

Baina Boys lift Arambol beach football title

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The winners along with Vipul, Inacio D'Souza, chairman of ABC Sports Club, Anupama Mayekar, sarpanch of Arambol Village Panchayat and other dignitaries at the Arambol beach, recently

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RAIA: Baina Boys emerged victorious against Pogba Boys, Vasco, 1-0 in the final of beach football tournament organised by the ABC Sports Club, Arambol, at the Arambol beach, recent-

ly. Satish Naik scored the crucial goal for Baina Boys.

Sixteen teams participated, adding to the excitement and competition spirit of the event. The winners took home cash prize of Rs 25,000 along with a trophy, while runners-up Pogba Boys displaying good performance

throughout the tournament had to be content with Rs 15,000 along with a trophy.

The prizes were presented by Vipul and Inacio D'Souza, chairman of ABC Sports Club along with Anupama Mayekar, sarpanch of Arambol Village Panchayat and other dignitaries.

Dempo SC, Mandopa SC gain 3 points

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RAIA: Dempo Sports Club Juniors eased past Sao Jose De Areal SC with a commanding 3-1 victory in the Goa Football Association Division I League match played at the Dempo Sports Academy ground, El-la-Old Goa, on Saturday.

The hosts were in control from the outset, with

Soham opening the scoring in the 23rd minute before Macnelle doubled the lead five minutes later. Despite Sao Jose De Areal SC pulling one back through Valentino's penalty deep into first-half stoppage time (45+4'), Macnelle struck again in the 62nd minute to seal the win for Dempo Juniors.

At the Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, Mandopa

SC brushed aside Associacao Academica De Moira 4-1 in a dominant performance. Laxman gave Mandopa an early lead in the 12th minute and added his second just after the hour mark. Achilles made it 2-0 in the 56th minute before wrapping up the scoring in the 79th. Vinayak scored a consolation for Moira in the 73rd minute, but it was too little too late.

Mongia outlines ambitious roadmap for Goa cricket

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MARGAO: Goa Ranji team coach Dinesh Mongia has laid out a bold and structured vision for the State's cricketing future, highlighting the urgent need to develop infrastructure, foster young talent and instil a winning mindset in players if Goa is to compete among India's elite teams.

Speaking to **O Herald** during a Goa Cricket Association (GCA) talent search programme at the Margao Cricket Club on Friday, the former India cricketer stated, "Once the infrastructure is in place, the number of youngsters taking up cricket as a sport will see tremendous scope in career."

Mongia emphasised that early coaching at the junior level would be pivotal in producing players who can represent both Goa and India.

"If the coaches start training them at the junior level, they will be able to represent the State and country in the near future," he said.

He revealed that around 10 promising boys, who had not yet played for the State in any division or league, were spotted during the programme. "They could go as far as trained

COACHING GOALS

- 10 promising youngsters aged 16-17 identified, with potential to serve Goa for the next decade
- 99-year lease signed by the State association for a dedicated cricket training ground
- Skill camps planned in off-season, focusing on tactical, technical, and mental aspects
- Players will be assessed before the season and held accountable post Goa Premier League
- Long-term goal: Goa in top six teams nationally within 3-4 years; reach semi-finals/finals
- Short-term goal: Instil winning mindset and enhance work ethic



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— Dinesh Mongia, Goa Ranji team coach

properly and can serve the State for the next 10 years if picked now at the age of 16 or 17," he said, expressing optimism about Goa's cricketing reservoir.

Highlighting a crucial development, Mongia shared that the State Association has signed a 99-year lease with the government for a dedicated training ground. This, he said, would significantly bolster training facilities and talent development.

Mongia was unequivocal about his vision for Goa's Ranji team. "I want to create a high-performance mindset

among Goa's senior players. I want consistency—playing at their very best irrespective of which team they are part of," he stated.

He announced plans for skill camps in the off-season, which will focus not only on technical and tactical education but also the mental side of the game. Players will be individually assessed for their progress prior to the season.

