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1. Hockey Haryana Women's U-18 team wins Khelo India Youth Games 2022 (Dec. 31, 2022)

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Hockey **Haryana's women's team** won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 **Women's Under 18 Qualifiers title** after defeating **Madhya Pradesh 2-0** in the final at **Bhubaneswar** on December 30.

Important facts

- In the final match, **Pooja and Gurmail Kaur** scored a goal each for Haryana to turn the match in their favour.
- **Odisha** stepped up to claim **third place** after beating **Jharkhand** by 2-1 in the 3rd and 4th place encounter.
- **Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand** have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games (Women) to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year.

Awards List

- **Best Goalkeeper:** Kavita (Haryana)
- **Best Defender:** Yogita Verma (Madhya Pradesh)
- **Best Midfielder:** Manisha (Haryana)
- **Best Striker:** Bhumshika Sahu (Madhya Pradesh)

2. Hockey Madhya Pradesh clinches Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's U-18 title (Dec. 31, 2022)

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In hockey, **Madhya Pradesh** clinched the title **by defeating Odisha 6-5** in the **Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18** qualifier title in **Bhubaneswar** on 30 December.

Important facts

- In a thrilling final, **Jamir Mohammad** was the star of the final, scoring a hat-trick, while Ali Ahmed, Mohammad Zaid Khan and captain Ankit Pal scored one goal each for Madhya Pradesh.
- On the other hand, Anmol Ekka, Paulus Lakra, Deepak Minz and Akash Soreng scored one goal each for **Odisha**.

- **Haryana defeated Jharkhand** 2-0 to secure the **third position** in the competition.
- Amandeep and Roshan scored the goals for Haryana.
- With this, **Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana and Jharkhand** have qualified for the **Khelo India Youth Games** to be held in **Madhya Pradesh** next year.

- **Award List**

- **Best Goalkeeper** : Ravi (Haryana)
- **Best Defender** : Sundaram Rajawat (Madhya Pradesh)
- **Best Midfielder** : Prem Dayal Giri (Odisha)
- **Best Striker** : Ali Ahmad (Madhya Pradesh)

3. Government recognises e-sports as part of multisports events (Dec. 28, 2022)

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The **Government of India** has officially recognised '**E-Sports**' (**Electronic Sports**) as a part of **Multi-sports events** on 27th December.

Important facts

- E-sports will be handled by the **Department of Sports** under the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- This decision was taken by President **Draupadi Murmu**, using the powers given in **provision 3 of Article 77** of the Constitution, after changing the rules related to e-sports.
- It is noteworthy that since the inclusion of e-sports as a demonstration sport in the **Jakarta Asian Games 2018**, there has been a demand to make it a part of the multi-sport event.
- The **International Olympic Committee** is also promoting e-sports and in this exercise, the **first Olympic e-sports week** will also be celebrated in Singapore in June 2023.
- Next year's **Asian Games in China** will see the debut of e-sports.
- The Indian Esports Industry has been fighting for E-sports not to be clubbed under the umbrella term "**Gaming**".

What is E-sports?

- e-sports or "electronic sports," transforms online gaming into a spectator sport.

- The experience is similar to watching a professional sporting event, with spectators watching video gamers compete against each other in a virtual environment.
- The e-sports Industry has maintained that e-sports is a competitive sport where e-sports athletes use their physical and mental abilities to compete in certain genres of video games in a **virtual, electronic environment**.

4. PV Sindhu among top 25 highest-paid female athletes in Forbes annual list (Dec. 24, 2022)

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Important facts

- Sindhu, the 2016 **Tokyo Olympics** silver medalist, is **ranked 12th** in the list, which is **topped** by Japanese tennis star **Naomi Osaka**.
- The 27-year-old Sindhu, who won the singles gold and doubles silver at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham earlier this year, **earned \$7 million** out of her total earnings of \$7.1 million.
- For the **third year in a row**, Osaka topped Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes. The list is once again dominated by **tennis players**.
- Naomi Osaka, the world number 42, topped the list with a total annual earning of **\$51.1 million**, while **Serena Williams** is a distant second with **\$41.3 million** and **Eileen Gu**, the freestyle skier, **third** with a total coffer of **\$20.1 million**.

