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Suruchi wins women's 10m air pistol gold at Argentina Shooting World Cup
BUENOS AIRES: Indian teen shooter Suruchi Inder Singh produced a sensational performance to clinch her maiden ISSF World Cup medal -- a gold in the women's 10m air pistol event here on Tuesday. The 18-year-old shot 244.6 in the eight-shooter final to finish on top of the podium and fetch India's third gold of the ongoing World Cup. The Chinese duo of Qian Wei, who shot 241.9, and double Olympic medallist Jiang Ranxin (221.0) finished second and third respectively. Qian shot a 10.9 in her very first shot of the 24-shot final to sound the bugle early as Suruchi began with a 10.1. A couple of 9s and an 8.9 for her 10th meant despite some high 10s, the Indian was a touch outside podium places after 10 shots.

Kapila-Crasto keep India's hopes alive in mixed doubles of Badminton Asia Championships
NINGBO (China): The Indian mixed doubles pair of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto battled hard to beat Hoo Pang Ron and Su Yin Cheng of Malaysia to enter the pre-quarterfinals of the Badminton Asia Championships, here, on Tuesday. The Indian pair fought for 51 minutes to get the better of their Malaysian counterparts 15-21, 21-12, 21-11 in the first round match. Crasto and Kapila will next play Chinese Taipei's Hong Wei Ye and Nicole Gonzales Chan. Elsewhere, it was disappointment as three other Indian mixed doubles pairs lost their opening matches.

New Zealand cricket head coach Gary steps down from limited-overs formats
WELLINGTON: Gary Stead confirmed on Tuesday he will no longer coach New Zealand in the Twenty20 and one-day international formats and is considering his future in test cricket. Stead said he expects to take a month to reach a final decision. The 53-year-old Stead has coached New Zealand in all formats since taking over from Mike Hesson in 2018. New Zealand Cricket said it would advertise from next week and is yet to decide whether it will appoint different coaches to different formats. Stead guided New Zealand to the finals of the 2019 ICC World Cup, the 2022 T20 World Cup and this year's Champions Trophy. He also led New Zealand to victory in the inaugural World Test Championship.

Iyer among nominated cricketers for ICC Player of the Month
DUBAI: India's middle-order mainstay Shreyas Iyer was on Tuesday nominated alongside New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra and Jacob Duffy for the ICC Player of the Month award for March following his impact show in last month's Champions Trophy. With 243 runs in five matches at 48.60 including two half-centuries, Iyer played a vital role in India's title win in the eight-team competition. "The right-handed batter compiled 172 runs in three ODIs in March, averaging 57.33 with a strike rate of 77.47, finishing the top-scorer for India during the tournament," the ICC said on its website. Duffy, the world No 1 T20I bowler, found his way into the list following a dominant show in New Zealand's 4-1 hammering of Pakistan in the T20I series. He took 13 wickets with an economy rate of 6.17 and average of 8.38.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru skipper Patidar fined Rs 12 lakh for team's slow over-rate
MUMBAI: Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain Rajat Patidar was fined Rs 12 lakh after his team maintained a slow over-rate during their IPL match against Mumbai Indians here. RCB beat MI by 12 runs and Patidar contributed a stylish 32-ball 64 to his side's eventual total of 221 for five. MI were then restricted to 209 for nine. "As this was his team's first offence of the season under Article 2.2 of the IPL's Code of Conduct, which pertains to minimum over-rate offences, Patidar was fined Rs 12 lakh," stated an IPL media release.

Maiden call-up for Bangladesh's Sakib for Zimbabwe Test
DHAKA: Bangladesh's white-ball pace sensation Tanzim Hasan Sakib earned his maiden Test call with selectors announcing on Tuesday the 15-member squad for first of two home Tests against Zimbabwe. Sakib, 22, replaces veteran Taskin Ahmed, 30, whose return to active cricket remains uncertain after an injury to his left Achilles tendon. Bangladesh, a formidable opponent on slow and spin-friendly home pitches, will take on the visitors in Sylhet and Chattogram, with the first match starting on April 20.

Neeraj to begin season with Doha Diamond League on May 16
NEW DELHI: Double Olympic medallist Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra on Tuesday confirmed that he will kick off his season at the Doha Diamond League scheduled for May 16 in the Qatari capital. Chopra said he is looking forward to competing in front of one of athletics' most passionate crowds when he returns to the Wanda Diamond League meeting in Doha for the third year in a row. After Doha meet, Chopra will compete in 'Neeraj Chopra Classic' javelin event on May 24 in Panchkula.

Harmanpreet returns to lead India women's team for ODI tri-series in Sri Lanka
NEW DELHI: Star batter Harmanpreet Kaur returned as India women's team captain for the ODI tri-series in Sri Lanka starting later this month after she was rested for the home series against Ireland in January. The BCCI women's selection committee picked a 15-member squad with Smriti Mandhana as Harmanpreet's deputy for the April 27 to May 11 tournament, which will also involve South Africa besides hosts Sri Lanka. India will face Sri Lanka in the tournament opener on April 27. The teams will play four matches each in the double round-robin league event. The top two teams will qualify for the final which will be played on May 11. All the matches will be played at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo.

TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA Division I League (Group A): St Savio SC vs Clube Sao Miguel de Taleigao, at Poriat ground, Calangute, 4 pm
GFA U-19 Division I League: Penha de France SC vs FC Goa, at Duler Stadium Mapusa. Dempo SC vs Sporting Clube de Goa, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ella-Old Goa. Kick off 4 pm
2nd Dream Sports Championship Football 2025 National Finals: Assam FA vs Karnataka State FA, at the SAG ground, Benaulum, 8.30 am; Kerala FA vs Delhi SA, at 5.30 pm. Jharkhand FA vs Goa FA, at the SAG ground, Utorda, 8.30 am; Rajasthan FA vs Odisha FA, 5.30 pm
Santa Cruz Village Panchayat Veterans Cup: Ilhas Veterans vs Ashvem Veterans, at the Santa Cruz ground, 4.30 pm
18th Rebello Pandal Maina football: CC Nuvm vs Chandrawaddo Boys, Fatorda, at St Rita Church ground, Maina-Curtorim, 4.45 pm

10-man Geno FC rally to hold Cortalim Villagers

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MAPUSA: Geno FC came from a goal down to hold Cortalim Villagers Social Welfare Sports Club to 1-1 draw in the Goa Professional Super League match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Tuesday.

GOA PROFESSIONAL SUPER LEAGUE

After drawn encounter, Geno FC have 33 points, while Cortalim Villagers have 24 points both from 18 matches.

Both the goals were scored from the penalty spot in the second session of play. Sydney Lucas scored from Cortalim Villagers in the 57th minute, while Franky Oliveira

equalised in the 76th minute for Geno FC.

It was Cortalim Villagers goalkeeper Francis Vincent who stole the limelight bringing three out of the blue saves to deny Saideep Tate, Gaurav Kavlekar and Velroy Carvalho from scoring.

Just eight minutes into the second session and once

Referee Ritesh Parsekar to point to the dreaded spot. Sydney Lucas stepped forward and scored, 1-0.

Geno FC went all out in search of the equaliser where in the 76th minute Cortalim Villagers Delmon Rebello tackled Chaitan Komarpant inside the 18-yard box. This time Franky scored from the penalty spot to make it, 1-1.

In the stoppage time, both the goalkeepers came with excellent saves.

Velroy Carvalho was thwarted by Geno FC's custodian Savio Pereira while at the other end Chaitan Komarpant strike was saved by Cortalim Villagers custodian Francis Vincent.

Geno FC's Mehbub Hublikar was sent off for double caution.

Micon Warriors in quarters

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RAIA: Micon Warriors Agalli, Fatorda, down Setting Boys, Sao Jose de Areal 4-3 via tie-breaker to enter the quarter-finals of 18th All Goa Rebello Pandal football tournament organised by Rebello Pandal at St Rita Church ground, Maina-Curtorim, on Tuesday.

Both teams played an attacking soccer and tried to find the winning goal but couldn't break the deadlock till the final whistle and were held to a 0-0 draw at the end of regulation time.

FOOTBALL

In the resultant tie-breaker, Micon Warriors scored through James, Jayson, Prajal and David, while Bersal, Ashley and Adarsh found the net for Setting Boys.

Friends Forever in last eight

Friends Forever, Cuncolim, edge past Papa Boys 4-2 in the penalties to move into the quarter-finals of Our Lady of Fatima Cup 2025 organised by Our Lady of Fatima Sports and Cultural Club, at Baida ground, Chinchinim, on Tuesday.

In the first half, Vedant of Friends Forever dribbled past the defenders but he kicked ball out and missed an easy chance to score in the 5th minute. At half time,



PICS: INACIO NORONHA
 Mohammad of Micon Warriors receives the man-of-the-match award from Joel



Chief guest presents the man-of-the-match award to Jake, goalkeeper of Papa Boys



Rayman Fernandes of Naughty Boys was awarded the man-of-the-match



Arlem Youth Association President Jerome Colaco presents the man-of-the-match award to Dezwini Dias of Carmona SC

the score was 0-0.

In the second half, Papa Boys missed an easy chance to score and he shot wide. Full time score was 0-0.

In the penalties, Friends Forever netted through Deva, Vansh, Sharmesh and Vedant. Papa Boys scored through Roy Colaco and Silvano Oliveira.

In the earlier match, Tyson Brothers downed Naughty Boys, Padrihat, 2-0, to enter the quarter-finals. In first session, both the teams remained 0-0 draw while the both the goals came in the second half with a brace from Asfin in the 48th and 55th minute.

