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Former world champion **Mirabai Chanu** had to settle for a silver medal in the women's 49kg division at the World Weightlifting Championships 2022 being held in **Bogota**, **Colombia**.

Mirabai Chanu lifted a total weight of 200kg (87kg snatch + 113kg clean and jerk) for her second world championships medal. She won the gold in 2017 and finished fourth in the 2019 edition.

Jiang Huihua of China won her third world championship gold medal with a combined lift of 206 kg (93kg+113kg). Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Hou Zhihui of China won the bronze medal.

The World Weightlifting Championships 2022 are the first in the series of qualifying events for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. It is being held in Bogota, Colombia from 5-15 December 2022.

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4. Shafali Verma to lead India's in the inaugural ICC women's U-19 Women's T20 World Cup (Dec. 6, 2022)

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Eighteen-year-old opening batter **Shafali Verma** will lead India at the **inaugural <u>ICC</u>** (International Cricket Council) Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup, to be played in **South Africa** from January 14 next year.

She will be one of two senior India players at the event apart from wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh. The coach of the team is **Nooshin Al Khadeer.**

The U19 T20 World Cup will take place in the South African cities of **Benoni** and **Potchefstroom** between 14 and 29 January 2023.

Sixteen teams have been divided into four groups. India are in Group D of the Under-19 World Cup along with South Africa, UAE and Scotland.

The final will be played in Potchefstroom on 29 January 2023.

5. Hrishikesh Kanitkar appointed batting coach of Indian women cricket team by BCCI (Dec. 6, 2022)

Hrishikesh Kanitkar appointed batting coach of Indian women cricket team

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on 5 December 2022 announced the appointment of **Hrishikesh Kanitkar** as the Batting Coach of the Senior Women's cricket team. Kanitkar will take charge of the team from the upcoming five-match T20I series against Australia starting 9th December in Mumbai.

The Indian national women cricket team has been without a head coach for the past two months since the completion of the tenure of Romesh Powar.

Romesh Powar has since joined the **National Cricket Academy (NCA), Bengaluru** as a spin bowling coach.

Hrishikesh Kanitkar was the head coach of the under -19 men's cricket team which won the world cup held in West Indies in 2022.

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

It is the governing body of men's and women's cricket in India. It selects the Indian team for International tours and for International Cricket Council (ICC) and Asian Cup tournaments.

The BCCI is an autonomous, private organisation and does not fall under the purview of the National Sports Federation of India.

It was set up in 1928.

Grant Govan was the first President of the BCCI.

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

President: Roger Binny

6. 11th edition of Admiral's Cup Regatta to begin in Kerala from 6 December 2022 (Dec. 5, 2022)

11th edition of Admiral's Cup Regatta

The 11th edition of the **Admiral's Cup Regatta** will be held at the **Ettikulam Bay** in the Kannur district of Kerala from 6-10 December 2022. The Regatta is organised as a fleet race in a single crew Olympic class Laser Radial sailboat.

Teams from 27 nations, including Australia, Germany, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the UK, the USA, Japan, and Myanmar are participating in the annual sailing event.

It is hosted by the Indian Naval Academy situated in **Ezhimala**, Kannur district of Kerala.

Admiral's Cup Sailing Regatta

The Admiral's Cup Sailing Regatta was instituted in 2010 under the burgee of Yachting Association of India as a forum for competition in sailing in a regatta format amongst the officer trainees of friendly foreign navies.

The last Admiral's Cup was held in 2019 and a total of 25 countries participated in the event.

7. Unnati Hooda settles for a silvers as India wins 5 medals at the Badminton Asia Junior Championships (Dec. 4, 2022)

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Top Seeded **Unnati Hooda had to settle for a silver medal after she lost to** Sarunrak Vitidsarn of Thailand in the final of the under 17 women's singles of the Badminton Asia Junior Championships held in **Nonthaburi, Thailand** on 4 December 2022.

Top Seeded **Unnati Hooda** lost to Sarunrak Vitidsarn of Thailand in the finals and had to settle for silver in the under 17 women's singles final of the Badminton Asia Junior Championships held in **Nonthaburi**, Thailand on 4 December 2022. Unnati Hooda earlier created history by becoming the first Indian to enter the U-17 women's singles final at the Asia Junior Championships.

India finished the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022 with **5 medals -3 silver and 2 bronze medals.**

On the last day of the championships India won two more silver medals.

Anish Thoppnai lost to Chung-Hsiang Yih of Chinese Taipei in the under -15 men's singles to settle for a silver.

Arsh Mohammad and Sanskar Saraswat lost to Chinese Taipei's Lai Po Yu and Yi-Hao Lin in the men's under-17 doubles.

Bronze medal winner for India

India's under-15 men's doubles pair of **Bjorn Jaison** and **Aathish Sreenivas PV** also had to settle for a **bronze medal** after they lost their semi-final to top seeds Muhammad Mubarrok and Raihan Pramono of Indonesia.

India's Gnana Datt lost to Chung-Hsiang Yih of Chinese Taipei in the -15 men's semi-final to settle for a bronze medal.

At the last edition held in **2019** in Suzhou, China, India's **Tasnim Mir** and Tara Shah clinched gold and silver medals, respectively, in the U-15 women's singles event.

Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022

The Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022 was organised by Badminton Asia at **Nonthaburi, Thailand** from 29 November to 4 December 2022.

The championship was held for men's and women's under15 and **under 17 categories**. It involved singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles.

It was first held in 1997 and is being held every year. The 2020 and 2021 edition was not held due to covid pandemic.

8. World Champion Rudrankksh Patil wins ISSF President's Cup held in Egypt (Dec. 4, 2022)

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The current world champion **Rudrankksh Patil** of India defeated world No. 1 **Danilo Sollazzo** of Italy in the men's 10m air rifle final to win the gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) **President's Cup 2022** in **Cairo, Egypt**, 2 December 2022.

The ISSF Presidents Cup is the season finale of the International Shooting Sport Federation yearlong competition where top ranked shooters of the year are invited. It was held from 28 November -4 December 2022 in Cairo, Egypt.

Rudrankksh Patil was awarded the **Golden Target award**, given to the best athlete of the year in the category by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

Tokyo Olympian and world No. 4 **Anjum Moudgil**, had to settle for **silver** after narrowly losing to Anna Janssen of Germany in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions final.

India finished the ISSF President's Cup 2022 with **two medals** - one gold and one silver.

At the 2021 edition of the ISSF President's Cup, India won five medals - two golds, two silvers and one bronze.

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

It is an international body which governs International shooting.

It was founded in 1907 as International Shooting Union and later renamed as ISSF in 1998.

Headquarters: Munich, Germany

President: Vladimir Lisin

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Important facts

- Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India Sujata Chaturvedi announced the app at the Inclusion Conclave organised by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) in New Delhi.
- The inclusion Conclave was attended by participants from India and 20 countries.
- Shombi Sharp, United Nations Resident Coordinator, India also addressed the gathering.
- NADA Director General and CEO Ritu Sen said the conclave was a step towards ensuring that the anti-doping program is inclusive and athletes with disabilities are not left behind.

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