

# Caetano, Surjit storm into final of Masters 55+ Men's Doubles

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**PANJIM:** Caetano Fernandes and Surjit Lamba marched into the final of the masters 55+ men's doubles category at the ongoing Bandothkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open 2025, delivering a dominant 6-0, 6-2 performance

## BANDODKAR PANJIM GYMKHANA TENNIS OPEN

against Santosh Fondecara and Rajiv Marathe in the semi-final encounter at the Panjim Gymkhana's courts, Campal, here, on Saturday.

In the masters 45+ men's singles category, Rohan Lotlikar booked his spot in the quarter-finals with a 6-3 win

over Nikunj Gupta. James Darbar edged past Neville Menezes in a tight match 7-6(0), while Pralay Bakshi powered through with a 6-2 win over Kishor Metry. Manoj Pandey got the better of Kedar Tari 6-4, and Vinit Dixit registered a comfortable 6-1 victory against Shubert Colaco in a series of pre-quarter final matches.

In the masters 45+ men's doubles quarter-finals, Sachin Dukle and Kevin Rebelo defeated Allan Fernandes and James Darbar 6-2. Mano Chhabra and Suraj Pombra got past the pair of Kedar Tari and Samir Toroscar 6-4, while Shubert Colaco and

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After an intense match at the Bandothkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open 2025, Surjit Lamba and Caetano Fernandes pose with opponents Santosh Fondecara and Rajiv Marathe, along with the match umpire (centre)

Sunil Signapurkar overcame Vinod Chandra and Sudhir Bavkar 6-2. Nikunj Gupta and Navin Cardoz won a closely contested tie against Naveen Daivajna and Neville Menezes, finishing

7-5. Earlier, in the pre-quarterfinals of the same category, Vinod Chandra and Sudhir Bavkar beat Kedar Palekar and Niraj Prabhu 6-1.

In the 55+ men's singles quarter-finals, Suresh T overcame Akhil Pavithran 6-3 in a clinical display.

Meanwhile, in the competitive men's singles first round of the State ranking tournament's open category, Krishna Volvoikar beat Dhaval Fadadu 6-4. Punit Fadte eased past Gary Steele 6-1, and Pankaj Nanoskar got the better of Dunstan Dias 6-3. Nagesh Naik defeated Shripad Adwalpalkar 6-1, Saurish Naik won 6-2 over

Vihaan Krishnan, and Raju Kundaikar cruised past Sunil Signapurkar 6-2. Lyndon Pinto edged out Sumedh Nattu 7-5, Pankaj Naik overpowered Sreejith K. S. 6-2, and Rehaan Diaz handed Kane Pereira a 6-0 drubbing in the same category. Jai completed the round with a 6-4 win over Ojaswi.

The Bandothkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open 2025 has drawn a record 266 entries, making it the largest All-Goa tennis tournament to date. The State-level ranking event honours Goa's first Chief Minister Dayanand Bandothkar.

## Tanishq becomes youngest FIDE arbiter in India

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**PANJIM:** Goa's chess community is proud to announce that Tanishq Kavlekar has officially become the youngest FIDE Arbiter (FA) in India.

He applied for the prestigious FIDE Arbiter title at just 19 years and 21 days, marking a historic milestone in Indian chess arbitration.

A remarkable achievement in chess officiating, Tanishq's journey as a chess arbiter has been filled with dedication and passion. Over the years, he has officiated in several prestigious tournaments,

showcasing his deep understanding of the game and its regulations.

His achievement at such a young age highlights his exceptional commitment to the field.

Goa's chess fraternity congratulates him. The chess fraternity of Goa has extended its heartfelt congratulations to Tanishq for this remarkable accomplishment. His success serves as an inspiration to young chess players and officials, proving that

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