

## shorttakes

**Two-time Olympic medallist hockey forward Lalit calls time on international career**

**NEW DELHI:** Veteran Indian hockey forward Lalit Upadhyay has called time on his illustrious international career, drawing curtains on over a decade-long journey that saw him be a part of the teams that won bronze medals in Tokyo and Paris Olympic Games. From making his debut at the 2014 World Cup to standing tall on the Olympic podium twice, Lalit's career is a time-line of some of Indian hockey's biggest milestones in the modern era. He was a crucial part of the squad that scripted history at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, helping India clinch a long-awaited bronze medal, and repeated the feat at the Paris Games in 2024, reinforcing his reputation as a big-match player. "This journey began in a small village, with limited resources but limitless dreams," Lalit announced his decision through a heartfelt social media post shortly after India's final match of the European leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25 season against Belgium on Sunday.

**Chopra aims win at Golden Spike Ostrava to join coach Zelezny among title winners**

**OSTRAVA (Czech Republic):** Forced to skip the last two editions due to fitness issues, Indian javelin throw superstar Neeraj Chopra will look to claim the title when he makes his debut at the Golden Spike Athletics meet on Tuesday, an event that his coach Jan Zelezny won nine times in a storied career. The 27-year-old Chopra has had an impressive season so far, having won his first Diamond League title in two years in Paris after also breaching the elusive 90m mark during his second place finish in Doha DL in May. He was to take part at Golden Spike -- a World Athletics Continental Tour Category A event -- in 2023 and 2024 but had to skip the meet on both occasions. In 2024, he was present as a guest after opting out of competition due to an adductor muscle niggle. The double Olympic-medallist will be all the more eager to win the title as the Golden Spike was world record holder Zelezny's happy hunting ground during his playing days.

**Former India spinner Dilip Doshi dies aged 77**

**NEW DELHI:** Former India left-arm spinner Dilip Doshi, who carved out a niche for himself despite being in the shadows of Bishan Singh Bedi, died due to cardiac arrest in London on Monday, the Saurashtra Cricket Association said. He was 77 and is survived by his wife Kalindi, son Nayan, who has also played first-class cricket, and daughter Vishakha. Doshi made his Test debut in 1979 after Bedi's retirement and played his last of his 33 games in 1983. In those matches, he took 114 wickets with six five-wicket hauls and was exceptional at home during the first three seasons, completing 100 scalps in just 28 Tests. "Dilip bhai suffered a heart attack in London. He is no more," Saurashtra CA president Jaydev Shah told PTI.

**New IOC President Kirsty takes office today to start 8-year leadership**

**LAUSANNE (Switzerland):** The first female and first African president of the IOC, Kirsty Coventry was inaugurated in the role on Monday on the organisation's 131st birthday with praise that the Olympic movement was "in the best of hands". Coventry, a two-time Olympic gold medallist in swimming for Zimbabwe, finally and formally takes office on Tuesday aged just 41 after decisively winning a seven-candidate election in March to succeed Thomas Bach. Coventry said Olympic leaders were "guardians of a platform ... to inspire, to change lives, to bring hope."

**India top medal tally at Seychelles Boxing Tournament**

**MAHE (Seychelles):** Indian boxers signed off on a high, bagging a total of seven medals, including three gold, to finish atop the standings at the Seychelles National Day Boxing Tournament held here. In addition to the gold medals, India clinched three silver and one bronze, finishing one medal ahead of Mauritius in the overall tally at the Paradise Arena. Among the highlights, Himanshu Sharma (50kg) secured gold via walkover, while Ashish Mudshaniya (55kg) registered a commanding 4-1 split decision win in his final. In the 90+kg summit clash, Gaurav Chauhan held his nerve in a tense bout to eke out a narrow 3-2 victory and claim the third gold for the country. The silver medals came through hard-fought efforts from Anmol (60kg), Aditya Yadav (65kg), and Neeraj (75kg), all of whom lost their finals by identical 2-3 split decisions despite spirited performances. Adding to India's tally was Kartik Dalal, who secured a bronze in the 70kg category.

