



**Atletico striker Aguero could move across to Real Madrid.**



**Petra Kvitova will lead the Czech Republic in the Fed Cup first round.**



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# Racing

**SLUM CHILDREN GET AN IDENTITY**

## A ray of hope at Angels Academy

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CHENNAI

Jan. 25: They had never travelled in a reserved train compartment before, never been to a top-class stadium, never played a proper football tournament and never seen a beach. For a group of 33 young players from Angels Academy in New Delhi, taking part in the Disha trophy football tournament at the Nehru Stadium here has offered all the above experiences.



Sylvester Peter with Angel Academy players at the Nehru Stadium. —DC

Angels Academy players, including five girls, are children of migrant workers in a slum at Vikaspuri. The catalyst for their "unforgettable" trip to Chennai is the academy's chief, Sylvester Peter, 37. "My academy is a single-room reformation centre for slum children at Vikaspuri. Football has been a potent tool in turning around the lives of many rag pickers, drug addicts and child abuse victims in the slum," said Sylvester, whose parents migrated to New Delhi from Tamil Nadu in the 50s.

According to Sylvester, who is an affectionate *bhaiya* to his academy students, he had to overcome many hurdles to make the Chennai trip a reality. "Every slum in our country has people with vested interests. They never want slum children to live a dignified life. Education is a big threat to their nefarious activities. When the news spread about the Chennai

trip at Vikaspuri, rumours were planted that the children would be sold off. But my determination to come here never wavered," he added.

Football is the key area at the academy, but it's not the only subject. "Having played football in my younger days, I was familiar with the sport's rules and techniques. Besides, I needed something that would appeal to all youngsters. So football was my instant choice. Who doesn't enjoy kicking a ball around? My other areas of focus are personal hygiene, education, grooming, yoga and life skills. I don't sell anybody dreams. But I

assure my charges that they will become better citizens if they come to me," said Sylvester, who has been running the Angels Academy for more than two decades.

The training sessions at Angels start at 5 am every day. "If a student is five minutes late, he should go back home. There is no compromise on discipline. My players never swell on the field. I constantly monitor the activities of my wards. It wasn't easy in the beginning as many youngsters, mostly children of migrant workers from Bihar, came to me with negative mentality. But I never gave up. The former students of

my academy are all doing well now," he added.

Sylvester spends most of the money he earns from his profession as holistic trainer and motivational speaker on his life-long project, which he says is his calling. "Sekhar, who is a relative of Chennai-based Fifa referee Suresh, supports my academy in a big way along with a few other friends. There was a beeline of benefactors after my work at Angels got highlighted in the print and electronic media in New Delhi. But many of them came with devious agendas. I want to keep my academy non-religious and apolitical and I don't like the way

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NGOs generate money," he said.

The enterprising social worker is grateful to Chennai and Disha. "One of my players fell sick after we landed here on January 16. He was in the ICU of the GH for three days. The doctors treated him with great care and affection. The idea of grooming talent from the poorer section of the society is common to both Disha and Angels. My players have achieved their long-held dream of playing a tournament. I have spent nearly Rs 2 lakh on travel, food and accommodation for the Chennai trip, but the joy of my charges is invaluable," he added. Even though Sylvester's "marriage fell through because of his work among slum children," he is not ready to leave his Angels alone.

## Sun Kingdom should rule Bengaluru Derby

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BENGALURU

Jan. 25: Irfan Ghatala-trained Sun Kingdom looks in fine form and is set to clinch The VIF Bangalore Derby, the main event of races to be held here on Wednesday.

- 1. The Ted Fordyce Cup 1200m 1.00 p.m.**  
1. Ben Ten 55 SA De Sousa 8  
2. Arabian Gold 55 MA Gallagher 3  
3. Speck in the Sky 55 PS Chouhan 6  
4. Own Empire 55 A Imran K 1  
5. Hillsboro 55 R Hughes 7  
6. Shoot Out 55 CD Hayes 2  
7. Simply Best 53 S John 5  
8. Rhythmic Dancer 53.5 Imran Chisty 4

