

# Michael, Samarth keep State's spirit high

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Michael Mare bends to retrieve the shuttle along with his partner Sai Charith Abbu of Telangana at the Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-13) Ranking Badminton Tournament at Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, on Tuesday

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**PANJIM:** Goa's Michael Ryan Mare kept the State's hopes alive on Day 2 of the Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-13) Ranking Badminton Tournament organised by the Goa Badminton Association under the aegis of Badminton Association of India and the Sports Authority of Goa at Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, on Tuesday.

Michael, Goa's top ranked player, partnering Sai Char-

ith Abbu of Telangana won their Boys Doubles Round 2 match defeating Ajinkya Desai (Maharashtra) and Aadvik Sah (Uttarakhand) in a tight contest 17-15, 5-15, 15-9, to move into the next round.

## ALL INDIA SUB JUNIOR RANKING BADMINTON

Meanwhile, Goa's Samarth Sakhalkar continued his spirited run in the Boys Singles, edging out Venkat Sai Hishal Kaki (Telangana) 15-12, 15-17, 20-18 in a thrilling Round 3 match before going down to Milkha

Shinoy S (Kerala) 12-15, 9-15 in Round 4.

Other Goa players faced tough competition in the qualifiers. Vishwa Parab bowed out in Round 3 despite a strong start, losing

to Panshul Seth (Odisha) 15-10, 10-15, 12-15. Daksh Kamat was ousted by Maharashtra's Prathamesh Jagdale 7-15, 5-15. In Girls Singles, Amaira Dhumatker impressed again but was edged out in Round 3 by

Jiyashree R. (Tamil Nadu) 9-15, 8-15. Goa's Kanika Pai Vernekar too exited in Round 2, going down 7-15, 5-15 to Samanvitha Padamata (Andhra Pradesh). Goa's Boys Doubles pair Pratik Naik Borkar and Varun Sahakari lost 4-15, 4-15 to Advait Sattu and Advik Shukla of Telangana.

Among the top nationally ranked qualifying seeds, Kandarp Khatri (Uttar Pradesh) stunned second seed Kyon Tamin (Arunachal Pradesh) 13-15, 15-5, 15-10 in Boys Singles Round 4. Meanwhile, third seed Jatin Saraf (Maharashtra) powered past Pratham Sandeep Bayar (Karnataka) 15-6, 15-6, and fourth seed Kian Yadav (Rajasthan) crushed Abhiraj Singh (Uttarakhand) 15-2, 15-4.

In Girls Singles, top seed Twinkle Malik (Haryana) had a smooth passage into the next round, defeating Adyasha Lenka (Odisha) 15-8, 15-13. Padmaja Singh (2) (Rajasthan) beat Tanya Nanubolu (Andhra Pradesh) 15-5, 6-15, 15-8, while third seed Vanya Choudhary (Uttar Pradesh) dismissed Kavya Vora (Gujarat) 15-2, 15-4. The main draws will start on Wednesday.

## Miami, PSG progress to set up reunion

**AFP, MIAMI:** Inter Miami's Lionel Messi faces a tantalising reunion with former club Paris Saint-Germain in the Club World Cup last 16 after both sides on Monday progressed to the knockout phase.

### CLUB WORLD CUP

Miami drew 2-2 with Palmeiras to go through second in Group A, after the Brazilian side fought back from two goals down to seal top spot.

They now face an all-Brazil clash against Botafogo, who lost 1-0 to Atletico Ma-

drid but progressed from Group B in second at the expense of the Spaniards.

Champions of Europe PSG won the group with a 2-0 victory over Seattle Sounders, paving the way for the clash with Messi and surprise package Miami. Goals from Tadeo Alende and Luis Suarez had Miami on course for a second victory in the tournament after their shock win over Porto. But Palmeiras struck twice in the last 10 minutes at Hard Rock Stadium through Paulinho and Mauricio to ensure they went through.

## A journey of passion, perseverance & pride: Akanksha's chess saga

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**PANJIM:** During the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020-21, Akanksha Ulhas Desai discovered a new passion - chess. What began as a casual interest while accompanying her daughter to chess tournaments, soon blossomed into a dedicated pursuit of the game.



Within a remarkably short period, she not only honed her skills but also began participating actively in both State-level and All-India Civil Services Chess Tournaments.

Her breakthrough came in the State Civil Services Chess Tournament 2022-23, held at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Margao, where she competed in the open category alongside the men's team and earned selection to represent Goa. This achievement marked a proud and historic moment - her first participation in the All-India Civil Services Chess Tournament, hosted at the prestigious Vishwanathan Anand International Chess Venue at KIIT & KISS, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

In the 2023-24 State Civil Services Chess Tournament at Campal Indoor Stadium, Panjim, Akanksha secured an impressive third place, reaffirming her steady rise in the chess community. She once again represented Goa at the All-India Civil Services Chess Tournament, now as part of the women's team.

Keeping up her remarkable streak, Akanksha competed in the 2024-25 State-Level Tournament held at Bahusaheb Bandarkar Krida Sankul, Paddem Sports Complex, Mapusa, and subsequently participated in the All-India Civil Services Chess Tournament 2024-25 at the same venue.