**Club World Cup: Man City hit six to reach last 16, Real win with 10 men**

**PHILADELPHIA (United States):** Manchester City hit Al Ain for six on Sunday to secure a place in the last 16 of the Club World Cup after Real Madrid shrugged off an early red card to beat Mexican side Pachuca 3-1. Juventus proved too strong for Wydad Casablanca while Red Bull Salzburg and Al Hilal drew 0-0 as the second round of group games at the tournament came to a conclusion. In Charlotte, Real Madrid overcame the early sending-off of Raul Asencio to beat Pachuca 3-1 and get their first win under new coach Xabi Alonso. Results: Juventus 4 (Boutouil 6-og, Yildiz 16, 69, Vlahovic 90+4-pen) Wydad Casablanca 1 (Lorch 25), Manchester City 6 (Gundogan 8, 73, Echeverri 27, Haaland 45+5-pen, Bobb 84, Cherki 89) Al Ain 0, Real Madrid 3 (Bellingham 35, Guler 43, Valverde 70) Pachuca 1 (Montiel 80), Red Bull Salzburg 0 Al-Hilal 0.

**Calangute Assn in quarters**

Joshua D'Souza was awarded the man-of-the-match for his stellar performance, which was presented by Babli Mandrekar

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**MAPUSA:** Calangute Association downed Arpora Sporting Club with a

3-0 win to move into the quarter-finals of 1st Vedanta Trophy organised by Sinqerim Sports Club at Sinqerim Sports Club ground, on Monday.

Both the teams were locked goalless at half-time. Calangute Association surged ahead through Joshua D'Souza in the 50th minute of play. Pedro Gonsalves doubled the lead for Calangute Association in the 53rd minute of play. Waldron Martins scored an unfortunate own goal to complete the rout in the 56th minute of play.

Pallav Muriar, Saish Palekar and Sankesh Harmalkar were shown card by the match referee.

**Amaira, Samarth & Vishwa shine on opening day**

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**PANJIM:** Goa's young talent stole the limelight on Day 1, with eight-year-old Amaira Dhumatkar registering an impressive 15-7, 15-12 win over Telangana's Sreshtha Nirvana Kalva in the U-13 Girls Singles round one of the Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-13) Ranking Badminton Tournament 2025 organised by the Goa Badminton Association under the aegis of Badminton Association of India and the Sports Authority of Goa at the Manohar Parrikar

Indoor Stadium, Navelim, on Monday.

In the U-13 Boys Singles, Vishwa Parab breezed past Adarsh Gore (Maharashtra) 15-12, 15-2, while Samarth Sakhalkar edged out Karnataka's Akshaj Gatty in a thrilling 15-12, 7-15, 15-13 contest in round two. Daksh

dy S and Varun Sahakari lost close matches, while Pratik Naik Borkar, Rushank Kulkarni, Vihaan Sahakari, and Saksham Mhapuskar also exited early after putting up brave fights.

In the girls' category, Aditi Dhargalkar fought hard before going down to Akshara

Among nationally qualifying ranked players, second seed Kyon Tamin (Arunachal Pradesh) defeated Krishna Tejas Pandravada (Karnataka) 15-5, 15-9; third seed Jatin Saraf (Maharashtra) overcame Shreyansh Dahiya (Haryana) in a tight 16-14, 15-7 battle; and fourth seed Kian Yadav (Rajasthan) eased past Diyan Parekh (Maharashtra) 15-6, 15-9. A key upset came from Khush Dixit (Maharashtra), who stunned fifth seed Hiten (Delhi) 15-12, 15-11 in a straight-game win. The main draw will begin on June 25.

**ALL INDIA SUB JUNIOR RANKING BADMINTON**

Kamat too advanced to round three after receiving a walkover against Samar Sankar Lal (Karnataka).

Among other Goa's top ranked players, Krithik Red-

V (Karnataka), while Komal Kothari and Ashbah Tahasildar lost to Anisha Pinge (Maharashtra) and Deechum Likha (Arunachal Pradesh), respectively.

**Anaya & Shaurya storm into U-11 final; Ishita, Samaira, Anaya & Aarna in U-15 semis**

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**PANJIM:** Anaya Shukla and Shaurya Desai stormed into the final of U-11 Girls category in the Ulhas Jewellers BPS All Goa Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2025 on the opening day organised by the BPS Sports Club in association with the Goa Table Tennis Association, at the Mulpurpose Stadium, Fatorda, on Monday.