- SELECTIONS:** 1. Hillsboro, 2. Ben Ten, 3. Simply Best  
**2. The Vidhana Soudha Cup (Div-II) 1400m 1.35 pm:**  
1. Mr Ambassador 62 Imran Chisty 5  
2. Youre Kiss's Due 61 Bernard T 7  
3. Kripa 56.5 Mulrennan 10  
4. Savvy Concept 55.5 S John 9  
5. Prashasta 53.5 Jagadeesh 1  
6. Mystere 52.5 Vivek 4  
7. Super Spectacle 52.5 Suraj Narredu 6  
8. True Impression 52.5 KPG Appu 2  
9. Vayuputra 52 Khurshad A 3  
10. Yamaguchi 52 Md Shaifq 8

- SELECTIONS:** 1. True Impression, 2. Kripa, 3. Super Spectacle  
**3. The Indian Republic Trophy 2000m 2.10 p.m.:**  
1. Camelot 61.5 Naushad A 5  
2. Cavalry Charge 59 CD Hayes 2  
3. The Last Samurai 58 Suraj Narredu 1  
4. Lush Lashes 58 S John 3  
5. Sweet Caroline 51.5 M Kumar 4

- SELECTIONS:** 1. Cavalry Charge, 2. Lush Lashes, 3. The Last Samurai  
**4. The N.R.C.E. Cup 1200m 2.45 p.m.**  
1. Royal Surprise 62.5 V De Sousa 1  
2. Enduring Speed 62 R Bharath 12  
3. Sky Glider 62 R Hughes 11  
4. Elusive Speed 61.5 KPG Appu 9  
5. Star of Desire 60.5 Rajesh N 10  
6. Gurujosh 59 S S'hekar 3  
7. Man United 56 Ramesh K N 4  
8. Tribal Queen 56 Vivek 8  
9. The First Bullet 53.5 K Gopal Rao 5  
10. Gold Tern 53 PS Chouhan 2  
11. A Game to Remember 52.5 Gautamraj 7  
12. Beautiful Dancer 52.5 Md Shaifq 6

- SELECTIONS:** 1. Sky Glider, 2. Elusive Speed, 3. Gold Tern  
**5. The Vidhana Soudha Cup (Div-I) 1400m 3.20 p.m.**  
1. Cash is King 62.5 V De Sousa 2  
2. Redshift 62.5 Imran Chisty 6  
3. Saddle Queen 62.5 R Vaithav 5  
4. Spark of Solitaire 61 P Mani 8  
5. Table Mountain 60.5 S S'hekar 3  
6. Brunetta 60 Suraj Narredu 9  
7. Modern Art 58.5 David Allan 4  
8. Luckynumberselevin 57 Vivek 1  
9. Voice of India 57 S John 7

- SELECTIONS:** 1. Modern Art, 2. Brunetta, 3. Saddle Queen  
**6. The Mysore Race Club Trophy 1600m 3.55 p.m.**  
1. Aboline 61 C Alford 6  
2. Splendid Surprise 57 Vinod Shinde 1  
3. Spearhead 56.5 CD Hayes 2  
4. Criminal Lawyer 55 R Hughes 5  
5. Firezone 55 Suraj Narredu 7  
6. Atlantus 55 Imran Chisty 4  
7. Couleur Rouge 52 SA De Sousa 3

- SELECTIONS:** 1. Couleur Rouge, 2. Firezone, 3. Criminal Lawyer  
**7. The VIF Bangalore Derby (Gr-I) 2400m 4.30 p.m.**  
1. Astounding Gallop 57 S John 11  
2. Fist of Rage 57 V Prant 4  
3. Bravo 57 SA De Sousa 9  
4. Unleashed 57 C Alford 3  
5. Airplay 57 CD Hayes 1  
6. Sunnys Secret 57 McLaughlin 6  
7. Sun Kingdom 57 R Hughes 2  
8. Business Tycoon 57 Not Declared

9. Deep Blue Sky 57 KPG Appu 14  
10. Rezoom 57 Mulrennan 15  
11. Killmanjaro 57 David Allan 10  
12. Spark of Atan 57 P Mani 5  
13. Dante Rossetti 57 B Prakash 7  
14. Mark of Genius 57 PS Chouhan 8  
15. String Along 55.5 A Imran K 12  
16. Spark of Desire 55.5 V De Sousa 13

- SELECTIONS:** 1. Sun Kingdom, 2. Killmanjaro, 3. Dante Rossetti  
**8. The Nethravathi Trophy 1400m 5.10 p.m.**  
1. Dance N Celebrate 62.5 V De Sousa 1  
2. Black Super Star 60.5 P Mani 6  
3. Sunset Grill 60.5 Suraj Narredu 4  
4. Athabasca Star 59 CD Hayes 5  
5. Stud Muffin 57 K Gopal Rao 8  
6. Snow Peaks 55.5 Vivek 10  
7. War Artist 54 Khurshad A 2  
8. Bon Giorno 53 Gallagher 11  
9. Segomo 53 Vinod Shinde 9  
10. Sukanti 52.5 Md Shaifq 12  
11. Youre Chilubuli 51.5 Bernard T 7  
12. Attaruk 50.5 Nassar Alam 3

