

Pragya Audi stuns second seed Shanvi

Avni-Amaira duo enters pre-quarters at U13 Nationals in Goa

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MARGAO: Goa's rising stars shone bright on Day three of the Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-13) Ranking Badminton Tournament 2025, as Pragya Audi produced the upset of the day, stunning second seed Shanvi Nimma of Telangana 14-21, 21-17, 21-14 in a thrilling girls singles round of 32 clash at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, in Navelim. The gritty comeback win saw Pragya storm into the pre-quarterfinals to loud cheers from the local crowd. Earlier, Goa's doubles pair Avni Khyalia and Amaira Dhumatkar too made it to the last 16



Pragya Audi

in Girls Doubles, defeating the Andhra pair Evelyn Priyank Chavali and Sri Pravya Ponnaganti 21-14, 21-16 in straight games.

Goa's top ranked shuttler Michael Ryan Mare fought hard but went down to Karnataka's Nakulan Hari N. D. 12-21,

17-21 in the boys singles round of 64. In boys doubles, the Goan top pair of Vishwa Parab and Samarth Sakthalkar fell to the Telangana duo Advait Sattu and Advik Shukla 5-21, 9-21. Goa's Neil Punjani Bakshi lost to Sanshray Sunil of Karnataka 6-21, 4-21 in the main draw. In the girls singles, Avni Khyalia of Goa fought hard before losing to Andhra's Keya Kosaraju 21-17, 21-14 in the round of 64. Earlier, Michael and his partner Sai Charith Abbu of Telangana went down in the final qualification round to Swarit Kumar and Ilanjithra Dev R by 15-12, 15-9.

Among India's top players, boys singles top seed

Jashwanth Mahamkali (AP) progressed with a hard-fought 21-17, 23-21 win over Anand Madarana (RAJ), while third seed Nomaan Pappu (TN) cruised past Sai Lingesh (KTK) 21-6, 21-9. In girls singles, top seed Asha Sree Dandu (AP) registered straight-game victories in both rounds, and seventh seed Anya Proddatur (TS) was equally dominant in her 21-6, 21-6 win over Thanisshta Srinivas Kumar (TS). In yet another major upset of the day, the Andaman pair of Tagu Debba and Kyon Tamin upset the second seeds Adhvik Arvind and Methelan Prathima (TN) 24-22, 21-11 in boys doubles.

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RAIA: In a thrilling encounter at the Anil Kamat Memorial Tournament, Ambelim Sports Club edged out Fr Agnelo Youth Sports Club, Paroda, 5-3 in a penalty shootout to advance to the next round, after the match ended 1-1 in regulation time.

The first half saw plenty of action, with Ambelim's Jeniton D'Silva and Paroda's Shelton Fernandes missing early chances. Ambelim kept up the pressure through Blasco Fernandes and Michel Silva, but Paroda goalkeeper Ravi Fernandes stood firm. Ambelim's Ozen Silva made a vital save in the 26th minute to deny Paroda.

After a goalless first half, Ambelim broke the deadlock in the 45th minute with a fine strike by Veroy Fernandes. Paroda equalised in the 60th minute through Likson Rebello.

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Prajot's hat trick sends Nerul SC into quarters

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MAPUSA: A splendid hat-trick by Prajot Shirodkar powered Nerul Sports Club to a comfortable 3-0 victory



Prajot Shirodkar receives man-of-the-match award from Uday Lingudkar

over Sai Avtaar Sports Club, Anjuna, sealing their place in the quarter-finals of the 1st Vedanta Trophy, organised by Sinquerim Sports Club and played at the Sinquerim Sports Club ground.

Prajot opened the scoring in the 23rd minute, giving Nerul SC a slender 1-0 lead at the interval. He doubled the advantage in the 38th minute and completed his hat-trick with a third goal in the 48th, ensuring a convincing win for his side.

Prajot Shirodkar was named man-of-the-match and received the award from Goa Football Association executive committee member, Uday Lingudkar.