"With the completion of the Goa Premier League, the players will be accountable for each and every match they played," he added, indicating that performance monitoring

will be the key.

As Goa prepares to compete in the Elite League, Mongia identified the conversion of potential into performance as the biggest challenge.

"The players have to believe that they can win against any opposition. My job is to put that belief into the players and take care of the work ethic and get some good results," he affirmed.

He also praised Yas-hasvi Jaiswal's potential contribution to the team. "His work ethic is phenomenal. Jaiswal has come up the hard way

and I hope he gives the same vibe in the dressing room. He will be a great plus point for the team," Mongia noted.

About Arjun Tendulkar, he said: "He has great potential. Being a left-arm pacer is a fantastic plus point. Bowling at a decent pace, he can do very well and perhaps even play for the national side."

Outlining his short-term and long-term goals, Mongia declared: "My long-term vision is to see Goa in the top six teams in the country. That should happen likely in the next three to four years. The team should be playing in knock-outs, especially the semi-finals and the finals."

He added, "My short-term goal is to make the players believe they can win, and to accomplish that, the players must work on their attitude to do the job."

Mongia also expressed a strong desire to leave a lasting legacy for Goan cricket.

"I am focused on winning a few trophies for the State and hope that some players evolve and play for the country. I also want to develop cricket at the grassroots level and get more youngsters to play the game," he concluded.

Tvisha downs top seed Tithee for U-18 crown, Kyan clinches U-14 title

Samaira, Devaansh, Sanjay and David also clinch titles in various other categories

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PANJIM: A day after clinching the girls U-14 title, Tvisha Sardesai pulled off a sensational upset to win the girls U-18 crown as well, edging out top seed Tithee Bhoomkar 4-2, 0-4, 10-8 in a pulsating final late on Friday. The young girl showed grit and composure beyond her years, bouncing back from a second-set drubbing to seal the win in a thrilling super tie-break.

On Friday, Tvisha defeated Bhaavya Bhoomkar 4-0, 4-2 in the girls U-14 final. Shreyas Patil, meanwhile, lived up to his top billing in the boys U-18 category, defeating Kyan Mavany 4-2, 4-1 in a commanding final display.

In the ladies singles semifinals, Tithee Bhoom-

kar returned to court and battled past Poojil Naik 6-4, 3-6, 10-8 to earn a place in the final, where she will face Asuntha Fleming, who was ruthless in her 6-0, 6-0 demolition of Raisa Menezes.

The men's singles semifinal saw Prince D'Silva out-duel Punit Fadte 6-2, 3-6,

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10-6 in a closely fought encounter while the masters 55+ singles final was just as tight, with Manoj Pandey coming through a gruelling 6-2, 3-6, 10-8 battle against Caetano Fernandes to take the title.

In ladies doubles action, Raisa Menezes and Poojil Naik cruised into the final with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Saanj Kunde and Avni

Lotlikar. Raju Kundaikar and Santosh Gorawar also booked their spot in the men's doubles final after seeing off Arup Angle and Sachin Duple 6-2, 6-4.

All eyes will be on the finals on Sunday (April 13), as the tournament wraps up with Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant scheduled

to attend the concluding event. Earlier, Kyan Mavany defeated Arhan Gaunkar 4-3(3), 4-2 in a high-pressure boys U-14 final.

Kyan overcame a tough challenge from his rival on an evening that also saw a flurry of final matches across age groups. In the girls u-10 final, Samaira Patil held her nerve in a

nail-biting decider to beat Subhagya Manda 2-4, 4-1, 11-9.

In the boys U-10 title clash, Devaansh Naik was in imperious touch as he downed Arsh Sardesai 4-0, 4-2. Among the seniors, Sanjay Lotlikar and David Mendonsa combined experience and guile to win the masters 55+ men's doubles final with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Surjit Lamba and Caetano Fernandes.