- SELECTIONS:** 1. Sukanti, 2. Sunset Grill, 3. Dance N Celebrate  
**9. The Swarnamukhi Stakes 1100m 5.50 p.m.**  
1. Hackett 55 V De Sousa 3  
2. Summer Sun 55 S Babu 11  
3. Free Law 55 S John 9  
4. Ultimate Fantasy 55 Khurshad A 4  
5. Samajdar 55 Vivek 6  
6. Sunday Cruz 55 SA De Sousa 12  
7. Perfect Speed 55 Vinod Shinde 8  
8. Heart of Gold 55 K Gopal Rao 5  
9. Ability 55 PS Chouhan 10  
10. Mi Amor 53.5 MA Gallagher 1  
11. Free Styler 53.5 A Imran K 2  
12. Unique Show 53.5 Imran Chisty 7

- SELECTIONS:** 1. Mi Amor, 2. Free Law, 3. Free Styler  
**Day's Best: Modern Art**  
Jackpot: 5 6 7 8 & 9  
Mini Jackpot: 3 5 7 & 9  
First Treble: 2 4 & 5  
Second Treble: 6 7 & 8

**DIGEST**

**Warriors on song**  
Results of the Disha Champions trophy football: CPWD 0 lost to Arsenal Academy 2; Eleven Warriors 7 bt Veeraragavan Memorial 0; Perambur Bunder Garden 1 lost to Disha Sports Academy; PSBB KK Nagar 0 lost to Vanavani School 1; Vidhya Mandhir 6 bt Chettinad Vidhyashram 0; Municipal HSS 2 bt Omega International 1; DBYC Vyasarpadi 0 lost to Shalin Soccer Academy 2; Disha Sports Academy 4 bt Cosmos Sports Academy 0; SBOA 2 bt PSBB TNagar 0; Star Academy 2 bt YFC Fb Academy 0; Eleven Warriors 1 bt Arsenal Fb Academy 0.

**Tamil Nadu lose**  
Tamil Nadu suffered yet another defeat at the south zone P.S. Ram Mohan Rao Trophy (U-25) cricket tournament. Hosts lost to Hyderabad by two runs.

**Brief scores:** Hyderabad 285/6 in 50 overs (Akshat Reddy 66, Habeeb Ahmed 88\*, Paramveer Singh 34, S.M. Shoab 43\*) bt Tamil Nadu 283/8 in 50 overs (M. Kaushik Gandhi 39, K.H. Gopinath 30, L. Suryaprakash 51, Vijay Shankar 88). Karnataka 313/4 in 50 overs (Ganesh Satish 26, Sunil N. Raju 101, Kunal Kapoor 108\*) bt Kerala 272/8 in 50 overs (Abhishek Hegde 62, V.T. Sunil Thomas 37, Rohan Prem 33, Raiphi Vincent Gomez 48, Vinod 40, S.L. Akshay 3/70, Abrar Kazi 3/32). Goa 252 in 49.2 overs (Rahul Keni 101, Keenan Vaz 61, Vidhyadhar Kamat 25\*, M.S. Deepak Kumar 5/29) lost to Andhra 253/4 in 47.4 overs (D.B. Prashantkumar 115\*, K.S. Bharat 89).

**Nishanth vs Veera**  
Results of the Republic Day Cup table tennis tournament: Boys (SF): Nishanth Nandakumar (PSBB) bt V.M. Siddarth 11-4, 5-11, 12-10, 11-3; Veera Raghavan (ST) bt M. Karthik (DB) 11-6, 11-13, 11-8, 8-11, 11-6. Junior boys: Sundura Pandi (Montfort) bt Madhavan 12-10, 7-11, 11-3, 0-12, 11-6; Sathyanarayana (Sri Balalok) bt A. Rohith (PSBB) 14-12, 5-11, 11-8, 11-9. Sub junior: Vikram Narayanan (PSBB) bt Rohan Choksi (Chinnmaya) 11-8, 11-6, 16-14, F. Sabastin (St. Joseph) bt. P. Deenadayalan (St. Joseph) 11-7, 5-11, 15-13, 11-7.

