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1. BCCI dissolves 4-member national selection committee headed by Chetan Sharma (Nov. 19, 2022)

BCCI dissolves 4-member

The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has disbanded the selection committee headed by **Chetan Sharma** on November 19, 2022 after India's dismal performance in Asia Cup 2022 and T20 World Cup.

Important facts

- Apart from chief selector Chetan Sharma, the other members of the selection committee were Sunil Joshi, Harvinder Singh and Devashish Mohanty.
- The BCCI invited fresh applications for national selectors for the senior men's team and the last date for submission of applications is November 28.

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was founded on 4 December 1928 at the **Roshanara Club in Delhi** by a group of players to end the British monopoly in cricket.
- BCCI earlier had 6 regional bodies as its members, currently it has **30 full time members**.
- Its head office is located at the **Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- It is affiliated to the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** and is the richest cricket board in the world.
- It regulates all the tournaments inside and outside India.
- It has the authority to select players, umpires and officials to participate in international events.
- BCCI President - **Roger Binny**
- BCCI secretary - **Jay Shah**

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Important facts

- **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**.
- The other Indian pair of **Shiva Narwal and Yuvika Tomar** finished fourth in qualifying with a score of 573 but lost 6-16 to the Korean pair to miss out on the bronze medal.
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- In the final, the Indian pair won 17-3 to claim the first position.
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Results of Air pistol

- **Mixed team:** 1. India-2 (Rhythm Sangwan, Vijayveer Sidhu) 17 (579); 2. Kazakhstan (Irina Yunusmetova, Valeriy Rakhimzhan) 3 (577); 3. Korea 16 (573), 4. India (Shiva Narwal, Yuvika Tomar) 6 (573); 3. Korea-2 16 (572), 4. Japan 10 (575).

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6. 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.

7. Paralympics-IPC suspends Russian, Belarusian committees with immediate effect (Nov. 18, 2022)

Paralympics-IPC suspends Russian, Belarusian

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Important facts

- Earlier athletes from both countries were barred from competing in the **Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics** in March.
- Russia's suspension was passed by 64 votes against 39 at the IPC's Extraordinary General Assembly in Berlin.

- The suspension of the NPC of Belarus passed by 54 votes against 45.
- Both NPCs have been suspended for "inability to comply with their membership obligations under the IPC constitution".
- Due to the suspension, NPC Russia and NPC Belarus lose all rights and privileges of IPC membership, as per the IPC constitution.
- The Russian team was also banned from the **Rio Paralympics in 2016** over doping.
- NPC Russia and NPC Belarus have the right to appeal against this decision.

About International Paralympic Committee

- It was established on **22 September 1989** as an international non-profit organisation.
- It is an athlete-centred organisation composed of an elected Governing Board, a Management Team and various Standing Committees and Councils.
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9. Carlos Alcaraz of Spain to end 2022 as the youngest ever world No. 1 ATP Player (Nov. 18, 2022)

Carlos Alcaraz of Spain to end 2022

Carlos Alcaraz of Spain has become the **youngest person** to be ranked No.1 on the ATP (Association of Tennis Professional) ranking since the ATP started the ranking system in 1973. He will be **19 years, 214 days** on December 5, the 2022 year-end ranking date. He has broken the record held by **Lleyton Hewitt** of Australia who was 20 years, 275 days of age in 2001.

Carlos Alcaraz started the 2022 year as the 32nd ranked player on ATP ranking. This year he became the **second youngest male player** to win the US open Grand Slam title after Pete Sampras.

He becomes the first player outside of the Big Four of Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal to top the final rankings since Andy Roddick in 2003.

Association of Tennis Professional (ATP)

It was set up in 1972 as a body of the Men's professional Tennis players. .

It conducts various tournaments for professional men's tennis players worldwide.

It organises three types of tournaments or tours based on their importance.

The top ranked events are included in the **ATP tour**. The second ranked events are organised as the **ATP Challenger Tour** and its third ranked tournament are called the **ITF Men's Tennis tour**.

It Introduced the ranking system for players in **1973** and the **first no.1 ranked player was Ilie Nastase of Romania**.

In **2021** the no.1 ranked player was Serbian **Novak Djokovic**.

The Headquarters of ATP is in **London**, United Kingdom.

CEO of ATP: **Massimo Calvelli**

10. Sharath Kamal becomes the first Indian athlete to be elected to the ITTF Athletes' Commission (Nov. 17, 2022)

Sharath Kamal elected to the ITTF Athletes' Commission

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2022 awardee [Sharath Kamal](#) has become the **first Indian player** to be elected in the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Athletes' Commission. The online elections took place between 7 to 13 November 2022

10 athletes were elected for the **ITTF Athletes' Commission** for a four-year term from 2022 to 2026.

Eight athletes were elected from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, North America, and Oceania region and two were highest-voted para-athletes.

Amongst all elected players Sharath Kamal got the **second highest votes** after 2012 table tennis World Cup silver medallist Elizabeta Samara of Romania. Sharath Kamal was also recently elected as the member of the [Athletes' Commission](#) of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

It is the governing body of Table Tennis in the world which was set up in 1926.

It is responsible for the organization of International Table Tennis tournaments including World Cups.

Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland

President of ITTF: Petra Sorling