

AYN's Rajaa finishes first with a slender margin

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PANJIM: In the iQFOIL Men's Category, S Maneesh Rajaa of AYN took four out of the five guns on Saturday to edge out Sachin Ganesh of TNSA for the first place with a slender margin of just one point, while Ebad Ali of AYN finished third place in the Sail Goa 2025 organised by Goa Yachting Association, at Dona Paula, on Saturday.

With 3 races to go on the final day the championships, this is as close as it gets for the podium.

In the iQFOIL Youth Men's Category, Vinay V Kulabkar of Navy Boys School Company, Goa, took all five guns of the day again to cement his gold medal spot.

In the iQFOIL Youth Women Category, Ovie Nair of INWTC Mumbai is in first place.

In the Open Foil Category, NS Rawat of INWTC, Goa, has more or less confirmed his place on the top rung of the podium with all five guns of the day ahead of Vedparaksh Pathak of AYN Mumbai in second and Aryan Patidar NSS, Bhopal, in third.

In the Raceboard Men's event, Chennaiah from

EMESC Bhopal Army Club is still leading but Mithilesh Kumar of AYN, Mumbai, with two guns has closed the gap to only three points with a chance to fight for the gold on the last day. Kamalapati of EMESC, Bhopal, is in the third place.

In the Raceboard U-21 Boys Category, Raj Santosh Patil of Yachting Association of Maharashtra (YAM) has almost sealed his gold medal spot with all three guns. Narayan Munda of Odisha Yachting Association is in second place and Sai Patil of YAM in the third.

In the Raceboard U-21 Girls Category, Prarthana Bhoi of NSS Bhopal has consolidated her lead ahead of Tejasvi Prajapati of NSS Bhopal, while Thimithi Rashmita has a one point

lead over M K Pragath for the third place, keeping the battle for the bronze wide open on the final day.

In the Techno U-15 Girls Category, Naavya Kaku of YAM is leading Vaishnavi Kajale MG&G Area Sailing Club of Army, who has managed to close the gap to her to two points and could spring a surprise on the last day.

In the Techno 2930D U-15 Boys Category, Udaiveer Singh Johal of MG&G Area Sailing Club I seems to be well in control in the front ahead of Mohit Mhatre of YAM and Sohan Rajput of NSS Bhopal.

With three races to go on the last day with winds playing a major factor in the strategy, the stage is set for an exciting climax to this championships.

Earlier, in the iQFOIL Men's Category, Sachin Ganesh of TNSA lead with two guns, while S Maneesh Rajaa of AYN in second place was ahead of Ebad Ali of AYN even though both are tied on same points.

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gory, NS Rawat of INWTC Goa was in the first place with all four guns ahead of Vedparaksh Pathak of AYN, Mumbai, in the second and Aryan Patidar NSS Bhopal in the third place.

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Holiday Sports Club pip Raia Sporting

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MAPUSA/RAIA: Holiday Sports Club, Arpora, scored a narrow 1-0 win over Raia Sporting Club to move into the quarter-finals of Peddem Bomm Cup 2025 inter-village football tournament organised by Peddem Bomm Sports Club, Anjuna, at Peddem ground, here, on Saturday.

Veron Pereira put Holiday Sports Club ahead in the first half of a cross from Floyd Pereira giving Raia SC goalkeeper no chance.

Moving into the second half with 1-0 lead, Holiday Sports Club goalkeeper Daves Harkalkar made some outstanding saves to keep Raia Sporting Club scoreless.

Hosts Calangute Assn thrash Nehrul SC

Hosts Calangute Association delivered a commanding performance overwhelming Nehrul Sporting Club with a resounding 6-0 victory to march ahead in the Calangute Association Cup inter-village football tournament played at Poriat ground, Calangute, on Saturday.

Pedro Gonsalves stole

Pedro Gonsalves receives the man-of-the-match award from the chief guest



Francisco Pango presents the man-of-the-match award to Stephen Satarkar of United Club of Verna

the spotlight, scoring a brilliant hat-trick with goals in the 8th, 34th, and 63rd minute. His achievement of the first hat-trick of the tournament earned him the man-of-the-match honours.

Richard Cardozo (45'),

Domnic Fernandes (49') and Tanay Kerkar (60') scored the other goals with precision and flair.

UC Verna in semis

United Club of Verna

edged past Nuvem SC 8-7 via tie-breaker to secure a place in the semi-finals of 33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy inter-village football tournament played at Raia panchayat ground, on Saturday.

