

Siblings Dayne, Katya rule the waves

Confident Keona and 11-year-old Naavya from Mumbai show their class in U-19 category

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MORJIM: Goa ruled the waves with siblings Dayne and Katya Coelho sailing high above the rest on the opening day of the All India Windsurfing and Kitesurfing Championship 2025 organised by Bord Sailing Association (BSA) and Premier Kiteboarding Association at Vithaldasvaddo, Morjim Beach, on Thursday. Keona Rajani was in control, while 11-year-old Naavya Kaku from Mumbai showed her class in the



Naavya Kaku

(Goa) finished second finishing fourth in the first race and second in the next three. Katya Coelho showed

her prowess in the women iQFoil event finishing miles ahead of her opponents winning all three whilst her compatriots ended with no shows and DNF (did not finish) thus literally assuring her an easy finish in the

next few days. Keona Rajani of Goa fluttered amongst the women in Kitesurfing TTR finishing first in four races and with four points was thirteen points clear of her nearest rival Polina Shabalina who finished second in the first race and did not finish in two. Naavya Kaku won all her three races in the U-19 category with the other competitors unable to catch up with her. "Races started with winds between 10 to 12 knots and by afternoon wind speed had reached around 15 to 18 knots. These are the best wind speeds for the sport and whoever have participated is lucky," opined Beach Master James Anderson. The championship was declared open by Mandrem Police Station Inspector Sheriff Jacques, who was amazed with the enthusiasm of the participants.

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U-19 category. Siblings Dayne and Katya set the winds blazing in the first iQFoil race of the day with Dayne winning all four races of the day with ease and finishing with a total of four points. NS Rawat of INWTC

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Curtorim Gym, Cuncolim Union in last eight



Lucio Gomes presents Anselm of Curtorim Gymkhana the man-of-the-match award

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RAIA: Curtorim Gymkhana scored a comfortable 3-1 victory over Carmona Sports Club to enter into the quarter-finals of All Goa United Trophy inter-village football tournament organised by United Club of Telaulim, at the Rosary Church ground, Navelim, on Thursday. Aliston Fernandes opened the scoreline for Curtorim Gymkhana but their joy short-listed as Edwil Afonso equalised for

Carmona SC and both teams remained 1-1 draw at half time. Changing over, Curtorim Gymkhana scored two goals through Anselm Fernandes in 49th and 53rd minute.

Earlier, in the inaugural match, Cuncolim Union edged out St Sebastian Youth Club, Murida, 6-5 via tie-breaker to enter into the quarter-finals. Both teams failed to break the deadlock till the final whistle and remained 0-0 draw.

In the resultant tie-breaker, Cuncolim Union netted through Wilson Fernandes, Frazer Fernandes, Jolyton Fernandes, Viraj Velip, Shanker and Meliesh Pereira while for St Sebastian YC, Roque Borges, Mario Noronha, Velito Miranda and Edgar Noronha were on target.

Jolyton Fernandes of Cuncolim Union was awarded the man-of-the-match by Nazareth Colaco, former player of Davorlim SC.

Goa Police Veterans win

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PANJIM: Goa Police Veterans drubbed Arsenal Veterans 2-0 in the Panjim Veterans football tournament played at Taleigao ground, on Thursday.



Christ Fernandes of Arsenal Veterans receives the man-of-the-match award from Kapil Natekar

Goa Police Veterans went into the breather with a goal scored by Rohidas Mhaloji in the 20th minute with a neat placement.

On crossing ends, in the 40 minute, a teasing cross by Mohan Parab from the right flank saw Ravi Govekar to score a second goal for Goa Police Veterans.

Dr Manju, Tanaji & Pradeep win bronze to qualify for BWF World Championships

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PANJIM: Goa's Dr Manju Khandeparker and the men's doubles pair of Pradeep Dhond and Tanaji Sawant delivered commendable performances, securing bronze medals at the 47th Yonex Sunrise Indian Masters National Badminton Championships at the Peddem multipurpose stadium, Mapusa, recently.

