

Goa set to witness display of young shuttle talent

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PANJIM: Goa is all set to witness a spectacular display of sub junior badminton talent as it hosts two prestigious All India Ranking Tournaments back-to-back.

Organised by the Goa Badminton Association under the aegis of the Badminton Association of India and supported by the Sports Authority of Goa, these national-level tournaments will bring together the best young shuttlers from across the country to the State.

The first tournament, featuring U-15 and U-17 age categories, will be held from June 14 to 22, at the Multipurpose Stadium in Peddem, Mapusa.

With close to 2,000 players registered, this mega event is not only a competitive platform but also serves as a key selection trial for the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati. The tournament will include 10 events across singles, doubles, and mixed doubles formats. Wayne Fernandes has been appointed as

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President Manoj Patil and Secretary Praveen Shenoy addressing the mediapersons in the presence of other dignitaries on Thursday

the Organising Secretary, while Navneet Nasnodkar and Samir Sangodkar are the Tournament Directors. Madhavan Narayanan from Kerala will officiate as the Chief Referee, assisted by Deputy Referee Sampat Rao Suribabu from Andhra Pradesh.

A total prize fund of Rs 12 lakh will be awarded to the top performers.

The action then moves to South Goa, where the U-13 All India Ranking Tournament will take place from June 23 to 28, at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, in Navelim.

Around 500 budding talents will participate in this event, which carries a prize purse of Rs 6 lakh.

Aniruddha Joshi from Maharashtra will serve as the referee, with F Baria from Gujarat as his deputy. The organising secretary for this leg is Kapil Kamat and the tournament director is Sharmad Mahajan.

The singles events in both tournaments will feature the country's top-seeded players. In the U-15 boys singles, the top seeds are Pushkar Sai (Karnataka), Harshit Khatri (Delhi) and Wazir Singh (Punjab). In the U-15 girls category, Shaina Manimuthu (Karnataka), Hamsini Chadaram (Telangana) and Avni Vikram Govind (Telangana) lead the rankings.

The U-17 boys singles will see Dev Ruparelia (Maharashtra), Prateek Koundilya (Karnataka) and Jagsher Singh Khangurra (Punjab) as top contenders, while the U-17 girls top seeds include Lakshya Rajesh (Karnataka), Rishika Nandi (Delhi), and Adhira Rajkumar (Tamil Nadu).

Addressing the mediapersons, Manoj Patil, president of the Goa Badminton Association, extended an invitation to players, parents, and fans: "We welcome everyone to Peddem to witness the electrifying action on display. The standard of badminton in India has risen immensely, with academies flourishing in many cities. These tournaments not only provide Goa's players with critical exposure but also inspire many others to work harder and reach national levels."

With two major events lined up in Goa this June, the State is set to become a hub of sub junior badminton excellence, providing a thrilling experience for fans and a golden opportunity for players to shine on the national stage.

Rotary Rain Run Goa registrations open

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PANJIM: Registrations have officially opened for the 11th edition of the Rotary Rain Run Goa, one of the State's oldest runs, scheduled on July 27.

The run-for-a-cause is annually organised to raise funds for creating awareness about women's health, education and environment.

Applications for participation can be submitted across the four categories, namely the 2km fun walk, the 5km dream run, the 10km and 21km timed runs.

Registrations for the event will close on July 20.

"We are excited to announce that registrations have opened for the upcoming Rotary Rain Run Goa 2025. We are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and interest from participants and can't wait to see everyone there. We hope first-time marathoners and experienced distance runners will sign up for this incredibly important charitable event," said Avinash Singh Parmar, chairman of Rotary Rain Run Goa 2025.

The Rotary Rain Run 2025 will commence at

the SAG Athletics Stadium, Bambolim, with a turnaround at the Miramar circle for the 21km timed run. The course winds through sea-facing roads of Bambolim and Dona Paula, offering runners a view of notable landmarks on their journey to the finish line.

For registration and more details, visit <https://rotaryrainrun.com/>. To keep up to date with Rotary Rain Run Goa 2025, visit: Facebook: www.facebook.com/rotaryrainrun/; Instagram: www.instagram.com/rotaryrainrun/; Website: rainrun.rcporvorum.org/; X: [x.com/RotaryRainRun?t=7dvv3GKa45JBpjE5Mawlg&s=09](https://twitter.com/RotaryRainRun?t=7dvv3GKa45JBpjE5Mawlg&s=09).

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SFX Sports Club move into semis

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RAIA: SFX Sports Club, Camarxet, moved into the semi-final after defeating Batora United SC 3-1 in the Silver Jubilee Cup 2025 inter-ward football tournament organised by Sporting Club of Virabhat at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Thursday.

Batora United SC had their first chance to score when Roy Albuquerque shot went wide. First half ended in a goalless.

In the second half, SFX Sports Club scored through Casvino Fernandes in the 35th minute to make it 1-0. Soon after that, SFX Sports Club



Casvino Fernandes receives the man-of-the-match from Floyd Fernandes, Sporting Club of Virabhat member

doubled the lead through Versly Paes in the 40th minute.

Batora United SC pulled one goal back through Edmond Dias in the 43rd minute to make it 1-2. SFX Sports Club scored their third goal through Brian Fernandes in the 50th minute to make it 3-1.

SC Davorlim book final berth

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RAIA: In a heart-stopping semi-final clash of the Benaullim Panchayat Cup, Sporting Club of Davorlim edged out tournament favourites Navelim Villagers Union, 1-0, to move into the final, at St John the Baptist ground, Benaullim, on Thursday.

