

# Anshuman, Neeza clinch singles titles

## Ishita Colaso shines with double crown

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**MARGAO:** Anshuman Agarwal and Neeza Kamat captured the Men's and Women's Singles titles respectively at the Ulhas Jewellers BPS All Goa Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2025, held at the Multipurpose Stadium, Fatorda. Organised by BPS Sports Club in association with the Goa Table Tennis Association, the

### TABLE TENNIS

week-long tournament saw high-calibre action across various age groups.

Anshuman staged a superb comeback from two games down to defeat top seed Aaron Farias 4-2 in the Men's Singles final. In the Women's final, Neeza edged past Urvi Surlakar 3-2 in a gripping contest. Meanwhile, Ishita Colaso delivered a stellar performance, winning both the U-15 and U-19 girls' singles titles without dropping a game.

In the U-11 category,



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Anaya Shukla and Ishaan Colaso took the Girls' and Boys' titles respectively. Aayushi Amonkar rallied from two games down to defeat Aarna Lotlikar in the U-13 girls final, while Ruhaan Shaikh narrowly beat Yug Prabhu in a tight U-13 Boys final. Chandan Caro

claimed the U-15 boys title against Yug before going down to Aaron Farias in a five-game U-19 final.

The tournament also featured Para and Veterans categories. In Para events, Chetan Salgaonkar won the Standing Category, with Fleev Andrade finishing

runner-up. In the Wheelchair Category, Stany Dsouza clinched top honours, with Moises Rodrigues in second. Among the Veterans, Neeraj Kannure and Mithun Kanji won their category, while Ratnadeep Shivani and Rajendra Parsekar were runners-up.

In the Veterans Elite section, Abhinav Jaju and John Xavier emerged winners, with Amogh Namshikar and Roseline Bunyan finishing second.

The event concluded with a vibrant prize distribution ceremony celebrating Goa's table tennis talent.

### RESULTS

**U11 girls:** Anaya Shukla bt Shaurya Dessai 3-2 (7-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-4, 11-6)  
**U11 boys:** Ishaan Colaso bt Ashank Dalvi 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-5)  
**U13 girls:** Aayushi Amonkar bt Aarna Lotlikar 3-2 (4-11, 8-11, 11-8, 13-11, 13-11)  
**U13 boys:** Ruhaan Shaikh bt Yug Prabhu 3-2 (11-9, 11-6, 9-11, 8-11, 11-9)  
**U15 girls:** Ishita Colaso bt Aarna Lotlikar 3-0 (11-5, 11-9, 11-4)  
**U15 boys:** Chandan Caro bt Yug Prabhu 3-0 (11-7, 11-5, 11-6)  
**U19 girls:** Ishita Colaso bt Anushri Naik 3-0 (13-11, 11-5, 13-11)  
**U19 boys:** Aaron Farias bt Chandan Caro 3-2  
**Women's singles:** Neeza Kamat bt Urvi Surlakar 3-2 (11-8, 9-11, 11-13, 11-4, 13-11)  
**Men's singles:** Anshuman Agarwal bt Aaron Farias 4-2 (10-12, 9-11, 11-3, 11-5, 11-5, 11-2)

# Rossmann Cruz SC alleges bias by GFA, AIFF

## Goa Football Association president denies claims

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**PANJIM:** The president of Rossmann Cruz Nagoa Sports Club, Alexio Da Costa, has alleged that the Goa Football Association (GFA) and the All India Football Federation (AIFF) are deliberately attempting to dismantle and suppress grassroots football clubs like his own.

Da Costa revealed that his club was fined Rs 50,000 – a sum which was duly paid under strong protest on October 17, last year. However, more than six months later, the suspension imposed on the club has yet to be lifted, effectively barring the team from participating in any official football tournaments.

"This is an act of injustice and systematic harassment," he stated.

Da Costa further alleged that the GFA arbitrarily downgraded his club's status from permanent membership to associate membership and denied him the right to participate in the annual general body meeting (AGM). "Only after filing a petition in the High Court was I granted permission to attend the AGM," he said.