In the Women's Singles 60+ semi-finals, Dr Manju put up a strong fight but fell to top-seed Manjusha Sahasrabudhe (Maharashtra) (1), 18-21, 4-21.

Meanwhile, in the Men's Doubles 70+ category, Pradeep Dhond and Tanaji Sawant bowed out after against Kerala's Abdul Latheef Kunju and Cleflend Mendez, losing 9-21, 12-21. The championship organised by the Goa Badminton Association under the aegis of the Badminton Association of India (BAI) and in collaboration with the Sports Authority of Goa (SAG), served as a crucial selection event for the BWF World Seniors Championships to be held later this year in Thailand. In the finals, some of India's top-ranked veteran players reaffirmed their



The champions along with the dignitaries at the Peddem multipurpose stadium, Mapusa, recently

dominance. Ram Lakhani (PNB) (1) clinched the Men's Singles 60+ title with a 21-15, 21-12 victory over Telangana's Murthy A V S Maharashtra's Manjusha Sahasrabudhe (1) continued her fine

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form, securing the Women's Singles 60+ crown, defeating Karnataka's Jyothi Somaiah 21-11, 21-7. In the Men's Singles 55+ final, reigning World champion Rajeev Sharma (CAG) (1) emerged victorious, defeating Murali Subramanyam (Maharashtra) 21-17, 21-16

to claim the national title. The Men's Doubles 60+ final was a thrilling contest, with top seeds Ram Lakhani and Harjit Singh (PNB/DLI) (1) losing to Kerala-Maharashtra duo Shibu Andrews and John 23-25, 21-9, 21-13.

In the Men's Doubles 55+ final, Sanyasi Rao Ch and Vibhor Swaroop (AP/UP) (1) edged past the Assam/CAG duo of Bijoy Barman and Rajeev Sharma 21-16 21-16. In the women's events, the Women's Doubles 60+ title went to Manik Paranjpe and Manjusha Sahas-

rabudhe (Maharashtra) (1), who defeated Surekha Satam and Jyothi Somaiah (Maharashtra/Karnataka) 21-14, 21-13.

The Women's Doubles 55+ final saw Sangeeta Rajgopal and Poonam Tatwawadi (Chhattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh) (4) emerge victorious over Rajshree Bhavne and Deepali Joshi (Maharashtra) 21-18, 21-19.

In the Women's Doubles 70+ category, Punita Nagalia and Susy V John (Uttarakhand/Kerala) displayed dominance, beating Anita Kothiala and Saroja (Gujarat/Karnataka) 21-5, 21-8.

The Mixed Doubles 55+ title was clinched by Lin-

geswara Rao and Suzanne Venlet(AP/TN), who triumphed over Kiran Makode and Poonam Tatwawadi (Maharashtra/Madhya Pradesh) in a thrilling three-game match, 16-21, 21-18, 21-17.

The week-long tournament witnessed intense competition across various age categories, with India's finest veteran shuttlers battling for national glory and the opportunity to represent the country on the world stage.

Besides Dr Manju and Dhond/Sawant, Sandhya Melasheemi and Leena Pednekar are the other Goa players to have qualified for the World Masters championships.

PY Nuvem face Navelim Villagers Union in London Trophy quarter-finals

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RAIA: Parish Youth Nuvem scored an unconvincing 8-7 win over Saligao United via tie-breaker to move into the quarter-finals of 17th London Trophy Inter-Village Football Tournament 2025 organised by Goa Velha Sports Club at the club ground, Goa Velha, on Thursday.

Meislein Barreto of Parish Youth Nuvem saw his shot from close range parried back into play by the Saligao United goalkeeper Roylan Colaco in the 20th minute of play. Soham Shetkar of Saligao United headed wide from close thereby missing an opportunity to put Saligao United ahead in the 27th minute.

Later, Schubert Colaco put Parish Youth Nuvem ahead when he tapped home beating Roylan Colaco in the 42nd minute.



