

# India eves play Uzbek in two friendlies

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Indian senior women's team will play two FIFA international friendly matches against Uzbekistan in the May/June window, the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) said on Thursday.

The two matches against Uzbekistan will be played on May 30 and June 3 at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence in Bengaluru.

The Blue Tigresses, coached by Crispin Chettri, are preparing for the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers, having begun their camp in Bengaluru on May 1.

India have been drawn in Group B, where they are set to face Mongolia (June 23), Timor-Leste (June 29), Iraq (July 2), and hosts Thailand (July 5), in Chiang Mai.

India, who are at 69th position in the FIFA Women's Rankings, have played Uzbekistan, ranked 50th,

## INDIA PROBABLES

**GOALKEEPERS:** Payal Basude, Elangbam Panthoi Chanu, Keisham Melody Chanu, Moirangthem Monalisha Devi  
**DEFENDERS:** Purnima Kumari, Phanjoubam Nirmala Devi, Martina Thokchom, Shubhangi Singh, Sanju, Malati Munda, Toijam Thoibisana Chanu, Sorokhaibam Ranjana Chanu, Nangbam Sweety Devi, Viksit Bara, Hemam Shilky Devi

**MIDFIELDERS:** Kiran Pisda, Nongmaithem Ratanbala Devi, Muskan Subba, Lisham Babina Devi, Karthika Angamuthu, Cindy Remruatpui Colney, Sangita Basfore, Priyadarshini S, Baby Sana, Santosh, Anju Tamang  
**FORWARDS:** Mousumi Murmu, Malavika P, Sandhiya Ranganathan, Soumya Guguloth, Sulanjana Raul, Lynda Kom Serto, Rimpa Haldar, Manisha Naik, Renu, Karishma Purushottam Shirvoikar, Sumati Kumari, Manisha Kalyan, Grace Dangmei

**HEAD COACH:** Crispin Chettri

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Priya PV

**GOALKEEPER COACH:** Dipankar Choudhury

on 13 occasions.

The White Wolves have come out victorious on nine occasions, while the Blue Tigresses have won one match. Three matches between the two sides have

ended in draws.

FIFA Women's International Friendlies: May 30: India vs Uzbekistan; Padukone-Dravid CSE. June 3: India vs Uzbekistan; Padukone-Dravid CSE

# Chandrakant's brace sends Xetrapal SC to final

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**MAPUSA/RAIA:** Xetrapal SC, Oxel, marched into the final of Peddem Bomm Cup 2025 organised by Peddem Bomm SC with a resounding 2-0 victory over Holiday Club, Arpora, in the semi-final match played at Peddem Bomm ground, Anjuna, on Thursday.

Xetrapal SC had an early chance to farg ahead but Dishank Dhargalkar's try missed the post by a whisker off a well-taken cross by Kanaya.

## FOOTBALL

At the other end, Shubam Malvankar weaved his way through the Xetrapal SC defence only to see his well-taken shot superbly saved by the goalkeeper. Xetrapal SC kept up the pressure and Kanaya missed to connect after a well-taken cross by Dishank.

In the 25th minute, Chandrakant Shirodkar gave the lead to Xetrapal SC with a beautiful shot which landed straight into the goal. Immediately Chandrakant doubled the lead beating the Holiday Club defence and coolly slotting the ball into the net to complete his brace. The man-of-the-match was awarded to Chandrakant Shirodkar.

**Joywin's brace guides Rebello Pandal in quarters**

Rebello Pandal, Maina,

came from behind to move past Chandrawaddo Boys, Fatorda, 3-2 to enter into the quarter-finals of 5th All Goa 8-a-side inter-village football tournament organised by Davorlim Sports and Cultural Club, at Laymat ground, Davorlim, on Thursday.

Chandrawaddo Boys started the match on a fast track and scored two quick goals in 7th and 10th minute through the efforts of Clencio Pinto and Franson and remained 2-0 ahead at half time.

In the second session, Rebello Pandal entered the field and took control of the game and scored through the boots of Joywin Carneiro and Nickson Castanah in 30th and 45th minute to level score 2-2.

In the dying minutes, Joywin netted his second goal with neat placement, which turned out to be the match winning goal.