Carmona SC move past Ugum Rising Club

In thrilling penalty shoot-out Carmona Sports Club moved past Ugum Rising Club 5-3 to march into quarter-finals of 33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy organised by Arlem Youth Association, at Raia panchayat ground.

Carmona SC took the lead with the efforts of Nayen Gracias in the 37th minute, while Ugum Rising Club equalised through Austin Coutinho in the 51st minute.

In the deceive penalty kick, Carmona SC scored through Christhem Estibeiro, Stamford Fernandes, Maven Gracias and Delzan Passanha, while Milford Dias and Handlee Carvalho were on target for Ugum Rising Club.

Regina Mundi HS emerge U-14 boys and girls football champions

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VASCO: Regina Mundi High School, Chicalim-Vasco, emerged champions in the U-14 Boys and Girls football tournaments organised by the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs (DSYA), at Cuncolim ground, recently.

In the boys' final, Regina Mundi High School triumphed over Our Lady of

Mount Carmel School with a 2-1 victory.

The match was a nail-biting contest, but Regina Mundi HS standout players, Alden Almeida and Athan Fernandes, scored a goal each to secure the win for their team. Alden's goal came at a crucial moment, while Athan sealed the deal with his goal to give his school the State championship.

Meanwhile, in the girls'

final, Regina Mundi High School was equally dominant, defeating Assagao Union School 3-1 in a match filled with passion and determination. The star of the show was Siya Naik, who made history by scoring a remarkable hat-trick, leading her team to victory and ensuring they were crowned the State champions.

Both teams showed

Manipur's Football 4 Change hold Norwich City FC to a 2-2 draw

Punjab FC, Mohun Bagan & Chennai win opening matches

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RAIA: Manipur's Football 4 Change gave the fancied Norwich City FC a fright with a well earned 2-2 draw in the 2nd Dream Sports Championship Football 2025 National Finals match played at the SAG ground, Utorda, on Tuesday.

U-17 GIRLS DREAM SPORTS FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the second evening fixture of the U-17 tournament, Punjab FC overcame Sesa FA 3-1, led by star striker Vishal Yadav's brace. Earlier in the day,

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The Goa Football Association team, which will kick off their campaign against Jharkhand Football Association on Wednesday, at SAG ground, Utorda, at 8.30 am

Mohun Bagan Super Giants (MBSG) and Chennaiyin FC were off to a winning start in the opening matches.

While MBSG registered a 2-0 win over the Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) at the SAG Benaulum ground, Chennaiyin FC defeated local team, Dempo SC at the Utorda ground 2-0.

Mohun Bagan took a 1-0 lead in the 39th minute after Monu Rajbanshi got his name on the score sheet. Thangngaisang Haokip then made it 2-0 in the 90th

minute to seal a comfortable win for his side.

Chennaiyin FC showed complete dominance to clinch a win over Dempo SC. Muhammed Sahir helped his team get off the mark, when he netted the first goal in the 47th minute. Abinash Singh then stretched the lead to 2-0 in the 87th minute to hand Chennaiyin FC a winning start in this under-17 football tournament.

On Tuesday evening, Punjab will play Sesa Football Academy at the SAG ground, Benaulum and Norwich City FC will play Football 4 Change at the SAG ground, Utorda.

Siblings Bhaavya, Tithee set up quarters clash

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PANJIM: Bhaavya Bhoomkar kept her impressive run alive across three categories at the Bandodkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open 2025, storming into the semi-finals of the girls U-14 and reaching the quarter-finals in both the girls U-18 and ladies singles events.

BANDODKAR PANJIM GYMKHANA OPEN

She is now set to face her elder sister, top seed Tithee Bhaomkar, in what promises to be a fiery family face-off in the ladies singles quarter-finals.

Bhaavya kept her momentum going with a composed 6-2 win over Liza George in the ladies singles. Tithee, too, had little trouble as she eased past Samara Sequeira 6-1 to set up the much-anticipated sibling showdown.

In other ladies singles matches, Asuntha Fleming blanked Renee De Menezes 6-0, Aastha Dua beat Deeva Sahni 6-3, Poojal

Naik swept past Avni Lotlikar 6-0 and Kimberly Cabral was dominant in a 6-0 win over Devyani Desai. Raissa Menezes also progressed, defeating Archana Desai 6-1.

In the boys U-14 quarter-finals, Shaurya Verlekar powered past Vedant Naik 6-2, while Arhan Gaunkar pulled off a tight 7-5 win over Adianta Devaraya. Ethan Ataide was sharp in a 6-1 win against Devaansh Naik and Kyan Mavany stormed past Alec Barreto 6-0. In the boys U-18 category, Punit Fadte dominated Krishna Volvoikar 6-0 and Devaansh Naik edged out Vidaal De Menezes 6-4.

The men's singles seg-

ment saw Prajat Halankar post a 6-3 win over Rehana Diaz.

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