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1. A fine performance by Sheldon Jackson and Jani help Saurastra win the Vijay Hazare trophy 2022-23 (Dec. 2, 2022)

Vijay Hazare trophy 2022-23

A fine century by Sheldon Jackson (133 runs) and Chirag Jani's hat trick(3 for 43) helped Saurashtra defeat Maharashtra's to win their **second Vijay Hazare Trophy title** (2022-23) in the final played at the **Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad , Gujarat.**

Saurashtra won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for the first time in 2007-08.

Himachal Pradesh was the 2021-22 winner.

Batting first, the Maharashtra team scored 248 for 9 in their allotted 50 overs, helped by captain Ruturaj Gaikwad's fourth century in five matches in the tournament to help Maharashtra post 248 for 9. Ruturaj scored 108 runs. Saurashtra scored 249 for 5 in 46.3 overs.

Sheldon Jackson was the player of the match while **Ruturaj Gaikwad** was declared the Player of the series.

Vijay Hazare Trophy

The **Vijay Hazare Trophy** named after a famous Indian batsman **Vijay Hazare. It is an** annual domestic limited-overs cricket domestic competition. It is organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The tournament was started in the 2002-03 season.

Tamil Nadu is the most successful team having won the trophy five times.

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- The tournament is being organised to mark the **World Disability Day** celebrations universally.

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4. NADA India to host Inclusion Conclave for the first time to focus on athletes with disabilities on 2nd December 2022 (Dec. 1, 2022)

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India will host an **Inclusion Conclave** for the first time which will focus on anti-doping education and process for athletes with disabilities. The Conclave organised by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA India)** with the help of <u>WADA</u> (World Anti-Doping Agency) Asia-Oceania office, will be held on 2 December 2022 in **New Delhi**.

The conclave will focus on developing a policy and legal framework on anti-doping as well as on educating the disable athletes on the anti -doping process and controls.

Doping in sports means the use of unauthorized drugs by the athletes to enhance their performance in sports.

National Anti-Doping Agency or NADA

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) is the national organization responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in the country. It is the member of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) was set up on November 24, 2005 Under the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Director General of NADA: Ritu Sain

Headquarters: New Delhi

5. Stephanie Frappart of France to be first woman referee at men's World Cup (Nov. 30, 2022)

Stephanie Frappart of France to be first woman referee at men's World Cup

FIFA has announced on 29 November 2022 that **Stephanie Frappart of France** will be the first woman to referee a men's' World Cup match. She will officiate the match to be played between Germany and Costa Rica in Group E on 2 December 2022.

France's Stephanie Frappart is one of three women referees among the 36 selected for the tournament in Qatar, alongside **Rwandan Salima Mukansanga** and **Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita**.

She was the first woman to referee in France's domestic Ligue 1 in 2019, the same year she took charge of the women's World Cup final in her home country.

Frappart also officiated the 2019 UEFA Super Cup final between Liverpool and Chelsea, before refereeing the Champions League in 2020 and then the French Cup final last season.

The **FIFA World Cup 2022** is being held in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022.

6. Government announces "Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards' for year 2021 (Nov. 29, 2022)

"Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards' for year 2021

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has announced the name of the winners of the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2021. The Ministry announced the <u>National sports awards</u> winner list on 14 November 2022 but the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award winners' names were not announced.

Winner of the award and category

Lifetime Achievement Award: Group Captain Bhawani Singh Samyal

Land Adventure category: Naina Dhakad

Water Adventure category: Shubham Dhananjay Vanmal

No one was chosen for the Air Adventure category.

They will be conferred the award by President **Droupadi Murmu** at a function in Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on 30th November, 2022 along with the winners of other National sports awards .

They will receive statuettes, certificates and award money 15 lakh rupees each.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award

It was set up in 1994 in the memory of **Tenzing Norgay**. He is an Indian of Nepali origin who along with a New Zealand mountaineer **Edmund Hillary** scaled Mount Everest on **29 May 1953.**

The award is given in adventure sports like mountaineering, skydiving, and open water swimming.

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Important facts

- Gaikwad made this record against Uttar Pradesh in Ahmedabad.
- He remained unbeaten after scoring **220 runs off 159 balls.** This is his first double century in List-A cricket, before that 187 not out was his best score.
- This is also his sixth century in the last 8 innings of Vijay Hazare Trophy.

In the **49th over** of the innings, he scored **43 runs** including **7 sixes** on left arm **•** spinner **Shiva Singh.**

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Important facts

- November 27 was the last day for filing nominations and none other than PT Usha filed a claim.
- PT Usha has won the **Asian Games gold medal**. At the same time, in the **1984 Olympics**, she finished fourth in the final of the 400 meters hurdles.
- PT Usha, the **first woman President of the Indian Olympic Association**, is 58 years old.
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- PT Usha, who hails from Kerala, has studied at Providence Women's College, Kozhikode.
- In 1991, she was married to Inspector V. Srinivasan of the Central Industrial Security Force.
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