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Pranati wins bronze in vault at Asian Gymnastics Championships

NEW DELHI: Indian gymnast Pranati Nayak clinched a bronze medal in the vault final at the 12th Senior Women's Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Jecheon, South Korea, on Saturday. The 30-year-old, who had earlier claimed a bronze at the FIG World Cup in Antalya, Turkey, in March this year, scored 13.466 to finish third on the podium. China's Yihan Zhang bagged the gold with a score of 13.650, while Vietnam's Thi Quynh Nhu Nguyen took silver with 13.583. Young Indian gymnast Protistha Samanta also impressed, narrowly missing out on a medal with a fourth-place finish after registering a score of 13.016 at the Jecheon Gymnasium. With this performance, Nayak secured her third medal in the continental championships, surpassing veteran gymnast Dipa Karmakar's tally of two. She had previously won bronze in the vault at the 2019 edition in Ulaanbaatar and again in 2022 in Doha.

Dominant Arya-Arjun win World Cup gold beating Olympic Champions from China

MUNICH: India's Arya Borane and Arjun Babuta dished out a thoroughly dominant performance and outplayed China's reigning Olympic and world champion duo Zifei Wang and Lihao Sheng 17-7 to win the gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event of the ISSF World Cup, here, on Saturday. Arya and Arjun were in fine fettle when it mattered the most to win the top prize in the prestigious tournament, not giving the Chinese an inch. The Indian duo entered the gold medal round after aggregating 635.2 in the qualifications, just .7 behind Wang and Sheng (635.9), which is also the qualifications world record. Arya had paired with Rudrankh Patil to win the 10m air rifle mixed team silver in the World Cup in Lima, Peru, earlier this year. Taking aim on the concluding day of the tournament, Arjun (317.7) and Arya (317.5) shot a combined 635.2 to finish second behind Sheng and Wang, who topped the 58-team field with a world record (also junior) score of 635.9.

Chopra aims top spot at Paris Diamond League on June 20

PARIS: Neeraj Chopra will be eyeing the first major title of the season after finishing second in back-to-back competitions as the superstar Indian javelin thrower returns to the Paris Diamond League after eight years to compete in a top-class field on June 20. The 27-year-old Indian had skipped the Paris DL last year in order to focus on the Olympic Games in the French capital. He last competed in the Paris DL in 2017 as a junior world champion and had finished fifth with a throw of 84.67m. The Paris organisers are yet to publish the full list of competitors but they announce that Chopra and two-time world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada would be among five entrants who have already crossed the 90m mark. "Javelin throwers Neeraj Chopra, a double Olympic medalist, and Anderson Peters, a double world champion, are among the five entrants who have already crossed the 90m line in a competition that promises to be a crazy one," the organisers said. Peters had finished third behind Chopra in both Doha Diamond League on May 16 and Janusz Kusocinski Memorial meet in Poland on May 23.

It's important to know when to switch on: Prasidh Krishna

BECKENHAM (UK): India pacer Prasidh Krishna says he has learned to 'switch on' as per the team's requirements and is now looking to carry his rich IPL form on to the tour of England. Having come back from a long injury layoff, Prasidh displayed excellent form in the IPL 2025, and emerged as the league's highest wicket-taker and the winner of the Purple Cap. He is now chuffed about the five-match Test series against England, beginning at Leeds on June 20, for which the touring party is currently engaged in an intra-squad match here. "You have to make sure you are focussed when your chance is coming. But you can't really be focussed for a long time, especially when you are sitting outside, so you make sure you have a bit of fun." "When you know you can sense situation, you make sure you support your team at particular situations, making sure you are being switched on because anything can happen in the game, that's the beauty of cricket in itself." "I think all of us are experienced to know when you must switch on and switch off," Prasidh told BCCI TV.