**9-a-side football: Cumborda SC move ahead**

Cumborda Sports Club downed Paldem Sports Club 2-0 to move into the next round of Fondegal Youth Club 9-a-side inter-ward football tournament played at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Thursday.

Both teams started the match in an attacking mode, Mackson of Cumborda SC with his powerful shot scored in the

10th minute to take lead. Later, Paldem SC tried many shots but were off the targets.

Both teams tried scoring with their tactics but the first half ended in a score with 1-0 Cumborda leading the game

Later in the 45 min Cumbord Sporting Club with their brilliant passing made through ball to Blason and he netted the ball in the bottom corner to make the double lead for them

**Nerul Cup: Candolim SC in quarters**

Candolim SC defeated St Anthony's SC, Marna-Silim, 2-1, to enter into the quarter-finals of Nerul Cup inter-village football tournament played at Nerul ground, on Thursday.

Royce Gonsalves scored a brace, while Sudin Shirodkar reduced the margin for St Anthony's SC.

**St Rock's Super Soccer: Navelim SC move ahead**

Navelim Sporting Club downed Sporting Club Davorlim 4-1 via tie-breaker to move ahead in the St Rock's Super Soccer inter-village football tournament played at Majorda ground, on Thursday.

After a barren full session, Navelim Sporting Club proved to be the better shooters in the penalty shoot-out.

# Cyprian's hat-trick gives Dunes SC win

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**MAPUSA/RAIA:** Dunes SC had an easy outing as they trounced Sai Avatar SC, Anjuna, 5-1 to march into the next round of Candolim Panchayat Cup organised by Candolim SC at Dr Gustavo Monterio ground, Candolim, on Thursday.

Before the start of the match one minute of silence was observed for the departed soul of Justino Rosario, former Candolim goalkeeper.

The highlight of the match was a brilliant hat-trick from the boots of Cyprian Rodrigues.

It was Sanmesh Paul who opened the floodgates for Dunes SC as he directed his header into the goal in the 29th minute of play off a cross from Arun Naik, 1-0.

Before going into the breather, Cyprian Rodrigues doubled his team's lead from his individual brilliancy, 2-0.

On crossing over, Anthony Lobo guided the ball into the goal off a cross from Sanmesh Paul to make it 3-0. In the last quarter of the match, Cyprian Rodrigues netted a brace to complete his hat-trick. Samuel

Santa Cruz Club of Cavellossim vice-president Dionizio Dias and former sarpanch presents the Food Court Man-of-the-match award to Shanon Furtado of SCC Cavellossim in presence of Solomon Mendes, executive committee member of the club

D'Souza scored the consolation goal for Sia Avatar, 5-1.

thony's SC Marna-Silim and Candolim SC.

**Calangute Panchayat Cup: Augustias SC face Nerul SC in opener**

Augustias SC will take on Nerul Sports Club in the inaugural match of the Calangute Panchayat Cup in loving memory of Fr Conceicao D'Silva organised by St Savio's SC, Calangute, on Friday, at Poriat ground, Calangute, at 4.30 pm.

Other participating teams are Xetrapal SC, Dunes SC, PVC Parra, Peddem Bomm, St. Sebastian SC, St. Savio's SC, Saligao United, Sinquerim SC, Goa Velha SC, Saligao Sporting, Raia Sporting Club, Assonora SC, St. An-

**Cavellossim Villagers UK Cup: Hosts SCC**

Cavellossim in quarters Hosts Santa Cruz Club of Cavellossim hammered Goa Velha 3-0 to enter into the quarter-finals of Cavellossim Villagers UK Cup 2025 organised by Santa Cruz Club of Cavellossim at Fr Druston and Wellington ground, Cavellossim, on Thursday.

SCC Cavellossim drew the first blood when an accurate cross by Alex Rodrigues was headed in by Sanford Fernandes to put SCC Cavellossim 1-0 ahead in the very 5th minute.

# St Sebastian SC march into final

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**CALANGUTE:** St Sebastian SC pipped Assnora United 2-1 in the semi-final to book the final berth in the Calangute Association Cup inter-village football tournament played at Poriat ground, here, on Thursday.

The encounter showcased exceptional skill, strategy and sportsmanship from both the teams. Shaviz Pathan was instrumental in St Sebastian SC's win, scoring both goals in the 11th and 24th minute.

