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Goans thrilled as Portugal wins UEFA Nations League

Spain's stunning defeat by Portugal has sent waves of pure joy through Portuguese fans, igniting celebrations across the world as well as among fans in Goa

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Cristiano Ronaldo has once again etched his name into the pages of football history, lifting his second UEFA Nations League title with Portugal after a heart-stopping victory over Spain. The match, which ended 2-2 after extra time, was decided by a nerve-wracking penalty shootout that saw Portugal triumph 5-3. But this wasn't just a win for the Portuguese squad, it was a night of pure, unfiltered emotion



for fans around the world. In the quiet, football-loving state of Goa, football fans stayed awake long past midnight, glued to their screens, living every second of the rollercoaster finale. Streets echoed with cheers, homes turned into stadiums, and even the pouring monsoon rains couldn't dampen the celebrations. The night belonged to Ronaldo. With Portugal trailing, the 39-year-old icon delivered yet again, equalising in the 61st minute with his record-

shattering 138th international goal. That strike gave hope, stirred belief, and lit a fire in the hearts of millions. But fate would throw a twist in the 88th minute, Ronaldo left the pitch, visibly in pain, replaced by Gonçalo Ramos. As he walked off, the cameras caught him holding back tears of passion, pain, and pride. Despite his absence in the final minutes, Ronaldo's presence loomed large. With the match tied, the tension exploded into a penalty shootout. As Spanish forward Álvaro Morata



missed a critical penalty, it was Ruben Neves who calmly stepped up and buried the winner, sealing the title and sending the Portuguese bench, and fans worldwide, into euphoria. In Goa, fans danced in the streets, sang in the rain, and wept with joy. For them, this wasn't just about silverware, it was about heart. About watching their hero, Cristiano Ronaldo, defy time and

doubt to deliver once more on the grand stage. This victory, Portugal's second UEFA Nations League crown after their 2019 win, cements Ronaldo's status as a living legend. For Goans, for Portuguese fans, and for football lovers across the world, this night will be remembered not just for the win, but for the feeling it left behind: pride, unity, and sheer, unstoppable joy.

Portugal showed incredible heart, coming back twice from behind. What stood out the most was Nuno Mendes, he stuck to Lamine Yamal like a shadow all match long, pure dedication. And CR7, as always, was a force of nature, his presence alone rattled the Spanish defence. When the whistle blew at full time and the team went into full defensive mode, I was nervous. Penalties without CR7 felt like a huge gamble. But then, the goalkeeper rose to the moment, calm, fearless, heroic. He carried the team through. What a night!

—Clifton D'Cruz, Purna



First time was so nice, we had to do it twice. Once again Portugal are champions of the UEFA Nations League 2025. My heart can't hold all this emotion! Seeing my team shine was incredible and then there's my idol Cristiano Ronaldo. Even at 40, he continues to inspire, lead, and deliver when it matters most. His presence, leadership, and hunger always lit up the pitch. Seeing him lift another trophy in our colours is emotional beyond words. He's not just a legend—he's a living symbol of what Portuguese football stands for. No words can describe what CR7 means to me, he's not just a player, he's a symbol of strength, passion, and the soul of football. This victory is for him, for us, for Portugal. Portugal forever. CR7 forever.

—Maven Santiago, Bicholim



All the pre-match talk was about Yamal vs Ronaldo, but the match delivered so much more. Nuno Mendes was absolutely outstanding, after last night's performance, he's easily my current favourite. It's incredible to witness everything Ronaldo has achieved in his career so far. He just keeps breaking records, and he does it with such passion. He's a true leader. What an electrifying final. As a Portugal and Cristiano Ronaldo fan, this victory fills me with pure joy. The talent on that field was unbelievable, every player gave it their all, right to the final whistle. It was a thrilling, unforgettable night.

—Fainna Fernandes, Porvorim

Portugal's UEFA Nations League final was a story of grit, legacy, and brilliance across generations. Coming from behind twice showed the team's unshakable spirit. Cristiano Ronaldo, the eternal legend, delivered when it mattered most, once again proving age is just a number. Nuno Mendes was a revelation, blending youthful energy with mature decision-making that changed the rhythm of the game. And in the shootout, perfection! Five flawless penalties and a crucial save from Diogo Costa sealed it. This wasn't just a win, it was a statement. Portugal's second Nations League title will be remembered as a night of champions rising together.