List of 15 highest paid female athletes of the year

- Naomi Osaka (Japan) – Tennis – \$51.1 million
- Serena Williams (USA) – Tennis – \$41.3 million
- Eileen Gu (China) – Skiing – \$20.1 million
- Emma Raducanu (UK) – Tennis – \$18.7 million
- Iga Swiatek (Poland) – Tennis – \$14.9 million
- Venus Williams (USA) – Tennis – \$12.1 million
- Coco Gauff (USA) – Tennis – \$11.1 million
- Simone Biles (USA) – Gymnastics – \$10 million
- Jessica Pegula (USA) – Tennis – \$7.6 million
- Minjee Lee (Australia) – Golf – \$7.3 million
- Candace Parker (USA) – Basketball – \$7.2 million
- P.V. Sindhu (India) – Badminton – \$7.1 million

- Leylah Fernandez (Canada) - Tennis - \$7 million
- Lydia Ko (New Zealand) - Golf - \$6.9 million
- Ons Jabeur (Tunisia) - Tennis - \$6.5 million

5. Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the National Level Kabaddi Championship at Udupi Karnataka (Dec. 24, 2022)

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Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated the National level Kabaddi championship in **Udupi in Karnataka** on December 24.

Important fact

- National level Kabaddi tournament will be held at **MGM ground** in flood light, in which **12 teams** from different states will participate.
- The winner will get the **Atal Trophy** and prize money of Rs **one lakh**.
- The runner-up will be awarded **Rs 75,000**, the third prize winner **Rs 50,000** and the fourth prize winner Rs 25,000.
- The winners will be presented with the Atal trophy.
- The **Atal Utsav and Booth Sangam** will be inaugurated on December 25 by former chief minister **B S Yediyurappa** along with selected presiding officers of six vote booths.
- Atal Trophy was started in 1999 by **Zilla Yuva Morcha** through volleyball tournament and this time kabaddi tournament is also being organized.

6. PM launches Grih Pravesh programme for over 2 lakh beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Dec. 19, 2022)

PM launches Grih Pravesh programme for over 2 lakh beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on 18 December inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth **over 6,800 crore rupees in Tripura and Meghalaya**.

Important facts

- The projects include '**Grih Pravesh**' programme for beneficiaries under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Rural**.
- These houses, developed at a cost of over **Rs 3400 crores**, will cover over **2 lakh beneficiaries**.

- Other projects include connectivity projects for widening of **Agartala Bypass (Khairpur-Amtali) NH-08** under PMGSY III, foundation laying of **32 roads** with a length of over 230 km and improvement projects of **112 roads** with a length of over 540 km.
- The Prime Minister also inaugurated the **State Institute of Hotel Management at Anandnagar** and **Agartala Government Dental College**.

About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation** launched the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana rural in 2016**.
- The scheme was initiated with the objective of '**Housing for All by 2022**'.
- The scheme has 2 Components - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (**Urban**) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (**Rural**).
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin was earlier called Indira Awas Yojana which was renamed in March 2016.

7. Argentina beat France 4-2 on penalties, win 3rd FIFA World Cup title (Dec. 19, 2022)

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Argentina won the **FIFA World Cup 2022** title **third time** on 18 December after defeating defending champions **France 4-2 on penalties**. The final match was played at **Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar**.

Important facts

- Argentina has been able to win the World Cup **after 36 years**. It has now won the title for the third time after **1978 and 1986**.
- The match remained tied at 2-2 for the stipulated 90 minutes. **Lionel Messi** scored a goal to put Argentina ahead 3-2, but **Kylian Mbappe** scored in the 117th minute to level the match at 3-3. After this, Argentina won the match in the penalty shootout.
- Lionel Messi scored the first goal in the match on a penalty in the 23rd minute. He became the **first footballer in the world to score in all knockout matches of a World Cup**.
- Messi won the **Golden Ball** award for the best player in the FIFA World Cup 2022, while Mbappe won the **Golden Boot** award for being the top goalscorer and Emiliano Martinez of Argentina won the **Golden Glove** award for being the best goalkeeper.
- Embappé technically became France's first **Golden Boot** winner with a total of 8 goals.
- Enzo Fernandez wins the **Young Player Award**.