Earlier in the quarter-finals, Anaya, Tvisha and Shaurya moved ahead with the dominant 3-0 performances over Tasha Mascarenhas, Radha Dessai and Claire George, while Sanaz progressed via a walkover from Sailee Talaulicar. In the U-15 girls quarter-finals, top

Verlekar fought hard to edge out Tisha Shaikh in a close 3-2 battle.

Anaya Srivastava and Aarna Lotlikar (seeded two) also secured their spots in the semi-finals with solid 3-1 wins over Gianna Maria George and Sachi R Dessai, respectively. With a strong turnout and high-level performances on Day 1, the tournament promises to build momentum as the boys' categories take centre stage on Tuesday.

**ULHAS JEWELLERS BPS MAJOR RANKING TT**

seed Ishita Colaso breezed past Ayushi Amonkar in straight sets, while Samaira

**Navelim Villagers Union in semis**

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Joyson Coutinho of Navelim Villagers Union receives the man-of-the-match award from Domnic Fernandes

**RAIA:** Navelim Villagers Union edged past USC Seraulim 5-3 via tie-breaker to enter the semi-finals of 19th Super Soccer inter-village football tournament organised by United Club of Benaulim at the St John de Baptista ground, on Monday.

Navelim Villagers Union entered the field a man less but were determined to take the game to their confident opponents. Navelim Villagers Union almost broke the deadlock when Vebon Rebello floated in a

flag kick which was headed well by lanky defender Veli-to Costa but the ball struck the post in the 20th minute.

At a close of lemon break, USC Seraulim goalkeeper Raynell Pereira pushed out a stinging shot by Ronaldo Pereira.

After resumption, USC Seraulim mounted pressure but Navelim Villagers Union defenders Vellip Costa, Joyson Coutinho, Princely Costa and Aden Pereira were rock solid to keep their citadel clear.

With no goals at the end of regulation time, the tie-breaker was applied in which Navelim Villagers Union

were successful through Ronaldo Pereira, Velito Costa, Joyson Coutinho, Aden Pereira and Sandroy Costa. For USC Seraulim only Ashley Fernandes, Floscio Fernandes and Sevin Fernandes were on target.

The man-of-the-match was awarded to Joyson Coutinho of Navelim Villagers Union by Domnic Fernandes.

**TODAY'S SPORTS**

**Sao Joao traditional football match:** Married vs Bachelors, at Dando ground, Benaulim, 10.30 am

**Sao Joao festival football match:** Manuvelina Boys vs Pedrina Boys, panchayat ground, Davorlim, 10 am

**TOMORROW BLAST IN MARGAO**  
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**28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 8.00 PM**  
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**India demolish Mongolia**

**AGENCIES, CHIANG MAI (Thailand):** India began their AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 qualifiers with a 13-0 victory against Mongolia at the 700th Anniversary of Chiang Mai Stadium on Monday.

**WOMEN ASIAN CUP QUALIFIERS**

The Blue Tigresses led 4-0 at half-time.

This was India's biggest ever win in an AFC

Women's Asian Cup (final round and qualifiers). Previously, the Blue Tigresses' 10-0 victories against Guam in 1997 and 2005 held the record.

Pyari Xaxa (29'; 45'; 46'; 52'; 55') netted five goals in the match, while Soumya Guguloth (20'; 59') and Priyadarshini Selladurai (73'; 86') scored two each. Sangita Basfore (8'), Rimpia Hal-dar (67'), Malavika (71'), and Grace Dangmei (75' p) scored one each.

**4TH REPEAT SHOW**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7.30 PM G.V.N MARGAO**  
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**TIATR MARIANO FERNANDES PRESENTS HIS NEW TIATR**  
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Invites entries for  
**KANTARACHEM DAIZ**  
(Duets, Duos, Trios, Quartets & Choral Songs)  
In collaboration with Our Lady of Rosary High School, Navelim  
to be held on the 13th July, 2025, at 3:00 pm  
At the Our Lady of Rosary High School, Navelim  
This competition will be held in two categories  
(a) up to 16 years (b) Above 16 years to 40 years  
Cash prizes and merit certificates will be awarded to the winners.  
Last date to apply to the office of TAG is 23rd June 2025  
Taking Notes (solfeggio) & rehearsals will be held on the 11th July 2025 at Margao & 12th July, 2025 at Panaji  
Prescribed Application Forms are available at the office of TAG, Block A, 2nd Floor, Campal Trade Centre, Campal, Panaji & on the website, <https://tiatracademyofgoa.com>  
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