Joywin Costa of Parish Youth Nuvem receives the man-of-the-match award from Angelo Albuquerque, former executive committee member of Goa Football Association

co in the Saligao United goal in the 28th minute of play. Parish Youth Nuvem led by a solitary goal at the break.

Joywin Costa increased the lead when he shot home beating the Saligao United goalkeeper Roylan Colaco in the 42nd minute.

Soham Shetkar of Saligao United missed a chance to reduce the margin when he shot wide from a close range in the 45th minute.

Saligao United reduced the margin through veteran Michael Dias in the 65th minute. Latesh Mandrekar scored the equaliser for Saligao United through a well-taken free-kick which beat the Parish Youth Nuvem goalkeeper Salfan Dias in the 67th minute.

In the ensuing tie-breaker, Parish Youth Nuvem scored through Joywin Costa, Darwin Colaco, Schubert Colaco, Cedar Colaco, Meislein Barreto and Salfan Dias. For Saligao United, Paulo Joao, Amancio Lobo, Latesh Mandrekar, Soham Shetkar and Leon Kerketta were on target. Parish Youth Nuvem will meet Navelim Villagers Union in the quarter-final on April 1.

Vasco SC win

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RAIA: Vasco Sports Club moved past Panjim Footballers 5-3 in the Goa Professional League Relegation Zone match played at Nagoa panchayat ground, on Thursday.

Both the teams were tied 3-3 at the breather. Rozwin Fernandes, Clinton Fvernandes, Raju Padashi, Kenneth John Pereira and substitute Sapam Bishorjit Meitei scored a goal each for Vasco SC. Richie Vaz scored a brace, while Satish Kankonkar scored one goal for Panjim Footballers.

SCC Cavellosim win Santa Cruz Club of Cavellosim scored a solitary goal win over Cuncolim Union to collect full points in the Goa Football Association Division I League match played at SAG ground, Benaullim, on Thursday. The all-important goal for Santa Cruz Cavellosim was netted by Sam Moura in the 36th minute.

ISL: Top performers who missed out on play-offs

The ISL 2024-25 play-offs will begin on March 29 with knockouts being played on March 29 and 30, followed by two-legged semi-finals on April 2 and 3 and 6 and 7, while the much-anticipated final will be played on April 12

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PANJIM: The Indian Super League (ISL) league stage reached its conclusion with Mohun Bagan Super Giant retaining the League Shield in emphatic fashion. Joining them in the play-offs are FC Goa, Bengaluru FC, North-East United FC, Jamshedpur FC and Mumbai City FC.

With the best six teams in the league stage set to battle it out for the ISL Cup after the international break, the league's best players will look to light up the play-off stage and leave another impression on the season.

However, with seven teams bowing out at the end of the league stage, some of the ISL's top performers will miss out on the play-offs with their teams failing to make the cut. But, their absence doesn't make their contributions this season any less remarkable.

As the dust settles on an incredible league campaign, here's a look at some of the best players from ISL 2024-25 who left their mark on an intriguing league season.

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The Indian Super League is streamed live on JioHotstar (English, Hindi, Bengali, and Malayalam) and telecast live on Star Sports - 3 (English, Hindi, Bengali, and Malayalam), Asianet Plus (Malayalam).

contain him as he efficiently popped up in spaces between the midfield and defensive lines. With five goals and seven assists to his name, he did plenty of damage to the opponents and almost got Odisha FC into the playoffs.

Connor Shields (Chennaiyin FC)



Scottish midfielder was the creative hub of the Chennaiyin FC side. He has the most assists this season (8) so far and also created more chances than any other player in the league (76). The second-best player in this metric is Kerala Blasters FC's Adrian Luna who created 21 chances fewer.