In other matches, Asuntha Fleming made swift progress to the ladies singles semi-finals, dispatching Tanya Shelyazhynska 6-2 in their quarter final clash. She later returned to the court with Nagesh Naik in the mixed doubles semi-final, where the duo breezed past Raisa Menezes and Santosh Gorawar 7-5, 6-2.

The other semi-final saw

siblings Aishwarya Nunes and Siddharth Nunes get past Tanya Shelyazhynska and Arup Angle 6-2, 7-5 to book their spot in the final.

The men's doubles draw moved through the pre-quarterfinal and quarter-final stages.

Raju Kundaikar and Santosh Gorawar made the biggest statement of the round, registering two 6-0 wins on the trot—first against Naveen Daivajna and Neville Menezes in the pre-quarters and then against Ganesh Vernekar and Bhalchandra Gaitonde in the quarters, respectively.

Mano-Bulu, Arup-Sachin, and Nagesh-Siddharth also moved into the semifinals with convincing wins against Lyndon and Pankaj Naik (6-2), Ojaswi Mann and Saurish Naik (7-5), and Anurag Agarwal and Jai Gill (6-1), respectively.

Fatorda Veterans move into semis

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PANJIM: Fatorda Veterans defeated Just Fitness Veterans 3-1 to move into the semi-finals of Panjim Veterans soccer tournament played at Taleigao ground, on Saturday.

Fatorda Veterans opened the account in the 10th minute from Francisco Andrade from a cross by Eddie Fernandes. Soon after, Fatorda Veterans increased the lead by striker Ricardo Carvalho.

At the first half, Fatorda Veterans were leading 2-0. In the second half, Just Fitness Veterans briefly narrowed the deficit in the 50th minute when Cruz Pereira delivered a splitting pass to Paresh Narvekar who calmly slotted the ball past onrushing Fatorda goalkeeper Socorro Miranda to make it, 2-1.

Just Fitness Veterans pressed in for an equalis-

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Chief guest Socorro Fernandes (former Salgoacar player) presents the man-of-the-match to Dulo gawas of Just Fitness Veterans

er and were seen making some dangerous moves but Fatorda Veterans heavy weight defenders Anthony Pereira former (Mahindra & Mahindra Mumbai), Venacio Gonsalves (former sporting), Vincent Colaco former Dempo SC) dint gave just Fitness Veterans opportunities to equalise. Milagress of Fatorda Veterans scored the third goal in the dying minute.

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3 CRIMINALS BAILED OUT AFTER GOOF-UP BY PORVORIM POLICE

The police are in a dilemma that most of the notorious criminals are from other States and to deliver notices to them in their native languages is a problem.

On March 20, the Porvorim Police arrested Subhash Kumar, Dhiraj Gupta and Ibran Shah, residing at Colvale for committing dacoity of gold ornaments worth Rs 15 lakh approximately at Pilerne. During investigations, the police recovered part of the stolen property comprising Rs 87,900 in cash. However, the prime accused, also wanted in a murder case, is absconding.

After being remanded in judicial custody, the trio approached the Goa Children's Court after the police added Section 8 (2) of the Goa Children's Act.

The counsel for the accused Adv Vinayak Porob informed the Court that the police failed to comply with Sections 45 and 48 of BNSS during the trio's arrest, which was illegal. Further, the relatives of the accused were not intimated on their arrest in the language known to them. On this ground the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Mapusa, had refused to grant police custody to the accused, he told the court.

The investigating officer (IO) produced the copy of the intimation and memo of grounds of arrest given to the relatives of the accused.

The IO said he had complied with all the arrest formalities and that there was no breach of constitutional mandate.

The police told the court that under Section 187 of BNSS, the investigating officer can avail 14 days police custody at any time during the first 60 days and prayed for the custodial interrogation of the accused to cover the stolen property.

But the Goa Children's Court president Judge SaeePrabhudessai observed that the arrest was not

communicated to the father of one of the accused and there was no endorsement that the same was explained to his dad in the language known to him.