SFX Camarcxett cruise past Bhatti United

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RAIA: SFX Sports Club Camarcxett registered a resounding 3-0 win over Bhatti United Club, to progress to the next round in the inaugural match



Rohit Shet of SFX receives man-of-the-match award from Agnelo Gomes

of the 2nd Caniza Peixoto memorial football tournament, organised by Black Arrow Boys Agxem Sports Club and played at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Wednesday.

Anselm Fernandes opened the scoring for SFX in the 12th minute with a neatly placed finish. Bhatti United almost drew level through Ralf Dias, whose powerful shot narrowly missed the target. SFX held a 1-0 advantage at the break.

On resumption, James Fernandes struck twice in quick succession, scoring in the 38th and 42nd minutes to seal the win.

Rohit Shet of SFX received the man-of-the-match award from Agnelo Gomes, president of Agxem Sports Club.

Arpora Sporting clinch inaugural ANB Unity League title



The victorious Arpora Sporting team pose with their team owner, chief guest and guests of honour after clinching the ANB Unity League 2025 title

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ARPOA: In a thrilling finale, Arpora Sporting triumphed in the inaugural edition of the ANB Unity League 2025 5-a-side football tournament organised by Happy Boys, defeating KDR Boys of Arpora 3-1 in a penalty shootout, at St Sebastian ground, Arpora.

The final ended 1-1 in regulation time, with Rujal Sangodkar giving Arpora Sporting the early lead before KDR Boys' star player, Pruthvish Pednekar, equalised shortly after. In the ensuing shootout, Arpora Sporting held their nerve, converting through Bhavesh Gawas, Saidutt Haldankar, and Rujal Sangodkar. Pruthvish Pednekar was the lone scorer for KDR Boys in the tie-breaker.

Pednekar also emerged as the league's top scorer with 8 goals, while Ashmit Paswan of Holiday Sports Club Arpora was adjudged best goalkeeper, keeping 3 clean sheets. KDR Boys' goalkeeper Nitesh Chavan was named player of the tournament for his goal and several key saves.

The ANB Unity League, featuring eight teams each backed by a prominent local resident, was launched by a spirited group of young men from Arpora, Nagao and Baga, with the aim of fostering community spirit through football and giving local talent a platform to shine.

Ruhaan, Yug eye U-13 title

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MARGAO: Top seeds Ruhaan Shaikh (1) and Yug Prabhu (2) set up a high-voltage clash in the U-13 boys final at the Ulhas Jewellers BPS All Goa Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2025, underway at the Multipurpose Stadium, Fatorda.

TABLE TENNIS

Ruhaan breezed past Yuvaan Sanke 3-0 in the semi-finals, while Yug outclassed Ishaan Colaco with an identical scoreline. In the quarterfinals, Ruhaan defeated Kavish Dalvi 3-0, Yuvaan beat Ashank Dalvi 3-0, Ishaan edged Vedant Wagle 3-2, and Yug blanked Kaushi Nair 3-0 to book his spot in the last four.

In the U-15 girls category, top seed Ishita Colaco and second seed Aarna Lotlikar advanced to the finals after strong semi-final performances. Ishita swept past Samaira Verlekar 3-0, while Aarna overcame a spirited challenge from Anaya Srivastava to win 3-1. Meanwhile, in the U-13 girls draw, Aarna Lotlikar, Inara D'Souza, Kavyaa Khalap, Gianna George, Sachi Dessai, Samaira Verlekar, Tisha Shaikh, and Aayushi Amonkar have entered the quarterfinals with confident wins.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Anil Kamat trophy inter-village football tournament (quarter-final): Parish Youth Nuvem vs Guirdolim Club, at Our Lady of Hope Church ground, Chinchinim, at 4.30 pm

2nd Caniza Peixoto memorial football tournament: Paldem Sports Club vs Fondegall Club, St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, at 5 pm

19th Super Soccer 2025: Navelim Villagers Union vs St Anthony SC, Assolda, at St John Baptist ground, Dando-Benaulim, at 4.30 pm

Assonora United FC Super Soccer (inaugural match): Nerul SC vs YSC Colvale, at Assonora ground, at 4.30 pm

Sporting Club Davorlim storm into final with win over Nuvem

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RAIA: Favourites Sporting Club Davorlim cruised into the finals of the 19th Super Soccer inter-village football tournament with a dominant 5-1 victory over Parish Youth Nuvem, on Wednesday. The tournament is being organised by United Club of Benaulim and played at the St John de Baptista football ground, Benaulim.

