

PARIKRMA CAP REMARKABLE RISE

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Parikrma team with the trophy at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Saturday

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Parikrma were formally crowned champions of the Bangalore District Football Association's B Division League on Saturday, marking a remarkable rise for a team that were newcomers in the division. Parikrma held off a still challenge from Sri Gajanana, an experienced team that will be promoted to the A division alongside the champions.

Parikrma secured 28 points from 11 games, winning nine and losing only one. Gajanana finished a point behind, but it was RS Sports that was a touch unlucky to miss out on the party. The young side had 23 points going into their last couple of games and could have emerged champions had it not been for back-to-back losses at the hands of Gajanana and third-placed Tilak Memorial earlier this week. Two wins would have taken them above Parikrma.

Parikrma ended their strong run on winning note on Saturday, defeating Gajanana 2-0 in a 30-minute exhibition tie. The side was promoted from the C Division last year and has now made the climb to the A Division, a fine achievement. Shukla Bose, founder and CEO of Parikrma Humanity Foundation, was present as the guest of honour for Saturday ceremony at the Bangalore Football Stadium. "This is testimony to what you can do if you really love the game and are given the freedom to pursue it," Bose said. "The dream to reach where we are wasn't mine to begin with. It was the collective dream of the whole team along with the coach and manager."