandra Humraskar in action at the Peddem multipurpose stadium, Mapusa, on Friday

GOA DIARY

Netball selection trials at Sao Jose de Areal today

PANJIM: The Goa Netball Association will conduct selection trials to select the State team which will participate in the 1st Sub Junior Mixed Netball Championship and 3rd Sub-Junior Fast-5 Netball Championship (boys and girls) from March 26 to April 1, at Haryana. The trials will be held on March 22, at Bethany Convent High School, Sao Jose de Areal, at 4 pm. Interested players should report with complete playing kit and registration card to Kirtan Vaiz or Sameer Raikar at the venue.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Goa Professional League (Relegation League): Vasco SC vs Pax of Nagoa SC, at Tilak Maidan, Vasco, 4 pm
14th Wilred Leisure Cup 2025 (semi-final): Raia Sporting Club vs Sao Jose de Areal, at DSYA ground, Curtorim, 4.45 pm

All Goa Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament for Judges, Advocate and Staff, at MCC ground, Margao, 9 am

10th Fatorda Veterans 2025 (final): Calagute Veterans vs Nuvem Veterans, at Don Bosco ground, Fatorda, 5.30 pm

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Subramanian stuns World No. 2 in Swiss Open; Treasa-Gayatri in semis

BASEL: India's Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian caused a major upset by knocking out World No. 2 Anders Antonsen of Denmark in a thrilling three-game contest to reach the men's singles quarterfinals of the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament here. The 21-year-old from Tamil Nadu, a silver medallist at the 2022 World Junior Championships and currently ranked 64th in the world, put up an impressive display of defense to defeat the three-time World Championships medallist 18-21, 21-12, 21-5 in a 66-minute contest. Later, Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand stormed into the women's semi-finals with a clinical 21-18, 21-14 win over Hong Kong's Pui Lam Yeung and Nga Ting Yeung. Next, Subramanian will face World No. 31 Christo Popov of France, a 2019 World Junior Championships silver medallist.

British ace Peter Wilson appointed Indian trap shooting coach

NEW DELHI: The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has appointed renowned British shooter Peter Wilson as the foreign coach of the national trap team. Interestingly, Wilson, a gold medallist at the London Olympics 2012, had applied for the same job last year, right after the Paris Games. According to a top NRAI official, Wilson will be working with the Indian trap shooters for 180 days in a year. "That's how it is at the moment. He will be in India for 180 days in a year, but his contract will be renewed annually," the official told PTI on Friday. Meanwhile, talks are headed in the right direction as far as the appointment of Riccardo Filippelli for the job of the skeet coach is concerned.

Gymnastics: Nayak qualifies for vault final in FIG World Cup

NEW DELHI: Indian gymnast Pranati Nayak has qualified for the Vault final after securing a third place in the qualification round at the FIG Apparatus World Cup in Antalya, Turkey. The 29-year-old, who represented the country at the Tokyo Olympics, came up with an aggregate score of 13.317 in the vault qualification. She finished behind the American duo of Jayla Hang (13.783) and Claire Pease (13.584). The Vault final is scheduled on Saturday. "Pranati did well in the qualification and with better execution, she can be a medal prospect in the finals," her coach Ashok Kumar Mishra told PTI.

Nawaz smacks record-breaking maiden ton as Pakistan win 3rd NZ T20

AUCKLAND: Opener Hasan Nawaz struck a record-breaking maiden century Friday as Pakistan crushed New Zealand by nine wickets in the third Twenty20 to keep the series alive. After scoring a duck in each of the two opening games -- the first innings' of his international career - Nawaz rebounded with a stunning 105 not out in Auckland as the tourists raced to 207-1 in response to New Zealand's 204. The 23-year-old's ton came off 44 balls, the fastest by any Pakistan player in a T20 international. It ensured his team reached the target with four full overs to spare, in a stark reversal of form after heavy losses in Christchurch and Dunedin. Nawaz put his early failures behind him with a sparkling knock featuring shots all around the wicket, including a series of audacious ramp shots.

Spain grab late leveller against Dutch in Nations League, Croatia down France

PARIS: Mikel Merino's 93rd-minute equaliser earned Spain a 2-2 draw against the Netherlands in Nations League quarter-final first leg action on Thursday, while Croatia have one foot in the semi-finals after beating France 2-0. Germany are in prime position to host the final stage of the tournament after coming from behind to beat Italy 2-1 in Milan while Rasmus Hojlund fired Denmark into a slender first-leg lead against Portugal. In Rotterdam, reigning champions Spain raced into an early lead through Nico Williams but needed an injury-time leveller against the 10 men of the Netherlands to salvage their two-year unbeaten streak. Results: Netherlands 2 (Gakpo 28, Reijnders 46) Spain 2 (Williams 9, Merino 90+3), Croatia 2 (Budimir 26, Perisic 45+1) France 0, Denmark 1 (Hojlund 78) Portugal 0, Italy 1 (Tonali 9) Germany 2 (Kleindienst 49, Goretzka 76), Turkey 3 (Kokcu 9, Akturkoglu 69, Kahveci 73) Hungary 1 (Schaefer 25), Ukraine 3 (Hutsuliak 66, Vanat 73, Zabarnyi 78) Belgium 1 (Lukaku 40), Greece 0 Scotland 1 (McTominay 33-pen), Austria 1 (Gregoritsch 37) Serbia 1 (Samardzic 61), Armenia 0 Georgia 3 (Kochorashvili 33, Mikautadze 37, 59), Bulgaria 1 (Petkov 6) Ireland 2 (Azaz 21, Doherty 42).

Japan first to seal World Cup spot as South Korea, Australia, Iran get closer

HONG KONG: Japan became the first team to qualify for the 2026 World Cup on Thursday as South Korea were held but still inched closer along with a rampant Australia and a dominant Iran. Daichi Kamada and Takefusa Kubo scored in the second half to give Japan a 2-0 home win over Bahrain and take their place alongside hosts the United States, Canada and Mexico at next year's finals. It will be their eighth straight World Cup appearance. Australia remain in pole position to qualify with Japan. Japan lead on 19 points, with Australia second on 10 points, one clear of Saudi Arabia and four of Indonesia, Bahrain and China. The top two go straight to North America, with teams finishing third and fourth in the three Asian groups going into a further round of qualifying.

10th ALL GOA VETERANS FOOTBALL FINALS 2025

CALANGUTE VETERANS vs NUVEM VETERANS Chief Guest:	Org. by: FATORDA VETERANS Date: 22 nd March 2025 Time: 5.30 pm Venue: DON BOSCO GROUND FATORDA
 SHRI. VIJAY SARDESAI Ex. Deputy Chief Minister & Ex. TDP Minister, MLA-Fatorda, President of GOA FORWARD.	Housie Rs. 15,000/- Honoured Guests: Rev. Fr. Rallin Dsouza (Rector of Don Bosco Fatorda) Rev. Fr. Kenley Dcruz (Director of D.B.E.C.) Rev. Fr. Leo Pereira (Director of D.B.O. Fatorda)
Special Invitees: Mr. Carry Fernandes, Mr. Savio Madeira (Ex. International Football Player), Mr. Mark Revelon (Singer), Fr. Benson Colaco , Fatorda Veterans Players: Levino, Edith, Presley, Rosario , & ALL FATORDA FORWARD COUNCILLORS President : Joao Araujo Vice President : Vincent Barbosa Gen. Sec: Joaquim Fernandes Treasurer : Antonio Crasto Manager: Mahesh Kamble Team Manager: Francisco Andrade & Concy Miranda	