2022 FIFA World Cup Awards

- **Top 4 team Rankings:** (Winner), France (2nd), Croatia (3rd) and Morocco (4th)
- **Golden Boot Award:** Kylian Mbappe (France)
- **Golden Ball Award:** Lionel Messi (Argentina)
- **Golden Glove Award:** Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)
- **FIFA Young Player Award:** Enzo Fernandez
- **FIFA Fair Play Award:** England
- **Silver Boot Award:** Lionel Messi
- **Bronze Boot Award:** Olivier Giroud (France)
- **Silver Ball Award:** Kylian Mbappe

Most Goals in FIFA World Cup 2022

- Kylian Mbappe (France) - 8
- Lionel Messi (Argentina) - 7
- Julian Alvarez (Argentina) - 4
- Olivier Giroud - 4
- Alvaro Morata (Spain) - 3
- Bukayo Saka (England) - 3
- Cody Gakpo (Netherlands) - 3

8. Cindy Hook appointed CEO of 2032 Olympic organising committee (Dec. 17, 2022)

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American executive **Cindy Hook** has been appointed as **CEO of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games**. The organising committee announced her appointment.

Important facts

- She is currently a member of the **Great Barrier Reef Foundation** and the **Singapore Economic Development Board**.
- US-born Cindy Hook, 58, led **Deloitte's Asia Pacific branch** for nearly three years before stepping down in June this year with the intention of retiring from corporate work.

- She previously worked for the **international professional services network in the U.S. and in Australia**, moving to Sydney in 2009 to lead the auditing practice for six years and later becoming CEO of the Australian operation in 2015.
- Brisbane 2032 chairman **Andrew Liveris** described Hooke as someone who knows what it takes to run a multi-billion dollar business on time and on budget.
 - The International Olympic Committee in July last year decided to host the **2032 Games in Brisbane** as part of a revised process.
 - Australia has twice previously hosted the Summer Olympics, at **Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000**.

9. Sports Minister Anurag Thakur unveils Hockey World Cup trophy (Dec. 17, 2022)

unveils Hockey World Cup trophy

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** on 16th December **unveiled the Hockey World Cup trophy in New Delhi**.

Important facts

- **The Federation of Indian Hockey (FIH) Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela** Trophy arrived at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in the national capital.
- The event was also graced by 1975 World Cup winners Ajit Pal Singh, Ashok Dhyanchand, Brig HJS Chimni, and former Olympians Harbinder Singh, Padma Shri Zafar Iqbal, and Vinit Kumar (Vice president, Delhi Hockey) among other dignitaries.

About the Trophy Tour

- The trophy will travel across **13 states and one union territory** before returning to Odisha on December 25, giving fans and the public a chance to engage with the coveted trophy.
- The nationwide Trophy Tour was launched in Bhubaneswar on 5th December by the Chief Minister of Odisha **Naveen Patnaik**.
- The trophy will go to West Bengal, Manipur, Assam, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh.

Men's Hockey World Cup- 2023

- The World Cup will be jointly hosted by Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from **13 to 29 January 2023**.

- Matches will be played in the newly constructed **Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela**, and in the **iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar**.
- The Hockey World Cup is organised **every four years**.

Teams of Hockey Men's World Cup 2023

- **Pool A:** Australia, Argentina, France, South Africa
- **Pool B:** Belgium, Germany, Korea, Japan
- **Pool C:** Netherlands, New Zealand, Malaysia, Chile
- **Pool D:** India, England, Spain, Wales
- **Semi Final 1:** 27th January, 2023
- **Semi Final 2:** 27th January, 2023
- **Final:** 29th January, 2023

10. FINA World Swimming Championships 2022: Chahat Arora sets national record in 100m breaststroke (Dec. 15, 2022)

FINA World Swimming Championships 2022

In **Swimming**, Indian swimmer **Chahat Arora** set a **national record** in the **women's 100-metre breaststroke** at the **FINA World Swimming Championships 2022** in **Melbourne, Australia** on 14 December.

Important facts

- Chahat Arora completed the 100-metre breaststroke race in **1 minute, 13.13 seconds**.
- **Lithuania's Ruta Meilutyte, topped** the overall heats in **1 minute, 3.81 seconds**, which was 9.32 seconds quicker than Chahat Arora.
- The 19-year-old **Lara Van Niekerk of South Africa** came **second** in **1 minute 3.93 seconds**, while **Lilly King of the USA** came **third** in **1 minute 3.94 seconds**.
- Chahat will participate in the **women's 50m breaststroke** event on 17 December. **Siva Sridhar** will compete in the 100-metre individual medley on 15 December.
- The FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2022, the **16th edition** of the competition, will conclude on 18 December.
- The **Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA)** is the world governing body for aquatic sports such as swimming, diving, waterpolo, synchronised and open water swimming.