**SRM excel**  
SRM beat Sathyabama 3-0 and Mangalore 3-0 in the super league of the south zone inter-university volleyball championship at Shimoga on Tuesday. SRM will meet MG on Wednesday.



Arrows FC's Ghanaian striker Samuel Jackson (right) in action against Don Bosco in the McFerran trophy. —DC

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## Jackson fires Arrows into QF

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Jan. 25: Ghanaian striker Samuel Jackson scored a brace as Arrows FC gave a royal 5-1 hiding to Don Bosco Oratory (Goa) in a lopsided match at the Don Bosco McFerran trophy all-India football tournament at the DBYC ground, Red Hills, on Tuesday.

The Goan team, which had absolutely no clue about how to deal with the African express, heaved a sigh of relief at the final whistle. Samuel was playing on a different zone altogether while his opponents were busy chasing shadows. Goa custodian Succorro Azanedo had a wretched day at the

office against the marauding Chennai team. Each time Arrows asked a question, Succorro resembled a hare caught in the headlights. If not for poor finishing, Succorro would have been drowned by nearly half-a-dozen more goals in the second half alone.

Succorro has the knack of making an ordinary goal look extra-ordinary. In the last minute before the break, he charged out leaving the gates open and completely misjudged the flight of an aerial cross from the right. The ball which embarrassingly fell short of Succorro was harmlessly headed into the near corner by substitute striker R. Marikkani. Arrows coach K. Thiagara-

jan made a superb move by bringing on the latter in place of an average-looking L. Vishwanathan within 20 minutes from start. The Jackson-Marikkani pair, along with another sub left-winger A. Vinoba, were toying with the Goan defenders.

Weaving his way through the Don Bosco guards, Jackson was as smooth as melted chocolate. Twenty minutes from restart, he ran around the goalie to score his first. Samuel's second, which came 13 minutes later, was one for the museum. Receiving the ball near the circle, the Ghanaian made a swift run, dribbling past two defenders on the right. Once inside the box, it wasn't too

hard for him to get it past Succorro.

The second goal for Arrows in the 59th minute was scored by midfielder T. Pugazhendhi who, otherwise, endured a patchy outing. Vinoba drove the final nail in the coffin during injury time. The Goans, who went out without a fight, garnered a consolation goal through Mekliston Falero in the 74th minute.

**Result:** Arrows FC 5 (Samuel Jackson 2, Marikkani, Pugazhendhi, Vinoba) bt Don Bosco Oratory, Goa 1 (Mekliston).  
**Action today: Both QF:** DBYC, Kochi, vs SAI, Chennai (1:45pm) and TN Police vs Arrows FC (3:45pm).

## Clear Mandate wins

DC CORRESPONDENT  
BENGALURU

Jan. 25: J.S. Dhariwal-trained Clear Mandate was ably piloted by Christopher Denis Hayes to bag the F.K. Irani Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the races held here on Tuesday.

- 1. Sriharikota Plate, 1100 metres:** Current Ray 53.5 Suraj 1, Win Again 55 Appu 2, Shahraan 55 Jagadeesh 3, Abbys Baby 55 Valdir Desouza 4. Won by: ¾, 1, Lnk. Time: 1:08.49 secs.  
**2. Jamuna Plate, 1400 metres:** Sun Forever 62.5 B.L. Paswan 1, Absence 54 Appu 2, Splendid Dancer 58.5 Shaifq 3, Halo Of Revenge 60.5 Vinod Shinde 4. Won by: 8/1, 1, Lnk. Time: 1:29.14 secs.

- 3. Vedavati Plate, 2000 metres:** Allez Vite 57 N.Alam 1, Indravati 59.5 John 2, North Cape 54.5 D. Allan 3, Everyday Sunday 55 Suraj 4. Shd. 2 ½, 2 ¾. Time: 2:07.51 Secs.  
**4. Kailash Plate, 1400 metres:** Smart Exotic 51.5 Vivek 1, Fame And Glory 58.5 Suraj 2, Spark Of Knight 56.5 P.Mani 3, Count Royal 53 C.D.Hayes 4. Won by: 1 ½, 2, 2 ¼. Time: 1:28.09 secs.