—Alister Fernandes, Mercers



It was a clash of the titans, and they gave us an unforgettable game. Our home was ecstatic. I've not seen Portugal play like this in a long time. Their strategy was exceptional, and their morale unbeatable, both of which coach Roberto Martinez deserves credit for. The players gelled well and gave their best. It was a historic win, also considering the traditional rivalry between Portugal and neighbours Spain,

whom they jokingly call 'nuestros hermanos' (our siblings). A wonderful gift on the eve of Portuguese National Day (June 10), so the words that naturally came out of our mouths were 'Viva Portugal' many times over!

—Oscar de Noronha, Miramar



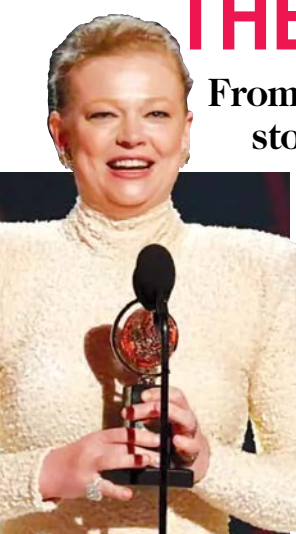
Sonam Kapoor Ahuja celebrates her 40th birthday with an intimate gathering at home, surrounded by close family and friends.

THE 2025 TONY AWARDS – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER THEATRE

From tearful acceptance speeches to show-stopping performances, this year's Tony Awards was a high-kicking tribute to theatre's evolving, extraordinary heart

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The 2025 Tony Awards were a celebration of Broadway's best. From record-breaking box office figures to underdog victories, innovative international debuts, and plenty of diva drama, this year's Tonys had something for everyone. Hosted by Cynthia Erivo, the evening was emotionally rich. She made a bold choice to keep the comedy light and the vocals heavy and it paid off. Dressed in glamour, she belted 'And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going' as the credits roll.



Sarah Snook's dazzling solo feat

Another standout was Sarah Snook, who won Leading Actress in a Play for her astonishing solo performance in 'The Picture of Dorian Gray', in which she played 26 characters with the help of pre-recorded visuals, a remarkable fusion of theatre and film. She said, "This

means so much for a little Australian girl to be here on Broadway. 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' is billed as a one-person show, but I don't feel alone any night that I do this show. There are so many people on stage making it work and behind the stage making it work."



Kara Young makes back-to-back history

One of the most moving achievements of the night came from Kara Young, who won Featured Actress in a Play for her role in 'Purpose'. She became the first Black actor to win Tonys in consecutive seasons, following last year's win for 'Purlie Victorious'. Remarkably, this marks her fourth nomination in four Broadway seasons. "In this world that is so divided, theatre is a safe, a sacred space that we have to honour and cherish, and it makes us united," she said while accepting her win.



'Maybe Happy Ending' becomes a triumphant one

The most celebrated show of the night was 'Maybe Happy Ending', the heartfelt South Korean musical about obsolete HelperBots navigating love and loneliness. Entering the evening tied for most nominations (10, alongside 'Buena Vista Social Club' and 'Death Becomes Her'), the show walked away with six Tony Awards, including the coveted Best Musical. Darren Criss also earned his first Tony for Leading Actor in a Musical, portraying the tender and soulful robot Oliver. Director Michael Arden added another feather to his cap with Best Direction of a Musical, just two years after his win for 'Parade'.

Nicole Scherzinger's Broadway coronation

Nicole Scherzinger earned the Tony for Leading Actress in a Musical for her haunting and electric take on Norma Desmond in 'Sunset Blvd'. The production, a minimalist yet cinematic reinvention by Jamie Lloyd, also won Best Revival of a Musical. In her emotional acceptance speech, she said, "Growing up, I always felt like I didn't belong, but you all have made me feel like I belong and I have come home at last. So if there is anyone who feels like they don't belong or your time hasn't come, don't give up. Just keep on giving and giving because the world needs your love and light more than ever. This is a testament that love always wins."