When contacted, GFA president Caitano Fernandes responded: "His (Da Costa's) allegations are baseless and factually distorted. The 2018 GFA constitution he questions was upheld by the High Court in 2022, in a case filed by Salcete FC which led to stepping down of the then president. Rossmann Cruz SC hasn't fielded a team in any GFA competition and the fine imposed is in line with our rules. The Inspector General of Societies has upheld the 2018 constitution and has not set aside the order. They have merely requested the GFA to relook at the fine, which we have put before the executive committee again and the committee unanimously resolved not to reduce the fine."

However, Rossmann Cruz Nagoa Sports Club president countered that the amendments carried out in 2018 were not in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. He added that the Inspector General of Societies has also stated that the GFA constitution currently in force is that of 1977.

# Jovito's hat trick fires Calangute into semis

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**MAPUSA:** A scintillating hat trick from Jovito Fernandes powered Calangute Association to a 4-2 victory over Nerul Sports Club, securing their place in the semi-final of the 1st Vedanta Trophy, organised by Sinquerim Sports Club and played at the Sinquerim Sports Club ground.

In an entertaining contest, Jovito opened the scoring for Calangute in the 15th minute and doubled the lead just before half-time in the 43rd minute. Pedro Gonsalves added a third for Calangute in the 55th minute to put them firmly in control.

However, Nerul SC mounted a spirited comeback, with Nikhil Naik pulling one back in the 59th



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Jovito Fernandes received man-of-the-match award from Sagar Narvekar

minute and Navket Naik further reducing the deficit to 2-3 just four minutes later.

Jovito sealed the match — and completed his hat-trick — with a goal in the dying moments to make it

4-2 and ensure Calangute Association's progression to the last four.

The hat-trick hero, Jovito Fernandes, was named man-of-the-match and received his award from Sagar Narvekar.

# Assonora Utd edge past FC Tuem in sudden death thriller

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**MAPUSA:** Assonora United FC clinched a dramatic 10-9 victory over FC Tuem via sudden death in the 1st Siolim Villagers Cup 2025, organised by FC Siolim and played at the Siolim ground on Monday.

The match ended in a 2-2 draw at the end of regulation time. FC Tuem stunned their opponents early on, with Sylvester Dias netting a brace in the first half to give his side a two-goal advantage.

However, Assonora United came back strongly after the break, levelling the scores through goals from



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Prajot Naik received man-of-the-match award from Amit Morajkar

Anil Dessai and Prajot Naik.

The contest was ultimately decided in sudden death, where Assonora United emerged victorious by an 8-7 margin, sealing an overall 10-9 win.

Prajot Naik was adjudged man-of-the-match for his crucial goal and overall performance. He received the award from the Sarpunch of VP Siolim-Marna, Amit Morajkar.

# Navelim Sporting edge past Ambelim

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**RAIA:** Navelim Sporting Club booked their place in the final of the Anil Kamat Memorial Football Tournament after a tense 5-4 victory in a penalty shootout against Ambelim Sports Club, following a goalless draw in regulation time.

The match, held in Raia, saw both teams show attacking intent early on. In the 5th minute, Michael Silva of Ambelim Sports Club unleashed a powerful shot, only for Navelim goalkeeper Mehboob Hussain to produce a brilliant save. Navelim's Joysou Coutinho came close in the 8th minute, but his shot narrowly missed the target.

Navelim's Prestly Gomes attempted a close-range effort in the 14th minute, but Ambelim custodian Ozen Silva made a fine save. The match took a dramatic turn in the 20th minute when Velon Rebello of Navelim Sporting Club was shown a red card. Despite being down to ten men, Navelim

continued to threaten, with Ronaldo Pereira forcing another save from Ozen Silva shortly after.