In the team events, she scored 4.5 out of 6 points, winning four consecutive games and securing a third place on the top board - a phenomenal achievement. She secured the Best Veteran Award (Gold), stated the Goa Chess Association press release.

Akanksha Ulhas Desai's journey is a shining example of how passion, perseverance, and commitment can lead to extraordinary accomplishments, even when started later in life. Her contribution has elevated the presence of women in civil services chess.

She is working in Public Works department as a statistical assistant.

## Ishaan faces Ashank in U-11 boys final

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**PANJIM:** Ishaan Colaso will face Ashank Dalvi in the U-11 Boys Singles final of Ulhas Jewellers BPS All Goa Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2025 organised by the BPS Sports Club in collaboration with the Goa Table Tennis Association, at the Multipurpose Stadium, Fatorda, on Tuesday.

Ishaan secured a dominant 3-0 win over Prem Chop-



Ishaan Colaso

Ashank Dalvi

dekar, while Ashank overcame Kedar Nair 3-1 in the semi-finals stage to set up a highly anticipated final clash.

Earlier in the quarter-finals, Ishaan outplayed Aarish Shaikh in straight sets, while Prem edged out Kabir Dixit in a close 3-2 battle. Ashank sailed past Vardhan Verlekar 3-0, and Kedar outsmarted Shreysht Rane 3-0 to complete the semi-finals line-up.

The tournament continues to witness top-level performances from Goa's upcoming paddlers.

### ULHAS JEWELLERS BPS MAJOR RANKING TT

## Nerul SC take home Xetrapal Cup

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The champions along with chief guest Siolim MLA Delilah Lobo, guest of honour Goa Football Association (GFA) President Caitano Fernandes, special invitees Parra Sarpanch Daniel Lobo, GFA Vice-President Joanathan D'Souza, GFA committee members, sarpanch and members of Siolim-Oxel Village Panchayat, deputy sarpanch of Sodiem and former GFA member Francis Fernandes, Xetrapal Sports Club President Laxmidas Vaigankar, committee members and other dignitaries at the Oxel ground

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**MAPUSA:** Nerul Sports Club waited for the penalty shoot before they got the better of Dunes Sports Club by 4-3 margin to clinch the Xetrapal Cup organised by Xetrapal Sports Club at the Oxel ground, recently.

The match was dominated by Dunes SC but the players failed to find the back of the net, with the match ending in a goalless draw.

Nerul SC players kept their cool and won the match via tie-breaker.

### INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

**Best defender of final:** Akash Banaulekar (Nerul SC)

**Best midfielder:** Arun Naik (Nerul SC)

**Best striker:** Omark Shetgaonkar (Dunes SC)

**Best goalkeeper:** Dnyaneshwar Madagaonkar (Nerul SC)

**Winning goal of final:** Yeshwant More (Nerul SC)

**Player of the tournament:** Cyprian Rodrigues (Dunes SC)

At the start of the match, chief guest Siolim MLA Delilah Lobo, guest of honour Goa Football Association (GFA) President Caitano Fernandes, special invitees Parra Sarpanch Daniel Lobo, GFA Vice-President Joanathan

D'Souza, GFA committee members, sarpanch and members of Siolim-Oxel Village Panchayat, Deputy Sarpanch of Sodiem and former GFA member Francis Fernandes were introduced to the players and match officials by Xetrapal

Sports Club President Laxmidas (Mahesh) Vaigankar and other committee members.

Chief guest Siolim MLA Delilah Lobo presented the winners cash prize of Rs 80,000 plus trophy, while the runners-up a cash prize of Rs 50,000 plus trophy. The semi-finalists were given Rs10,000 and trophy each (Peddem Bomm SC and BAFF Bicholim).

### GOA DIARY

**Pinge memorial State U-11 Open & Girls chess championship/selection from June 27 in Panjim**

**PANJIM:** The Tiswadi Taluka Chess Association in collaboration with Mahalaxmi Vachan Mandir Hall and under the auspices of Goa Chess Association will conduct U-11 Open & Girls Chess Championship/Selection sponsored by Dattaram Pingre in memory of his father Ramesh D Pingre from June 27 to 29, at Mahalaxmi Vachan Mandir Hall, Mala-Panjim, to select two players each in Open & Girls category to represent State at Jalgaon, Maharashtra, in the month of August. First round will start at 2.30 pm. Players, who are born on or after January 1, 2014, should submit entries to Arvind Mhamal or Dattaram Pingre on or before June 26.

### TODAY'S SPORTS

**1st Vedanta Trophy:** Sai Avtar, Anjuna, vs Nerul Sports Club, at Sinquerim ground, 4.30 pm

**19th Super Soccer tournament (semi-final):** Parish Youth Nuvm vs Sporting Club Davorlim, at St John de Baptist ground, Dando-Benaolim, 4.45 pm

**2nd Caniza Peixoto memorial football (inaugural):** SFX Sports Club, Camarxett, vs Bhatti United Sports Club, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 5 pm

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Extended date to apply to the office of TAG is 30th June 2025

Taking Notes (sollegio) & 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>

Contact No. - 9158044466

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