Arise Sir David! Football legend Beckham knighted

LONDON: Former England football captain and global fashion icon David Beckham was knighted on Friday for his services to sport and charity, with The Who singer Roger Daltrey and actor Gary Oldman also receiving the honour. Beckham, who played 115 times for England as well as for some of the world's most high-profile clubs including Manchester United and Real Madrid, will now be known as "sir" and his wife Victoria, a former member of the Spice Girls pop group, will be known as Lady Beckham. The 50-year-old, who has long been in the running for a knighthood, was appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire in 2003 -- a lesser award in Britain's honours system. Victoria later received the same award for services to the fashion industry. "Growing up in east London with parents and grandparents who were so patriotic and proud to be British, I never could have imagined I would receive such a truly humbling honour," Beckham said in a statement issued to the Press Association. "I'm so lucky to be able to do the work that I do and I'm grateful to be recognised for work that gives me so much fulfilment," he added.



Owais, Ramchandra, Shaurya, Sufiya & Gaurav surge ahead

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Owais Tahasildar and Shaurya Naik in action at the Multipurpose Stadium, Peddem-Mapusa, on Saturday

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PANJIM: Owais Tahasildar, Ramchandra Patil, Shaurya Naik, Gaurav Paradkar, Devansh Sakpal, and Harsh Mulik gave Goa a strong start on the opening qualification day of Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-15 & U-17) Ranking Badminton Tournament 2025, being held at the Multipurpose Stadium, Peddem-Mapusa, on Saturday.

Competing in the Boys U-17 matches, Owais displayed superb control to outplay Advait Rao Patilola of Telangana 15-8, 15-9. Ramchandra Patil followed with a steady 15-9, 15-13

win over Shourya Kumar Roy from Chhattisgarh, while Shaurya Naik impressed with a commanding 15-6, 15-9 victory against Aadhinath Sai M of Kerala. Gaurav Paradkar outplayed Bhavay Duhan from

ALL INDIA SUB JUNIOR RANKING BADMINTON

Delhi 15-8, 15-7. Devansh Sakpal and Harsh Mulik also progressed with wins over Neel Pitale of Maharashtra and Pranav Balaji B R of Karnataka.

There were other prominent Goa ranked shuttlers narrowly missed out in hard-fought three-game encounters. Vansh Natekar lost

a nail-biter to Kerala's Pranav Pradeep 11-15, 15-13, 13-15, while Atharv Sachin Sadaye pushed Rishabh Singh Parihar of Uttarakhand to the edge before going down 17-15, 13-15, 15-8. Ved Shetye, Sanand Nair, Devaj

Uttarakhand 11-15, 15-9, 14-16 in a thrilling contest. Anaya Manohar Kamat, Saanvi Audi, and Crisanne D'Sa went down fighting to strong opponents from Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu respectively.

Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated with lighting of the traditional ceremonial lamp, graced by Tournament Referee Dr Madhavan Narayanan, GBA Secretary Praveen Shenoy, Treasurer Sanjay Bhohe, Organising Secretary Wayne Fernandes, Tournament Director Navneet Nasnodkar, former GBA secretary Sandeep Heble, coach Roy Ataide and Irfan Khan.

Toss Academy lead on Day 1

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Chief guest Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Panaji Rohit Monserrate after declaring the Championship open in the presence of guest of honour Executive Director of Sports Authority of Goa Dr Geeta Nagvenkar and special guests at the Indoor Stadium, Campal-Panjim, on Saturday

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PANJIM: The Multi-State Masters Table Tennis Team Championship got off to a vibrant start with Round One of the league matches, which saw spirited performances from veteran players rep-

resenting four States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and hosts Goa, at the Indoor Stadium, Campal, here, on Saturday. Leading the points table at the end of the opening day are Toss Academy and

Spinmoon 5 from Maharashtra with five points each, followed by Accolades from Karnataka and MP Lions from Madhya Pradesh with three points each. The two-day championship, featuring top players in the 39+, 49+, and 59+ age categories, promises intense com-

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petition and camaraderie among veterans.

Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated by chief guest Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Panaji (CCP) Rohit Monserrate in the presence of guest of

honour Executive Director of Sports Authority of Goa Dr Geeta Nagvenkar, special guests Director of Dempo Properties Yogish Dempo, State Bank of India Manager Nirmal and former secretary of the Goa Table Tennis Association Vishnu Kolvakar.

