

Red Phantoms clinch Friendship Cup

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RAIA: Red Phantoms, Sonarwaddo edged past Junior Strikers, Pim-plewaddo, 5-4, in a dramatic tie-breaker to win the Our Lady of Succour Friendship Cup 2025, held at the Bulls Arena Futsal ground, Nagoa. The tournament was organised by The Good Run Sports Ministry under the guidance of Our Lady of Succour and Good Success Church, Nagoa-Salcete.

The final was a closely contested affair, with neither side able to break the deadlock during regular time, despite several scoring opportunities. In the ensuing shootout, Red Phantoms held their nerve as Asif, Roston, Alex, Owais



and Sohan converted their penalties. Valirio, Jasiel and Ransom scored for Junior Strikers, but it was not enough.

Rev Fr Edson Anthony Fernandes, parish priest and chief guest, presented the trophies in the pres-

ence of football enthusiast Francisco Fernandes. Fr Edson used the occasion to encourage the youth to embrace discipline, positive values, and a healthy lifestyle, urging them to stay away from alcohol and drugs.

A memento was presented to Fr Edson by Joyden Colaco on behalf of the organisers, in recognition of his pivotal role in founding the Sports Ministry.

The event was compered by Zion Godinho.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Best goalkeeper:** Mohit Tete (Junior Strikers)
- **Best defender:** Anish Kumar (Junior Strikers)
- **Best midfielder:** Joel Monteiro (United Boyz)
- **Best striker & player of the final:** Alex Fernandes (Red Phantoms)
- **Highest scorer:** Skyler Dias (United Boyz)
- **Player of the tournament & third place match:** Joyden Colaco (United Boyz)
- **Third place:** United Boyz
- **Best disciplined team:** Spartans FC

St Savio's down Peddem Bomm

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MAPUSA: Hosts St Savio's SC, Calangute registered a thrilling 5-4 victory via tie-breaker over Peddem Bomm SC, in the Calangute Panchayat Cup 2025, held in memory of Late Rev Fr Conceicao D'Silva and organised by St Savio's Sports Club at Poriat ground, on Sunday.

CALANGUTE PANCHAYAT CUP

The match began with both teams playing aggressive, attacking football. Despite early dominance, St Savio's missed a couple of scoring opportunities in the first half.

Soon after the restart, in the second minute of the second half, Gauresh Desai put St Savio's ahead, converting from a free-kick delivered by Jovito Fernandes.

Peddem Bomm SC found the equaliser in the 39th minute, when Kripal Dhargalkar slotted home with a composed finish, levelling the score at 1-1.

St Savio's created two more chances but could not convert, sending the game into a penalty shootout. The hosts held their nerve in the tie-breaker, emerging victorious 4-3.

Gauresh Desai of St Savio's SC was adjudged man-of-the-match for his impactful performance.

SFX Camarxete cruise into final with win over Cumborda

RAIA: SFX Sports Club Camarxete eased past Cumborda Sports Club, 4-0, to secure a place in the final of the Fondegal Youth Club 9-a-side interward football tournament 2025 at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Tuesday.

Both sides began with energy and attacking intent, but it was SFX Camarxete who struck first. In the 15th minute, Casvino Fernandes scored after receiving a precise cross from Anسلم Fernandes, giving his side a 1-0 lead at the break. Despite several missed chances by Anسلم and Casvino, SFX maintained

their momentum.

In the second half, Anسلم Fernandes doubled the lead with a brilliant finish in the 35th minute. Cumborda struggled to break through a solid SFX defence.

In the 43rd minute, Velroy Paes delivered a well-placed pass to Casvino Fernandes, who dribbled past the goalkeeper to score the third. Casvino sealed the emphatic victory with his third goal in the closing moments of the match.

Velico Paes of SFX Sports Club Camarxete was named Man of the Match for his excellent performance.

Spring Boys Mandopa storm into semis

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RAIA: In a high-scoring encounter of the 5th all-Goa 8-a-side football tournament, Spring Boys of Mandopa thrashed SFX Chicalim, 8-2, to book their place in the semi-finals of the tournament, organised by Davorlim Sports and Cultural Club, at Laymati ground, Davorlim, on Tuesday.

