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1. Monika Batra become the first Indian women to win a medal at the Asian Cup Table Tennis (Nov. 19, 2022)

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Manika Batra became the first Indian women player to win a medal at the Asian cup Table Tennis tournament. She defeated world No. 6 **Hina Hayata** of Japan in the women's singles bronze medal match in Bangkok, Thailand on 19 November 2022.

She became the 2nd Indian player to win a medal at the Asia Cup Table Tennis. Before her, **Chetan Baboor** won silver in 1997 and bronze in 2000.

The other Indian player Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, India's top-ranked men's singles player and India's national champion [Sharath Kamal](#) were knocked out in the opening round of men's singles.

The three-day competition (17-19 November) was organised by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU) at the **Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand.**

The Asia Cup Table tennis is an annual tournament which has been organized since 1983. The 2020 and 2021 editions were not held because of Covid-19.

2. Hyderabad host Street Circuit Car Racing before the India's first Formula E grand Prix to be held in February 2023 (Nov. 19, 2022)

Hyderabad host Street Circuit Car Racing

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and the Indian Racing League (IRL) are jointly organising **India's first ever Street Circuit Car Racing** at **Hyderabad** on 19 and 20 November 2022.

At least 22 electric racing cars are taking part in the trial run to ensure that the track is fit for the forthcoming Formula E race and all the requirements are met as per the FIA specifications.

HMDA and IRL will hold a **first-ever Formula E World Championship race in India** at Hyderabad, to be held on 10 and 11 February 2023.

Formula E race is a single-seater motor racing championship where the drivers compete in single-seater cars built by Italian constructor Wolf Racing using Aprilia engines.

3. Vice President Dhankhar to attend FIFA men's world cup 2022 opening ceremony in Qatar (Nov. 19, 2022)

FIFA men's world cup 2022 opening ceremony

According to a release from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** will represent India at the inauguration of the 22nd Men's [FIFA World Cup](#) in Qatar

on 20 November 2022. Vice President Dhankhar will be visiting Qatar on November 20-21 at the invitation of **Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani**, Amir of the State of Qatar.

The 60,000-capacity **Al Bayt Stadium** in Al Khor will host the opening ceremony on 20 November 2022 just before the first match between host Qatar and Ecuador.

According to the MEA, besides attending the inaugural ceremony of the football World Cup, the vice president will also interact with members of the Indian community during his visit.

India Qatar Relations

- India and Qatar enjoy close and friendly relations with multifaceted partnerships extending to areas of trade, energy, security, defence, health, culture, and education, among others.
- In the last financial year, bilateral trade crossed USD 15 billion.
- Qatar plays an important partner in India's energy security and India participates in Qatar's food security.
- Next year, both countries will be celebrating 50 years of the establishment of full diplomatic relations.
- People-to-people ties form an important element of the bilateral relationships with over 840,000 Indians in Qatar.

FIFA men's World Cup 2022

- The 22nd FIFA men's world cup will be held in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022.
- It is the first time that an **Arab country** will host the tournament.
- It is the second world cup to be held in **Asia** after the 2002 World cup which was jointly hosted by **Japan and South Korea**.
- A total of 32 teams will participate in the world cup.
- **La'eeb is the** official mascot of the Cup. It is inspired by the **keffiyeh, a traditional headdress worn by Arab men**.
- The name of the football to be used during the world cup is Al **Rihla**. Al Rihla means **"Journey" in Arabic**.
- It has been made by the German multinational company **Adidas**.
- It is the 14th successive time that a ball made by Adidas will be used in the FIFA world cup.
- Al-Rihla is the first FIFA World cup ball to be made exclusively with water based inks and glues.

FIFA WORLD CUP

- It is an international men's senior football championship organised by FIFA and it is held every four years. No world cup was held in 1942 and 1946 due to the Second World War.
- The first world cup was held in **1930** and the **21st world cup was held in Russia**.
- The **2026 Men's world cup** will be jointly hosted by **Canada, the United States, and Mexico**.
- The current champion is **France**.
- Brazil is the most successful team in the world having won it 5 times. Italy and Germany have won it 4 times each.

Headquarter of FIFA: **Zurich**, Switzerland

FIFA (**Fédération Internationale de Football Association**)

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- **Manu Bhaker and Samrat Rana** won the 10m air pistol mixed team junior event, while **Rhythm Sangwan and Vijayveer Sidhu** won the gold in the senior event.
- India dominated the event winning 25 out of 28 events in eight days.
- Sangwan and Sidhu defeated **Valery Rakhimzhan and Irina Yunusmetova of Kazakhstan** 17-3 in the final of the air pistol mixed team event.
- He topped the qualification round with a score of 579 while **Kazakhstan was second with a score of 577.**
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Results of Air pistol

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10. Manipur tops the medal table as the 2nd edition of North East Olympic Games concludes in Shillong (Nov. 18, 2022)

The 2nd Edition of the North East Olympics games concluded on 16 November 2022 at the Meghalaya's capital **Shillong**. The week-long (10-16 November) Olympic Games was dominated by the North East sports powerhouse Manipur.

The Games was organised by the government of Meghalaya and the state Olympic Association under the aegis of Northeast Olympic Association.

Arunachal Pradesh was to host the second edition of the Games in 2019 but there was a change of plan following the Covid-19 pandemic and Shillong was named the host city.

The first North East Olympics games **was held in Manipur** in 2018 and the **third edition will be held in Nagaland**.

Final Medal position

Manipur emerged as the overall team champion with a total of 240 medals which included 88 gold medals, 75 silver and 77 bronze medals.

Assam took the second spot with a total of 203 medals which included 79 gold medals, 61 silver and 63 bronze medals.

Arunachal Pradesh got the third spot from the host State with a total of 112 medals which included 39 gold, 36 silver and 37 bronze medals.

Meghalaya was at the 4th spot followed by Nagaland at the 5th, Mizoram at 6th, Tripura at 7th and Sikkim was at the last position.

In this one week long edition of the sporting event, about 3000 participants from all around the North East states competed in 18 disciplines like football, shooting, basketball and others at 12 venues spread across Shillong.