The organising team from Panjim Morning Stars Sports Club - Niraj Kannure, Dinesh Sinari, Chaitanya Tarcar, Avdhut Kuvelkar and others, welcomed the dignitaries and participants with great enthusiasm, marking the club's first foray into hosting a multi-State event.

HERALD PIC



The participants of 'Chess in Schools' project, organised by the Ponda Taluka Chess Association, under the guidance of Goa Chess Association and supported by All India Chess Federation, display certificates after completion of the course along with PTCA President Sagar Sakordekar, PTCA Secretary Amogh Namshiker, Swastik Vidyalaya Primary School Headmaster Shirish Amshekar, PTCA Executive Member Anand Kurtikar, Teacher Samiksha Bhagat, Pradipt Desai and Coach Milind Gaude at the Swastik Vidyalaya school hall, Priol, recently. A tournament was conducted and trophies were presented to the winners Mitisha Gaude, Dishita Gaude, Pratik Gaunekar, Nakshit Khandeparkar, Tanisha Satarkar and Swayam Gaude

YSC Colvale enter semis

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MAPUSA: YSC of Colvale secured a confident 3-1 win over PVC Parra in the quarter-final to march into the semi-final of 24th Vagator Soccer 2025 played at Vagator ground, on Saturday.

YSC Colvale came close in drawing their first blood early in the match when Nehal Parsekar lobbed the ball over the onrushing PVC Parra's custodian but missed narrowly.

At the other end in the 9th minute, Joston Cardoz sent in a low cross to Shadab Shaikh who headed the ball wide.

VAGATOR SOCCER

In the 23rd minute, Shaviz opened the scoring for YSC Colvale with a calm finish, assisted by Edwin Viegas, 1-0. PVC Parra almost struck back in the 26th minute when Waldron Martins rattled the crossbar.

Despite several close calls, including a brilliant save by the YSC Colvale goalkeeper Manuel Viegas and another curling effort by Jonas D'Souza in the 29th minute, PVC Parra couldn't find the net before the breather.

In the second half, YSC Colvale's goalkeeper continued his heroics, denying a fierce free-kick from

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The man-of-the-match was awarded to YSC Colvale's goalkeeper Manuel Viegas for his heroics

Veron Pereira in the 38th minute. YSC Colvale almost doubled their lead in the 46th minute but Rio Fernandes hit the goalpost.

As the match progressed, YSC Colvale doubled their lead in the 60th minute when Shaviz pounced on a rebound after Edwin Viegas' effort was parried 2-0.

The match tilted further in YSC Colvale's favour in added time when Roger Miranda scored a stunning long-range goal in catching the PVC Parra's goalkeeper out of position to make it 3-0.

John Mendonca of YSC Colvale was shown a red card for handling the ball in the YSC Colvale's penalty box, Joston Cardoz converted the penalty as a consolation goal, 3-1.

UB Ambaulim move ahead

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RAIA: United Boys of Ambaulim downed Cuncolim Union 2-0 in the inaugural match to move into the next round of Anil Kamat memorial football tournament organised by Enfermos Sports Club, at the Chinchinim Church ground, on Saturday.

Stampede: BCCI forms guidelines

PTI, NEW DELHI: The BCCI Apex Council on Saturday formed a three-member committee headed by its secretary Devajit Saikia to formulate guidelines aimed at preventing incidents like the recent Bengaluru stampede during the victory celebrations of Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

The members of the committee will formulate the guidelines within 15 days.

In an intense and action-packed game, Cuncolim Union's Daulat Dessai in the 10th minute attempted a powerful shot on the goal only to be denied by the alert goalkeeper of United Boys of Ambaulim.