Assnora United put up a good fight but St Sebastian SC's momentum proved unstoppable.

Prajot Naik scored the lone goal for Assnora United in the 69th minute of the match, showcasing their determination and never-

say-die attitude. Shaviz Pathan of St Sebastian Sports Club was named the man-of-the-match for his outstanding performance which was presented by special guest Bento De Souza, assistant treasurer for Calangute Association.

## CALANGUTE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

# Rajasthan Royals replace injured Rana with 19-yr-old uncapped South African

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Rajasthan Royals on Thursday named young wicket-keeper Lhuan-dre Pretorius from South Africa as a replacement for injured Nitish Rana for the remainder of the Indian Premier League.

The 19-year-old has played 33 T20s and scored 911 runs with

a highest score of 97, which came on his debut for SA20 franchise Paarl Royals earlier this year. The Paarl franchise in the SA20 is also owned by the owners of Rajasthan Royals.

"He will join RR for his base price of Rs 30 Lakh," said the IPL in a statement.

Rana made 217 runs at a strike of 161.94 this season with his highest score being 81.

Rajasthan Royals have already been eliminated from the play-offs race. Their remaining two games are against Chennai Super Kings and Punjab Kings.

# Thivim Karate Dojo shines at IJKAI Karate National Championship

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**MAPUSA:** Thivim Karate Dojo students brought home a total of 29 medals - 9 gold, 4 silver and 16 bronze - at the IJKAI Karate National Championship, held recently at the Peddem badminton stadium, Mapusa. The tournament saw over 400 participants from across India competing in various age categories.

The athletes, who were trained under Sensei Sandesh Santosh Kolikar (Black Belt 3rd Dan) and coach of the Thivim IJKAI Dojo, displayed impressive skill and determination throughout the event.

In the Under 8 years category, Meryl Fernandes earned two gold medals, while Aryan Shinde secured one gold and one bronze. In the Under 10 years category, Kanak Bagkar won a bronze,

Sharav Naik bagged two golds, Maheer Dodamani claimed a gold, and Ricean Rodrigues earned a bronze.

In the Under 12 years category, Varadaa Shetye Korgaonkar and Gunjan Vengurlekar each took home a bronze, as did Franzer Desousa and Mahaj Porob, who won two bronzes.

In the Under 14 years category, Nishant Malgi claimed one gold and one silver, Adarsh Nair earned

one silver and one bronze, Parth Walavalkar won two bronzes, and Vicky Pednekar secured one bronze. Swarit Ghanekar took home a silver and a bronze, while Mihir Korgaonkar and Sergio Pereira won one bronze each.

In the Under 18 years category, Pallavi Kalangutkar triumphed with two gold medals, and Anushka Naik won one silver and one bronze.

## TODAY'S SPORTS

**GFA U-17 Girls North Zone:** Dunes SC vs Adarsh Yuvak Sangh, at Sirsaing ground, 4.15 pm

**GFA U-17 Division II League (South Zone) Group B:** Parish Youth Nuvem, Consua, vs UC Seraulim, at Seraulim ground, 4.15 pm

**Calangute Panchayat Cup (inaugural match):** Nerul SC vs Augustias SC, at Poriat ground, Calangute, 4.30 pm

**Candolim Panchayat Cup:** Calangute Association vs Raia SC, at Dr Gustavo Monterio ground, 4.30 pm

**Fondegal Youth Club 9-a-side inter-ward football:** Rumba United vs Unjirim United, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 4.30 pm

**Silver Jubilee Soccer Cup:** Margao Boys vs Verna Boys, at Dicarapale ground, 4.30 pm

**5th all Goa 8-a-side football:** Setting Boys, Sao Jose de Areal vs Dragon FC, Margao, at Layamati ground, Davorlim, 4.30 pm

**St Rock Super Soccer:** Fr Agnel YSC, Paroda, vs Shiroda Youth Club, at Calata ground, Majorda, 4.30 pm

**Nerul Cup:** Peddem Bomm SC vs Assonora United FC, at Nerul SC ground, at 4.30 pm

**Peddem Bomm Cup (2nd semi-final):** St Anthony's SC, Marna, vs Candolim SC, at Peddem Bomm ground, Anjuna, 4.30 pm

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