Spring Boys dominated from the outset, with Sweden netting a hat-trick in the 4th, 45th, and 62nd minutes. Ronaldo added a brace with goals in the 28th and 36th minutes, while Aliston, Venito and Costa contributed a goal each in the 42nd, 55th, and 66th minutes, respectively.

Edward scored a brace for SFX Chicalim in the 38th and 69th minutes, but his efforts were not enough to prevent a heavy defeat.

Aaron Fernandes named future star at Ave Maria summer camp finale

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RAIA: The 25th edition of the Ave Maria Athletic & Walkers Club's 35-day 'Save the Child' Athletic and Football Summer Camp concluded on May 27, in Benaulum, with a prize distribution and felicitation ceremony recognising outstanding trainees.

Aaron Fernandes was awarded the Future Star title, while Haefen Jojo Fds (5.5 years) was recognised as the Youngest Trainee. Other winners included Dion Giles Fernandes (Regular Trainee), Aaron Antao (Upcoming Goalkeeper), Valen Fernandes (Most Energetic), Brandon Fernandes (Most Determined), Marino Fernandes (Most Disciplined), and Eswein Rodrigues (Player with High Potential).

In the Beach Race (Sen-



ior) category, Chandan Kharseal finished 1st, followed by Leon D'Costa (2nd) and Aden Furtado (3rd). The Beach Race (Junior) saw Anees Jalegar take 1st place, with Aaron Antao and Aazmat Jalegar placing 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

Trainees put on an impressive exhibition of ball skills and strength-building routines for parents and well-wishers. Talks were also given throughout the camp on self-discipline, the value of time, wisdom, mo-

tivation, and how to steer clear of social evils. The camp, which began on 15th April, aimed to inspire participants to pursue a future in sports.

Chief guests commended the players' progress, particularly their improvement in speed and football movements. Parents praised Antonio Mascarenhas, head coach and president of the club, for his dedication and for enhancing the skills of the trainees. Liberata encouraged partic-

ipants to consider football seriously, highlighting the vast opportunities in sports development.

Players Tyrone Goes, Abner Silva, Paul Dias, Samuel Pereira, Chandan Kharseal, and Lokhandar Sunar were also felicitated for their past achievements, serving as motivation for continued excellence.

All trainees received individual prizes and certificates for their performance and improvement during the camp.

Goa junior teams leave for Nat tennis ball cricket championship



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PANJIM: Goa's junior boys and girls teams have departed to represent the State at the all-India inter zonal tennis ball cricket championship, to be held at Nagrota Bagwan, Himachal Pradesh from May 31 to June 2.

Boys' team: Shaunak Naik, Vedant Pagi, Shourya Gaude, Sarthak Satarkar, Chinmay Kerekar, Shourya Tari, Saurabh Gaonkar, Pundalik Bhamaikar, Vansh Borkar, Aditya Naik, Runal Muli, Saiesh Naik, Sonam Kalangutkar, Aryan Naik.

Girls' team: Pratiksha Kerkar, Ayushi Shrivas-

tav, Antara Naik, Rakhi Giri, Purva Gawde, Tanaya Gaude, Tanishka Gaude, Prachi Gaude, Snehal Vellingkar, Haushi Naik, Paridi Gaude, Sandhya Rai, Ria Patil, Divya Satarkar.

Officials: Nilesh Naik, Hareesh Parsekar, Ajinkya Naik, and Shitija Dessai will serve as coaches and managers.

GFDC Devabag centre hosts AFC grassroots football day

RAIA: The Goa Football Development Council (GFDC) centre at Devabag-Canacona recently celebrated the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) grassroots football day with great enthusiasm, at the Devabag ground.

The event featured a series of skill development games for trainees, with winners awarded medals for their performances across various categories.

Medal winners were as follows: Juggling (U-13 boys) – Saiyash Komarpant, Ganesh Biswas, Sachin Biswas; Aim shot (U-13 boys) – Swanik Desai, Sladan Barretto, Messbon Rebello; Throw-in (U-13 girls) – Reva Pago, Avani Sudir, Freya Barretto; Penalty shoot-out (U-13 girls) – Nayra Cardozo, Reva Pagi, Manvi Torsekar; Throw-in (U-10 boys) – Aadi Raikar, Atharv Naik, Shaurya Prabhu and penalty shoot-out (U-10 boys) – Jassel D'Souza, Atharv Naik, Vedant Chari.