Thanks to Alent Colaco's clinical finish in the first half. The match was a high-octane affair, with both teams creating scoring opportunities in a frenetic pace.

Navelim Villagers Union dominated the second half, launching wave after wave of attacks in search of an equaliser. Ronaldo Pereira and Clinton Niasso came agonisingly close but Sporting Club of Davorlim goalkeeper Francisco Colaco was phenomenal, pulling off a string of breathtaking saves to deny Sporting Club of Davorlim hopes.

Despite the intense pressure, Sporting Club of Davorlim's defence held firm, and Alent early strike proved to be the match-winner. The win has boosted Sporting Club of Davorlim's confidence and they'll look to continue their momentum in the final on Sunday.

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Vedanta Soccer Trophy: Goa Velha SC face Augustias SC in opener

MAPUSA: Goa Velha Sports Club will take on Augustias Sports Club, Pomburpa, in the inaugural match of the 1st Vedanta Soccer Trophy organised by Sinerquim Sports Club on June 16, at Sinerquim ground, at 4.30 pm. Other participating teams are Sinerquim SC, FC Siolim, Xetrapal SC, Saligao United, Assonora United, FC Tuem, Dunes SC, Mandrem; BAFF, St Anthony's SC, Marna-Siolim; Candolim SC, Calangute Association, Arpora Sporting, Nerul SC and Sai Avtar SC, Anjuna. The winners will take home cash prize of Rs 1 lakh plus trophy and runners-up Rs 50,000 plus trophy.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Benaullim Panchayat Cup (2nd semi-final): United Club Nerul vs Guardian Angel SC, at St John the Baptist ground, Benaullim, 4.30 pm

Silver Jubilee Cup: Unjirim vs SC Virabhat, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 5 pm



Sao Jose de Areal make it to semis

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MAPUSA: Sao Jose de Areal secured a well-deserved 2-0 win over Saligao United to enter the semi-finals of 24th Vagator Soccer 2025 played at Vagator ground, on Thursday.

The game kicked off energetically, where in the 9th minute Tyson Carvalho capitalised on a close-range opportunity to slot the ball home and give Sao Jose de Areal a 1-0 lead.

Just a minute later, Tyson came close to doubling the tally with a free-kick that rattled the crossbar.

In the 24th minute, Bersal Vegas delivered a beautiful ball into the Sao Jose de Areal box, which Leo Gon-

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The man-of-the-match was awarded to Ashnoy Gomes of Sao Jose de Areal

salves headed straight into the goalkeeper's hands.

In the 30th minute, Kenrick Menezes weaved past a couple of defenders to unleash a crisp shot, only to be denied by a stunning save from the Sao Jose de Areal goalkeeper Dezi Oliveira.

The second half resumed with intensity and in the 35th minute Ashnoy Gomes curled in a brilliant shot from outside the box, doubling Sao Jose de Areal's lead, 2-0.

Tensions flared in the 52nd minute with a heated altercation between players from both sides.

In the 60th minute, Abusalia Havaladar of Saligao came close with a powerful header from a corner, but the Sao Jose de Areal goalkeeper Dezi pulled off a tremendous save to deny any hopes of Saligao United comeback.



Curtorim Gymkhana in association with Reginald Trust organised summer Camp for girls and boys between 5 and 14 years at the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs ground, Curtorim, recently. Around 120 boys and girls participated in the camp coached by Maria Rebello and Aliston Fernandes. On the occasion, Armando Colaco Dronacharya Awardee was felicitated by the organisers in the presence of Curtorim MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, Dronacharya Awardee Armando Colaco, Arjuna Awardee Brahmanand Sancoalkar, Curtorim Gymkhana President Arnald Costa, club officials and other dignitaries

'Ref Cam' footage won't show controversial incidents, says FIFA

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AFP, MIAMI: Referees at this month's FIFA Club World Cup will wear 'body cams' with the footage used in broadcasts of the game -- but only if the images are of non-controversial incidents, FIFA refereeing officials said.

The match referees in the tournament will wear a small camera protruding from their earpiece which will be able to generate video from the referees' point of view.

But while broadcasters will be able to offer unique angles on goals and saves -- as well as close-up live video and sound from the pre-match coin toss -- viewers won't get to see penalty decisions or other disputable moments from the new camera angle.

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sets the laws of the game had allowed a trial of the technology and suggested that footage of controversies might be part of a later phase in the future.

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The live images will be broadcast via a private 5G network from the ref to the match



production team, said FIFA Director of Innovation, Johannes Holzmüller, who said the live aspect would only be available in the six NFL stadiums being used for the tournament.

What Club World Cup fans will be able to see the VAR reviews, as seen by referees on the pitchside monitor, which will be broadcast on giant screens in the stadium.

That video will then be followed by the referee announcing the final decision over the public address system and the television broadcast.

The tournament will also see the use of 'enhanced semi-automatic offside' technology which will use 16 cameras linked to AI technology and algorithms which will send an audio message to the assistant referee when an offside player touches the ball.

The system will likely see the flag raised earlier for offside and reduce cases of play continuing after a clear offside until a later VAR review.

The tournament will also be an early introduction of the new law that goalkeepers have eight seconds to release the ball after picking it up - or be punished with a corner.

It replaces the previous law that keepers had six seconds to release the ball or give up an indirect free-kick. The goalkeepers will be shown a five second warning by the referee who will count down showing the fingers of one hand.

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