Ambelim maintained pressure as Michael Silva came close in the 41st minute and tested Mehboob Hussain again in the 46th. In the 49th minute, Ronaldo Pereira missed another opportunity for Navelim, while Ambelim's Desmond Fernandes saw his 52nd-minute shot saved.

With no goals at full time, the match proceeded to a nail-biting penalty shootout.

Navelim Sporting Club converted all five of their penalties through Ronaldo Pereira, Venito Costa, Noha Luis, Prestly Gomes, and Myron Gomes. Ambelim Sports Club managed to convert four through Michael Silva, Velroy Fernandes, Desmond Fernandes, and Rohit Correia.

Despite the defeat, Michael Silva of Ambelim Sports Club was named Man of the Match for his outstanding performance and persistent attacking efforts throughout the game.

# Dunes SC prevail over BAFF Bicholim



ANAND KONDOR

Omkar Shetgaonkar of Dunes SC Mandrem receives man-of-the-match award

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**MAPUSA:** Dunes SC Mandrem registered a hard-fought 7-6 victory over BAFF Bicholim via sudden death in the Assonora United Super Soccer Cup, played at the Assonora Sports Complex on Monday.

Both teams displayed quality football throughout the match, with Dunes SC creating better chances. However, their forward Omkar missed a golden opportunity in the first half, failing to lift the ball over the onrushing BAFF goalkeeper into an open net. The first half ended goalless.

BAFF Bicholim came out

stronger in the second half and broke the deadlock in the 5th minute through Vinayak Rane, who slotted home after receiving a pass from Aryan.

In the dying minutes of the game, Dunes SC found the equaliser when Omkar Shetgaonkar made amends for his earlier miss by scoring to make it 1-1.

The match progressed to sudden death, where Leslie, Omkar, Arun Siddha, Cyprian, and Suddesh converted for Dunes SC, while Aryan, Shaheen, Raju, and Laxman were on target for BAFF Bicholim.

Omkar Shetgaonkar of Dunes Mandrem was awarded the man-of-the-match.

# Novovaddo SC move into quarters

**RAIA:** Novovaddo Sports Club edged past United Club of America Njirim with a 1-0 win to secure a place in the quarter-finals 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 Monday.

Myson scored the lone goal of the match in the 10th minute through a well-placed shot.

# Fr Agnel, King's School among early winners

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**MARGAO:** Fr Agnel Multipurpose High School, Verna and The King's School, Sao Jose De Areal were among the early winners as Season 3 of the Next Gen League (NGL) got underway with a strong line-up of fixtures across expanded age groups.

### NEXT GEN LEAGUE SEASON 3

Organised by The King's Sports Academy in collaboration with The King's School, the inter-school football and futsal league has introduced four new 11-a-side categories: U-15 boys, U-15 girls, U-17 boys and U-17 girls. The new formats launched between June 24 and 30, while returning mixed-gender futsal and football categories—U-6, U-8, U-10, and U-12 - will begin shortly.

Conceived by Founder-President Melvin Pereira and Vice President & CEO



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Players of The King's School and Bethany Convent HS in action during their U-15 girls match

Ligia Pereira, with technical design by Sports Director Christian Roldan, the league is structured to provide maximum match exposure. It does not publish scores, with teams award-

ed 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw, and 1 for a loss. Schools from Salcete and Canacona are participating, with 16 teams in U-15 boys, 7 in U-15 girls, 12 in U-17 boys and 5 in U-17 girls.

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### TODAY'S SPORTS

- 1st Vedanta Soccer Trophy:** Assonora United FC vs Saligao United SC, at Sinquerim ground, at 4.30 pm
- 2nd Caniza Peixoto memorial football tournament:** Batora United SC vs St Anthony Sports Club, St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, at 5 pm
- Benaulim Villagers Cup (inaugural):** Navelim Sporting Club vs United Boys Dando Colva, at St John the Baptist panchayat ground, Benaulim, at 4.30 pm
- 1st Siolim Villagers Cup:** Nerul SC vs Sai Avtar Anjuna, at Siolim ground, at 4.45 pm