The chief guest for the prize distribution ceremony was Canacona Municipal Council councillor Siamon Rebello, while Vassalo Carvalho served as guest of honour. Also present were Sharendra Naik, centre head Sedrick Travaso, coach Seby Pereira, and several parents.



Infant Jesus Academy, Velsao emerged U-17 boys volleyball State champions for 2024-25 in the championship organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs. In a closely fought final at the Masson de Amorin Court, Panjim, Infant Jesus Academy defeated Hedgewar High School, Karapur Bicholim, by two sets to one (2-1). Ashish Samad and Aayush Tanti impressed with strong performances for the champions.

GOA DIARY

SELECTION TRIALS FOR NATIONAL YOGA OLYMPIAD 2025 ON MAY 30

PANJIM: The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs will be conducting selection trials to nominate the Goa State teams for the Yoga Olympiad 2025, for both boys and girls, at the Multipurpose Hall, Sankhalim, on May 30, from 9 am to 10 am. Eligibility for the trials includes four boys and four girls from the middle school category (Classes VI to VIII) and four boys and four girls from the secondary school category (Classes IX and X). The Participants must be regularly enrolled students of the schools they represent. All candidates are required to report to the in-charge officer on the day of the selection with their school identity cards or sports cards, along with three passport-sized photographs. For further information contact Agnes Dias, APEO Bicholim.

3-A-SIDE JUNIORS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT AGXEM-CURTORIM ON MAY 31

CURTORIM: The first all-Goa 3-a-side juniors one-day football tournament, organised by Black Arrow Boys, will take place at the Four Road Junction, Agxem-Curtorim, on May 31, from 9.30 am. A total of 16 teams will participate in this inaugural tournament. The winning team will receive a cash prize of Rs 5,000 along with a trophy, while the runners-up will be awarded Rs 3,000 and a trophy. Semi-finalists will each receive Rs 1,000. For more details contact Joviel or Mario.

GOA ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION TO SELECT U-20 TEAM FOR JUNIOR NATIONALS

RAIA: The Goa Athletics Association will depute a team of junior athletes (under-20) for the 29th Junior National Athletics Championship-2025, scheduled to be held in Uttar Pradesh from June 22 to 26. Interested athletes must submit their names and past performance records to Desiree Pereira, athletics coach, by May 29, 6 pm. Selection will be based on qualification marks prescribed by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in their official circular. Athletes who meet the criteria will be called for final selection on May 30, at the Athletics Stadium, Bambolim, at 4 pm.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Calangute Panchayat Cup (semis): Dunes Sports Club vs St Savio SC Calangute, at Poriat ground, at 4.30 pm
5th all-Goa 8-a-side football tournament: Rebello Pandal Maina vs Ambaulim Boy's, Ambaulim, at Layamati ground, Davorlim, at 4.30 pm
1st late Antonio Colaco memorial football tournament (1st semi-finals): Mandopa Sports Club vs Guardian Angel SC, at Rosary Church ground, at 4.30 pm
Silver Jubilee Cup 2025 (inaugural): Madel Sports Club vs Damdolem Sports Club, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, at 5 pm
Cavellossim Villagers UK CUP 2025 (2nd semis): United Sports Club of Seralulim vs San Jose de Areal, at Fr Druston and Wellington ground, Cavellossim, at 4.30 pm

Liverpool car-ramming driver suspected of taking drugs

AFP, POOL:

A driver who ploughed into crowds joyfully celebrating Liverpool football club's Premier League win is being held on suspicion of attempted murder and taking drugs, Merseyside police said Tuesday.

As football fans from the UK and abroad rallied around the port city, the police revealed that 11 people still remained in hospital in stable condition out of the 65 injured in Monday evening's shocking scenes.

The team's victory parade was ending in the city centre when the driver of a Ford Galaxy followed an ambulance through a lifted road-block and ploughed into the crowds, Merseyside police said.

A 53-year-old

white British man was arrested with police swiftly ruling out terrorism. He was being held "on suspicion of attempted murder, dangerous driving and driving while unfit through drugs," assistant chief constable Jenny Sims told a press conference.

Messages of support flooded in Tuesday from around the world.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are injured and affected. You'll never walk alone," said former Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp.

King Charles III, who is currently visiting Canada, said he was "deeply shocked and saddened".

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