Nuvem SC netted a goal each through Shenoy Colaco and Inacio Colaco in the 8th and 14th minute.

United Club of Verna netted through Stephen Satarkar and Clifton Rebello in the 29th and 36th minute respectively. At the end of regulation time, both the teams were held to a 2-2 draw.

In the tie-breaker, United Club of Verna proved to be the better shooters. The man-of-the-match was awarded to Stephen Satarkar by Francisco Pango.

Maina SC march into quarters

Maina SC downed Cuncolim Union 3-0 to move into the quarter-finals of the 1st late Antonio Colaco memorial football tournament played at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, on Saturday. Joywin netted a goal, while Aslam netted a brace for Maina SC.



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour High School, Cortalim, emerged champions in the U-17 Boys State Level Football Championship organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, at DYSA ground, Cuncolim, recently. In the final, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour HS edged past Fr Agnel High School, Pilar, 2-1. The team along with Physical Education Teacher Marlon Pereira, Headmaster Joao Erwin Colaco, Manager Prof Fr Simao Diniz and Physical Education Teacher Leroy Menezes

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TERRORISTS' HOUSES RAZED IN KASHMIR

The victims were mostly holidayers from other States. Houses of five terrorists or their associates have been demolished in the past 48 hours with officials saying similar action will be taken against others involved in terror activities.

Mysterious blasts blew up the houses of two active terrorists -- Aadil Thoker in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag district and Asif Sheikh in the Tral area of Pulwama district.

While Thoker has been named as one of the three terrorists involved in the gruesome killing of tourists in Pahalgam, Sheikh's involvement in the attack has also not been ruled out, officials said.

The blasts took place after security forces raided the houses on Thursday night, they added.

The security forces have also rounded up hundreds of overground workers (OWGs) and their supporters -- mostly in four south Kashmir districts -- in their bid to track down the terrorists who carried out the attack on Tuesday.

One alleged OWG was killed in firing by terrorists during one such operation in Bandipora district on Friday, officials said.

Altaf Lalji was killed when security forces took him to a terrorist hideout in the Kulnar area of Bandipora district after he pointed out the location of the ultras.

Two policemen were also injured in the firing by the terrorists, who managed to escape, the officials said.

On Saturday, the action shifted to Srinagar where raids were carried out at more than a dozen places, including Safakadal, Soura, Pandach Bemina, Shalteng, Lal Bazar and Zadibal areas, they said.

In Anantnag district, search operations are being carried out round-the-clock as security forces step up vigilance.

Mobile vehicle check-points have been put up across the district to monitor any suspicious movement, the officials said.

MIGHTY AND MEEK BID FAREWELL TO THE PEOPLE'S POPE

"The guiding thread of his mission was also the conviction that the church is a home for all, a home with its doors always open," Re said.

Re said with his travels, including his last major trip to Asia last year, Francis reached "the most peripheral of the peripheries of the world."

The Argentine pontiff choreographed the funeral himself when he revised and simplified the Vatican's rites and rituals last year. His aim was to emphasise the pope's role as a mere pastor and not "a powerful man of this world."

It was a reflection of Francis' 12-year project to radically reform the papacy, to stress priests as servants and to construct "a poor church for the poor." He articulated the mission just days after his 2013 election and it explained the name he chose as pope, honouring St Francis of Assisi "who had the heart of the poor of the world," according to the official decree of the pope's life that was placed in his coffin before it was sealed Friday night.

Despite Francis' focus on the powerless, the powerful were out in force at his funeral.

US President Donald Trump and former President Joe Biden, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer joined Prince William and European royals leading more than 160 official delegations.

Argentine President Javier Milei had the pride of place given Francis' nationality, even if the two didn't particularly get along and the pope alienated many Argentines by never returning home.

Trump and Zelenskyy met privately on the sidelines of the funeral. A photo showed the two men sitting alone, facing one another and hunched over on chairs in St Peter's Basilica, where Francis often preached the need for a peaceful end to Russia's war in Ukraine.

The white facade of St Peter's glowed pink as the sun rose Saturday and hordes of mourners rushed into the square. Giant television screens were set up along the surrounding streets for those who couldn't get close.

The Mass and funeral procession across town -- with Francis' coffin carried on the open-topped popemobile he used during his 2015 trip to the Philippines -- were also broadcast live around the world.