Jesus Jimenez (Kerala Blasters FC)



Kerala Blasters FC had a void to fill to replace the ISL 2023-24 Golden Boot winner Dimitrios Diamantakos. But in Jimenez, they found a perfect replacement as the Spaniard was a goal threat for the Blasters all season long. A return of 11 goals in his debut ISL season which sees him placed joint third in the leaderboard for most goals scored at the end of the league season is an impressive feat and the Blasters would want to count on him again next season.

Diego Mauricio (Odisha FC)



The Odisha FC frontman has been a consistent performer over the years in the ISL and despite not being able to take Odisha FC into the playoffs, the Brazilian

had another solid season. With nine goals and six assists, Mauricio was the glue that bound the Juggernauts' attack together and emerged as their biggest goal threat despite growing competition for his place in the team.

Noah Sadaoui (Kerala Blasters FC)



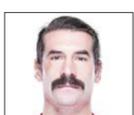
Having switched to Kerala Blasters FC from FC Goa, Sadaoui needed no time to sparkle in the yellow and blue. After a fast start, injuries troubled the Moroccan but he still returned with seven goals and five assists to his name despite playing just 19 games this season. Had he been fit, the Blasters would have been closer to the play-off spots than where they ended up being.

PV Vishnu (East Bengal FC)



The shining light of East Bengal FC's season, PV Vishnu captured the imagination of the fans. A livewire on the wings, Vishnu grew into being the Red and Gold Brigade's most influential player this season. He also backed up his performances with a return of four goals and three assists. The 23-year-old showed all the qualities of being one of the pillars of the East Bengal FC team for the future.

Luka Majcen (Punjab FC)



The Shers' Mr Consistent delivered yet again notching up ten goals and three assists to his name. He missed a few games due to injury without which his tallies could have been even bigger. Majcen once again was a source for inspiration for a young

team and led the pack incredibly well even though Punjab FC faded away after a strong start to miss out on the play-offs.

Alexis Gomez (Mohammedan SC)



The Argentine midfielder was Mohammedan SC's best player this season as his energy and craft in midfield elevated the standard of the team. He created 38 chances, placing him eighth in the metric in the league. He also completed 615 passes in the league season. He also shot on goal 20 times this season, the best for any Mohammedan SC player by some distance.

Irfan Yadwad (Chennaiyin FC)



The Chennaiyin FC striker had a brilliant season as he made nine goal contributions. The 23-year-old emerged as one of the best Indian forwards this season as he was a constant goal threat for Owen Coyle's team, creating 20 chances for them. He deservedly earned a call-up to the Indian national team and will be looking to leave a lasting impression in the blue of India.

Nikhil Prabhu (Punjab FC)



The 24-year-old defender turned midfielder was one of Punjab FC's most consistent performers this season as he made the central midfielder position his own. Topping the charts for most interceptions (56), Prabhu displayed extreme tactical discipline to perform his role to the fullest. He also won 31 tackles and created seven chances for his team despite playing in a deeper role in midfield. His versatility has been a huge asset to the Shers in the last few seasons.

Hugo Boumous (Odisha FC)



The attacking midfielder joined the Kalinga Warriors in the summer and didn't disappoint as he spearheaded their midfield. He was a constant nuisance for defensive midfielders as most found it hard to

TODAY'S SPORTS

All India Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Championship Goa 2025 at Vithaldasvaddo, Morjim beach, from 10 am till 5 pm

Goa Professional League (Super League): Sesa FA vs Geno FC, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 7.30 pm

Goa Professional League (Relegation League): Pax of Nagoa SC vs Calangute Association, at Nagoa ground, 4 pm

GFA Division I League (Group B): Pilerne SC Vs St Anthony SC, Marna-Silolim, at Poriat ground, Calangute, 4 pm. Goa Velha SC vs Sao Jose de Areal SC, at Santa Cruz ground, 4 pm

All Goa United Trophy football: Fr Agnelo YSC, Paroda, vs Betalhatim Sports Club, at the Rosary Church ground, Navelim, 4.30 pm

21st Flame of Unity Veterans football: Joe Cookies vs Football Mogi, at Mabai ground, Per Seraulim, 4.30 pm

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