Nuvem were left to rue several missed chances in the opening half, with forwards Francisco Colaco and Albino Pereira looking lively but failing to convert. The Davorlim defence, although tested, managed to hold firm until the break.

The floodgates opened just five minutes into the second half, much to the delight of the large crowd. Davorlim striker M Ajay Raj capitalised on a mix-up between Nuvem goalkeeper Selfan Dias and defender Nicolou Colaco to net the opener in the 35th minute. Moments later, winger Selwin Miranda and Milton Colaco struck in quick succession, leaving Nuvem reeling.



Selwin Miranda of SC Davorlim receives man-of-the-match award from Manoj Kesarkar

Alent Colaco added his name to the scoresheet in the 43rd minute, before substitute Velliston Colaco sealed the win with a fifth goal. Nuvem managed a consolation through medio Alvitto Dias, who converted a penalty.

Selwin Miranda of Sporting Club Davorlim was named man-of-the-match and received the award from panchayat member Manoj Kesarkar.

GVM's Utkarsh Vidyamandir clinch SRS Ponda Taluka School chess title



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PONDA: GVM's Utkarsh Vidyamandir emerged champions of the 13th SRS Ponda Taluka School Chess Championship, securing 10 match points and 18.5 game points to top the table. The tournament was organised by the SRS Vedic Mathematics Academy, Mangeshi, in association with the 1981 SSC Batch of Wagle High School and the Ponda Taluka Chess Association (PTCA), and held at Wagle High School, Mangeshi.

A total of 23 schools participated in the championship,

with each school represented by four players.

SS Samiti's Smt IVBD High School claimed second place with 8 match points and 13 game points, while Dr KB Hedgewar Vidyalay finished third with 7 match points and 13.5 game points.

VD & SV Wagle High School, GVM's AJ De Almeida High School and SS Samiti's Lokmanya Tilak Vidyalay secured the 4th to 6th positions, respectively.

Trophies and certificates were presented by Sagar Sakordekar (founder, Vedic Mathematics Academy and PTCA president), Amogh

Namshiker (arbitrer and PTCA secretary), Anand Kurtikar (arbitrer and PTCA executive member), Anish Naik (PTCA executive member), Naresh Gaunekar (PTCA executive member), Sangita Khaunte (senior teacher, Wagle High School), along with Sulekha Barve, Sanjay Nadkarni, Pratima Naik, and Shekhar Mar-dolkar of the 1981 SSC Batch of Wagle High School.

Radha Sakordekar compered the function and delivered the vote of thanks.

Assistant arbiters Milind Gaude and Prashant played an active role in conducting the tournament.

Nerul SC to face YSC Colvale in opener today

MAPUSA: Nerul Sports Club will take on YSC Colvale in the inaugural match of the Assonora United FC Super Soccer 2025, organised by Assonora United FC. The opening fixture is scheduled for June 26, at the Assonora ground.

The tournament will feature a strong lineup of participating teams including FC Tuem,

Assonora United FC, Goa Velha SC, Sinquerim SC, Augustias SC Pomburpa, St Anthony's Marina Sliom, Candolim SC, Dunes SC Mandrem, BAFF, St Savio's SC Calangute, Saligao Sporting, Xetrapal SC, PVC Parra, and Peddem Bommi.

The winners will be richers by Rs 80,000 + trophy, while runners-up Rs 50,000 + trophy.

Ambelim SC edge Paroda in penalty shootout thriller

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