The court found that the IO had not produced any intimation of arrest given to the relatives or any other person in respect of the accused. Therefore, the arrest was itself illegal and directed their release forthwith.

It may be recalled that on April 4, the Anjuna Police had arrested 36-year-old Deryl Francis Fernandes of Umta Vaddo, Calangute for allegedly kidnapping and raping a 16-year-old girl and had failed to intimate his family members about his arrest.

PROTESTS AGAINST WAQF ACT ACROSS THE COUNTRY

In a separate incident, a 21-year-old sustained bullet injuries during clashes at Sajur More in Suti on Friday and succumbed to his injuries at the Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital on Saturday evening, the officer said.

Violence continued to flare in some areas on Saturday as well.

Two bidi factory workers, including a minor boy, sustained bullet injuries while on their way to work in Dhulian in Samserganj.

Both are being treated at the Murshidabad Medical College and are reportedly stable.

Additional Director General (Law and Order) Jawed Shamim told reporters in Kolkata that a total of 118 people have been arrested in connection with the unrest so far.

Four rounds were fired by the police to control the violence in Murshidabad. Two persons sustained injuries and are under treatment. Young boys were made to understand all sorts of lies, Shamim said.

The violence led to massive disruptions as pro-

testers torched police vehicles, blocked roads and vandalised railway property.

Train services in the New Farakka-Azimganj section of Eastern Railway were disrupted for nearly six hours between Dhuliandanga and Nimtita stations on Friday.

Prohibitory orders have been imposed in several parts of Murshidabad, and internet services have been suspended to prevent further escalation.

DGP Rajeev Kumar warned of stringent action against those involved in the violence.

Meanwhile, Kailashahar Sub-divisional Police Officer (SDPO) JayantaKarmakar was among those injured in the violence in Kujbar area. Eight protesters were arrested for their alleged involvement in the attack on police personnel.

Around 4,000 people under the banner of 'Joint Movement Committee', headed by Congress' Unakoti district president MdBadruzzaman, took out a massive rally demanding the revocation of the Act.

"A scuffle took place between the protesters and the security personnel. Soon, the situation turned violent as the agitators pelted the law enforcers with stones and bottles. At least 18 police personnel, including SDPO JayantaKarmakar, were injured in the attack," Kailashahar police station officer-in-charge Sukanta Sen Chowdhury said.

As the situation was going out of control, the police resorted to lathi-charge and burst tear gas shells to disperse the violent protesters, he said.

"We have lodged an FIR over the attack on police personnel. So far, eight people have been arrested in connection with the case. Further investigation is underway," the officer said.

Later, at a press conference, Badruzzaman claimed that they had organised a peaceful rally.

"But a group with vested interests turned our peaceful rally violent to malign us. We will continue our movement on the demand for rollback of the Waqf (Amendment) Act," he said.

Meanwhile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that the Waqf (Amendment) Act would not be implemented in the State, following violent protests in Murshidabad.

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The court also instructed both the State government and the Centre to submit detailed reports on the situation. The matter is scheduled for further hearing on April 17.

GUESTHOUSE OWNER BOOKED FOR NOT GIVING DRUG LORD ATALA'S DETAILS TO POLICE

The accommodation was provided to the Israeli national without furnishing the mandatory online 'C' Form to the FRRO, Panjim, which according to the police, is a violation of the provisions of the Foreigners Act.

Following Atala's arrest on April 4 for allegedly possessing cocaine and charas worth Rs 8.70 lakh, the police found that he was staying in the country without possessing valid visa documents thereby contravening the provision of the Foreigners Order 1948 and the Foreigners Act, 1946.

The Anjuna police have registered the case under Section 7 (1) and 7 (3) of the Foreigners Order 1948 punishable under Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946. The police will now obtain transfer warrant to seek the custody of the accused.

Meanwhile, the police custody of Atala was further extended by three days by the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Mapusa on Saturday. Earlier, Atala was remanded in five days police custody, which was extended by two more days.