KAMAT MEMORIAL FOOTBALL

Both the teams displayed excellent skills and determination, creating multiple scoring opportunities but failed to convert several key chances. Alex Fernandes and Savlion Fernandes were particularly active in attack for United

Boys of Ambaulim. The deadlock was broken in the 32nd minute when Savlion Fernandes netted the opening goal, putting United Boys of Ambaulim in the lead.

Cuncolim Union pushed hard for an equaliser but their efforts were thwarted repeatedly by the solid rock defence and the impressive goalkeeping of the United Boys of Ambaulim, including a crucial save from a corner kick.

In the final moments of the match, Sowell Fernandes sealed the victory for United Boys of Ambaulim with a second goal.

GOA DIARY

Cortalim Villagers U-20 football selection trials at Velsao on June 16, 17

MAPUSA: Cortalim Villagers will hold U-20 football selection trials on June 16 and 17 at Velsao ground, at 3.30 pm. Interested players should report with full playing kit along with birth certificate, two photo copies to the manager. Players born between the 2006 and 2008 years should apply.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Anil Kamat Trophy inter-village football: Raia SC vs Ambelim SC, at Chinchinim Church ground, 4.30 pm
Benaulum Panchayat Cup (final): Sporting Club of Davorlim vs Guardian Angel Sports Club, at St John the Baptist ground, Benaulum, 4.30 pm
24th Vagator Soccer (1st semi-final): Assonora United Football Club vs Sao Jose de Areal Sports Club, at Vagator ground, 4.30 pm
Silver Jubilee Cup: Agxem SC vs Damdolem SC, St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 5 pm

MCC outlaws 'bunny hop' catches; approves new two-ball, concussion rules

PTI, LONDON: Boundary catches involving 'bunny hops', or multiple airborne touches outside the rope, have been deemed illegal by the Marylebone Cricket Club, with the new ruling set to be integrated into ICC's playing conditions this month and the MCC's laws from October next year.

Spectacular catches like the ones pulled off by Michael Neser during BBL 2023 and Tom Banton, with Matt Renshaw's help in 2020, will not be considered legal once the updated rule comes into force.

According to an MCC note circulated to member boards by the ICC, while the existing law "led to some spectacular" fielding efforts, it also

allowed "some unusual-looking catches that, to the majority of the cricketing public, feel unfair".

Describing Neser's catch for Brisbane Heat to dismiss Jordan Silk, the MCC said the fielder "bunny hopped" before completing the catch inside the boundary. While the act complied with the law at the time, the note added it "felt like the fielder had - quite literally - gone too far".

Both instances triggered widespread debate, prompting the ICC and MCC to review Law 19.5.2, which was last updated in 2010.

As part of its revision, the MCC clarified that any fielder making a second contact with the ball

after jumping from beyond the boundary must land inside the field of play, or else a boundary will be awarded.

"MCC has devised a new wording where the 'bunny hop' wholly beyond the boundary is removed, but these catches where the fielder pushes the ball up from inside the boundary, steps outside and then dives back in to catch the ball, are permitted," the note said.

"Our solution has been to limit any fielder who has gone outside the boundary to touching the ball while airborne only once, and then, having done so, to be wholly grounded within the boundary for the rest of the duration of that delivery."

The rule will also apply to relay catches. If a fielder parries the ball while airborne outside the boundary and fails to return inside the field before the catch is completed even by a teammate it will be ruled a boundary.

The revised rule will be enforced starting June 17, when the new World Test Championship (WTC) cycle begins with Sri Lanka taking on Bangladesh in Galle. The change in the laws will officially take effect from October 2026.

The ICC has also approved the two-ball rule changes in ODIs along with the concussion substitute regulations in men's cricket.

At present, two new balls are

being used per innings one at either end. But from now on, two new balls are permitted to be used until the 34th over, and after that particular over, the bowling side will choose one of the two balls for the rest of the innings (35th to 50th over).

But if the match is reduced to 25 overs a side or less before the first innings, then only one new ball will be allowed to use.

As per amended concussion protocols, the teams will have to name their substitutes to the match referee before the match, and it includes one each of wicket-keeper, batter, pace bowler, spinner and all-rounder.