

## QRI FC Thrissur Wins QIFF Super Cup 2025



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Doha:

QRI FC Thrissur emerged champions of the QIFF Super Cup 2025 after a thrilling and closely contested final against Grand Mall FC Malappuram, held at the Al Ahli Stadium over the weekend.

The much-anticipated finale was decided through a dramatic penalty shootout, capping off an unforgettable match.

Both teams showcased exceptional skill, discipline, and determination throughout the encounter.

The match ended 1–1 at the conclusion of regular time, and despite an evenly fought extra time, neither side could break the deadlock. The championship was eventually decided via penalties.

After five spot-kicks each failed to separate the teams, QRI FC Thrissur held their nerve in the decisive penalty, clinching the title and lifting the QIFF Super Cup 2025.

### Grand Finale with Distinguished Presence

The inaugural ceremony of the Grand Finale was conducted with high levels of professionalism and dignity, reflecting the strong sporting and cultural bonds between Qatar and India. The occasion was graced by the presence of several prominent Qatari and Indian dignitaries, adding prestige and significance to the event.

The distinguished guests included:

H.E. Mr. Vipul, Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar

Brigadier Dr. Ibraheem Muhammad Rashid Al Sumaih, Director, Community Policing  
Department, Ministry of Interior

Lieutenant Colonel Talal Menassar Al Madhour, Head of Awareness and Education Section

Captain Dawood Ghuloom Al Sharshani, Head of Administrative Affairs, Qatar Police Sports Federation, Ministry of Interior

Mr. Muhammed Saeed Al Abdullah, Representative, Al Rayyan Municipality

Mr. Nasser Al Emadi, Workers' Organizations Specialist, Ministry of Labour

President's Address

In his presidential address, QIFF President Mr. Sharaf P Hameed reflected on the organisation's remarkable journey, highlighting that QIFF has grown into one of the largest expatriate community football tournaments in Qatar and the Gulf region. He described football as a powerful unifying force that transcends language, culture, and generations.

Special emphasis was placed on the 16th season, which successfully brought together young talents, active players, and veteran footballers within a single structured system. The President also highlighted the introduction of full 11-a-side grounds for youth competitions, marking a major milestone in player development.

Mr. Sharaf P Hameed expressed sincere gratitude to the Indian Embassy, the Qatar Football Association, and the Qatar Sports Authorities for their continued guidance and support. He also acknowledged Al Ahli Stadium for hosting the Grand Finale and Doha Stadium for providing

consistent support to QIFF tournaments for more than a decade.

## About QIFF

The Qatar Indian Football Forum (QIFF) was founded nearly two decades ago by a group of passionate football enthusiasts from the Indian expatriate community, driven by a simple yet powerful vision – to unite people through football. What began as a small, community-driven initiative has steadily evolved into one of the most organised and widely participated expatriate football platforms in Qatar.

Over the years, QIFF has played a vital role in promoting sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, and community harmony, offering a structured and competitive platform for hundreds of teams and thousands of players, while fostering enduring friendships across regions, age groups, and cultures.