Police helicopters whirled overhead, part of the massive security operation Italian authorities mounted, including more than 2,500 police, 1,500 soldiers and a torpedo ship off the coast, Italian media reported.

Many mourners had planned to be in Rome anyway this weekend for the now-postponed Holy Year canonisation of the first millennial saint, Carlo Acutis, and groups of scouts and youth church groups nearly outnumbered the gaggles of nuns and seminarians.

"He was a very charismatic pope, very human, very kind, above all very human," said Miguel Vaca, a pilgrim from Peru who said he had camped out near the piazza. "It is a very great emotion to say goodbye to him."

Francis, the first Latin American and first Jesuit pope, died Easter Monday at age 88 after suffering a stroke while recovering at home from pneumonia.

Following his funeral, preparations can begin in earnest to launch the centuries-old process of electing a new pope, a conclave that will likely begin in the first week of May.

In the interim, the Vatican is being run by a handful of cardinals, key among them Re, who is organising the secret voting in the Sistine Chapel.

UK NRI MOWED DOWN IN CANDOLIM BY RENTAL CAR

Chandrakanta is currently undergoing treatment for serious injuries. According to police, both are British passport holders.

Vicky, the car driver and a resident of Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, has not been arrested so far as the police are waiting for the medical report.

Police also stated that the accused, who had undergone open heart surgery three months ago, suffered a blackout and ended up knocking down the couple. "He was assaulted by the locals and started bleeding and had to be rushed to the district hospital and then he was shifted to a private hospital. We are waiting for the blood reports to see if there is alcohol content in the blood and accordingly if found positive, he will be arrested," said Calangute PI Paresh Naik.

The investigation is on. Calangute police have informed the British High Commission about the incident.

BENAULIM DOCTOR HELD FOR 'SEXUAL' ASSAULT ON NURSE

The accused was also taken to the South Goa District Hospital for a medical examination. Additionally, the police have attached the accused's car for investigative purposes.

Dr Arawattigi was presented before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) in Margao, and was remanded in three days police custody. The accused has been interrogated, and the investigation is going on under the supervision of Cuncolim PI Diogo Gracias.

DISCONTENT OVER SHIFTING OF OLD GOA PS TO EXPOSITION SECRETARIAT

He said, "The very next day I wrote to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) about the temporary works to be dismantled and on January 28, 2025, the ASI Goa Circle wrote to the Secretary (Revenue), who was also the Commissioner for Exposition about the non-compliance of the terms of conditions."

According to Mascarenhas, the PWD which had carried out components/works had failed to comply with the certain terms of conditions put by the ASI (Monuments II Section) except the permanent toilet block near Se Cathedral. The State government authorities were asked to remove the works immediately. The ASI (Monuments II Section) had clearly stated that all the works for the Exposition were of temporary nature only except permanent toilet block.

Mascarenhas further said that the High Court of Bombay at Goa, which is hearing his PIL writ petition had noted various breaches committed by the authorities and has asked all the respondents including the Old Goa Police to file their affidavits by June 17.

"It is the same arsenal area where the ASI has asked the Goa Tourism to stop excavation following discovery of cannonballs," Mascarenhas said.

Sava Old Goa Action Committee coordinator Peter Viagas said, "Old Goa police station was shifted to the Exposition Secretariat after performing pooja. This Exposition Secretariat was built with laterite stones a month before the decennial Exposition started. On Monday, we will write to all the authorities raising our strong objections to the shifting of police station in the Exposition Secretariat. It is an irony that on one hand we are fighting to demolish illegal structures and here the government is violating the terms of conditions.

Social activist Samil Volvoikar said, "I fail to understand why the police station has been shifted to the Exposition Secretariat which was to be removed after the Exposition? Now the police station will continue for the next two years till the new building is ready and there will be a lot of movement of vehicles and people inside the heritage area and there is every apprehension that this structure will be a permanent structure within a heritage area. I demand that the police station should be shifted to some other location."

LOVE'S LABOUR LOST IN BORDER TENSION, INDIAN GROOM GETS STUCK AT WAGAH

Singh, who works in the finance sector, is one of many in the region with relatives in Pakistan. For now, his family waits in the hope that the situation improves and the border reopens in time for the marriage to go ahead.

India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic relations with Pakistan following the April 22 terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were gunned down.

A Cabinet Committee on Security meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, took a series of retaliatory steps, including suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960, revocation of visa services of Pakistani nationals and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post.