- 5. B.C. Prabhakar Memorial Cup, 1200 metres:** Romance In The Air 56.5 Adarsh 1, Marie Curie 62.5 Gallagher 2, Sweet Timer 53.5 Suraj 3, Game Dancer 53.5 Gautam Raj 4. Won by: Shd 4, ¾. Time: 1:16.26 secs.  
**6. F.K.Irani Memorial Trophy, 1400 metres:** Clear Mandate 51 C.D.Hayes 1, Flaming Lombargini

- 56 Appu 2, Soberano 56 N.Rajesh 3, Ashkan 57.5 V.R.Desouza 4. Won by: 1, 1, 5. Time: 1:26.19 secs.  
**7. Kollur Plate, Division I, 1400 metres:** Gazaki 60.5 A.Desouza 1, Sunstone 58 Suraj 2, Supremacy 58 C.D.Hayes 3, Anna 60 A.Asbar 4. Won by: ¾, 6 ¾, 1. Time: 1:26.09 secs.  
**8. Altenburg Plate, 1200 metres:** Don Diego 62 S.A.Desouza 1, The Phenomena 54 Vinod Shinde 2, Seaside Star 58.5 Appu 3, Sundance Kid 53 F.Waheed 4. Won by: 3 ¾, Lnk, 1.T. 1:15.47 secs.  
**9. Kollur Plate, Division II, 1400 metres:** Gluteus Maximus 57 Gallagher 1, Sunstorm 58 Suraj 2, Cherelle 54 C.D.Hayes 3, Gunpowder 56.5 A.Asbar 4. Won by 2 ¼, 1 ¼, 1 ½. Time: 1:26.53 secs.

**ASIAN CUP**

## Japan edge Korea, in final

Doha, Jan. 25: Three-time champions Japan reached the Asian Cup final after defeating arch-rivals South Korea 3-0 in a nail-biting penalty shootout in the semi-finals on Tuesday.

Centre-back Yasuyuki Konno netted the decisive penalty, placing the ball into the right-hand side of the goal, after Koo Ja-Cheol, Lee Yong-Rae and Hong Jeong-Ho had all failed from 12 yards for South Korea.

Japan led going into the final minute of extra-time but Hwang Jae-Won slammed in a sensational equaliser following a scramble inside the Japanese box to make the score 2-2 and send the game to penalties.

It was a redemptive moment for Hwang, who had conceded the controversial penalty from which substitute Hajime Hosogai had given Japan the lead in the seventh minute of extra-time, but his joy proved short-lived.

Ki Sung-Yueng had given South Korea the lead via



Japanese players celebrate their success in the Asian Cup shootout against South Korea. —AFP

another disputed penalty mid-way through the first half, with Ryoichi Maeda drawing Japan level nine minutes before half-time.

Japan will play the victors of Tuesday's second semi-final between Australia and Uzbekistan in the final on Saturday. —AFP

**ST. JOSEPH'S JUNIOR NATIONAL BALL BADMINTON**

## Double delight for TN

DC CORRESPONDENT  
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Jan. 25: It was double delight for Tamil Nadu at the St. Joseph's College of Engineering junior national ball badminton tournament on Tuesday. TN boys beat Andhra 29-23, 29-17 to reign supreme, while girls had a convincing 29-12, 29-19 win over Karnataka in the final. Former international swimmer Wilson Cherian was the chief guest at the prize distribution. B.

BabuManoharan, director of St. Josephs College of Engineering, was also present. **Results (finals): Boys:** Tamil Nadu bt Andhra 29-23, 29-17. **Final placings:** 1. Tamil Nadu; 2. Andhra; 3. Hyderabad; 4. Karnataka. **Girls:** Tamil Nadu bt Karnataka 29-12, 29-19. **Final placings:** 1. Tamil Nadu; 2. Karnataka; 3. Andhra; 4. Kerala. **Awards: Star of India:** Boys: Shameer, Ezhilarasan (TN), B. Nagesh (Hyderabad), K.Ramkiran

(Andhra), Bharath (Karnataka). **Girls:** J. Malrvizhi, K. Rohini (TN), Krishnapriya (Kerala), Y. Ramadevi (Andhra), A.R. Shrutthi (Karnataka). **Best upcoming players: Boys:** Guruprethi (Punjab), Rahul (Harayana), Amitpradeep (NCR, Delhi), Yogesh (Maharashtra), Ganesh (Goa). **Girls:** Sohalikaur (West Bengal), Jotana (Punjab), Manpreti (Chandigarh), Krishna (Maharashtra), Swasatika (Orissa).