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1. Sajan Bhanwala becomes the first Indian wrestler to win a Greco Roman medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships (Oct. 19, 2022)

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Sajan Bhanwala won the first medal for India at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2022 being held in **Pontevedra**, Spain from 17 -23 October 2022. Wrestler who are below 23 years of age participate in the championship.

Sajan Bhanwala won the bronze medal in the **Greco Roman** 77kg category by defeating Ukraine's Dmytro Vasetskyi in a closely-fought match on 19 October 2022.

It is for the first time that India has won a medal in the Greco Roman event at the U23 Wrestling World Championship.

Denial of Visa to Indian wrestler

India is competing with a depleted squad at the ongoing U-23 World Wrestling Championship 2022 in Pontevedra after host country Spain denied visas to 21 of the 30 wrestlers chosen to represent India at the meet. According to the Spanish embassy in Delhi these wrestlers were likely to illegally overstay in Spain.

2. BCCI elects Roger Binny as the new President; to start women IPL (Oct. 18, 2022)

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has unanimously elected former Indian all-rounder **Roger Binny** as the **36th President** of the BCCI at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the BCCI which was held in **Mumbai** on 18 October 2022. The BCCI also decided to start the women's IPL and not to participate in the Asia cricket cup to be held in Pakistan in 2023.

Roger Binny who represented Karnataka and India, played 27 Tests and 72 ODIs for India and was also a National selector. He will replace **Saurav Ganguly** whose three-year tenure as the board chief came to an end.

Other Office Bearers of BCCI

All the other office bearers of the BCCI were also elected unanimously including;

- **Jay Shah** as Secretary ,
- **Rajeev Shukla** as Vice-President.
- **Ashish Shelar** as Treasurer and
- **Devajit Saikia** as Joint Secretary.
- **Arun Dhumal** was elected as the new Indian Premier League (IPL) **chairman**. He will replace Brijesh Patel.

Women's IPL approved

The General Body also approved the inaugural Women's IPL which will consist of five teams and will be held in **March 2023** just after the **Women's T20 World Cup** ends in South Africa on February 26.

India will not tour Pakistan for Asia Cup 2023.

The BCCI **secretary Jay Shah** who is also the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced that India will not be going to Pakistan next year to participate in the Asia cup.

India have not toured Pakistan since 2006 and have not played bilateral cricket against them since 2012 because of strained relations between the governments of the two countries. Their contests have taken place only at ICC and Asian events.

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

3. Jyoti Yaraji creates history in women's 100m hurdles, first Indian athlete to do so (Oct. 18, 2022)

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Important facts

- Jyoti has become the **first Indian female athlete** to complete the 100m hurdles in less than **13 seconds**.
- Jyoti, representing the **Railways**, created a new national record by completing the race in **12.82 seconds**.
- Then the wind gauge was **0.9 metres per second** so that she would not lose her national record for the **second time**.
- She had completed the same event in the National Games in Gujarat in 12.79 seconds but then the wind gauge was high and her time was not recorded in the national record.
- She had already achieved the meet mark in the heat with a time of 13.18s, breaking the record of 13.38s set by **Anuradha Biswal in Chennai 20 years ago**.
- Jyothi Yaraji was born on August 28, 1999 in **Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh**.

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5. Qatar to host the 18th AFC Asian Cup 2023 in place of China (Oct. 17, 2022)

The Asian Football Confederation executive committee in its meeting on 17 October 2022 has confirmed that **Qatar** will host the **18th Asian Cup 2023** in place of the tournament's original hosts, China. Earlier this year China expressed its inability to host the Asian Cup due to its strict Zero covid policy which has seen total lockdown in parts of China.

The continental championships were awarded to China in 2019 and were scheduled to take place in 10 Chinese cities from June 16 -July 16 next year.

Qatar beat Indonesia and South Korea to win the right to host the 2023 Asian football cup.

Qatar is also holding the **FIFA men's football world cup 2022** to be played in the month of November -December 2022.

Qatar are the reigning AFC Asian Cup champions and will be hosting the continent's most prestigious men's tournament for the **third time** after staging the 1988 and 2011 editions.

India, Saudi Arabia shortlisted as potential host for AFC Asian Cup 2027

At the meeting, **All India Football Federation** and the **Saudi Arabian Football Federation** were shortlisted as the potential host of the 2027 AFC Asian cup.

The final decision will be taken in the next meeting of the executive council of the AFC to be held in February 2023.

AFC Asian Cup

The first AFC Asian cup was held in **1956 in Hong Kong**. It is held every four years.

After the 2004 Asian cup the AFC decided to hold the next Asian cup in 2007.

The 17th Asian Cup was held in **UAE in 2019** and it was won by Qatar.

Asian Football Federation (AFC)

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is the governing body of Asian football and one of the six Confederations making up FIFA.

It was formed in **1954** in Manila, Philippines and at present 47 countries are its member.

Headquarters: **Kuala Lumpur**, Malaysia

AFC President: **Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa** of Bahrain

6. Maharashtra wins men and women's team won the 2nd Goalball National Championship (Oct. 17, 2022)

Maharashtra's men and women's team won the 2nd Goalball National Championship held at Maharishi Dayanand University **Rohtak**, Haryana. In both the men's and women's final played at Rohtak on 16 October 2022, the Maharashtra team defeated the Uttarakhand men and women's team.

The 3 day (14-16 October) 2nd Goalball National championship 2022 was organised by the Goalball federation of India in Rohtak and saw the participation of 10 teams .

Goalball is a Paralympic sport which is played by blind sportspeople.

7. Harshada Garud sole Indian medal winner at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2022 (Oct. 16, 2022)

Junior world champion **Harshada Garud** was India's sole medallist among the 12-member Indian contingent at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2022 tournament which concluded on 16 October 2022 at **Manama, Bahrain**.

She won the bronze medals in the snatch section and the overall section of the women's 45kg category. This was Harshada Garud's first international medal at the senior level.

The Asian Weightlifting Championships was organized by the Asian Weightlifting Federation at **Manama, Bahrain** from 6 to 16 October 2022.

Asian Weightlifting Federation

It was set up in 1958 in Tokyo, Japan.

It governs the weightlifting sports in Asia.

45 countries of Asia are its member

Headquarters: **Bangkok**, Thailand

8. Avinash Sable wins the Indian Elite race at the Delhi Half Marathon 2022 in a photo finish (Oct. 16, 2022)

The Birmingham Commonwealth Games men's 3000m steeplechase silver medal winner **Avinash Sable**, won the Indian elite race at the **Delhi Half Marathon 2022** on 16 October 2022, beating Kartik Kumar by a margin of 0.04 seconds. Both Sable and Kartik clocked 1:04:00 seconds. Avinash Sable was eventually declared the winner by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) technical officials after reviewing the footage.

Avinash Sable also won the last Delhi half marathon held in 2020. The distance in the Delhi half marathon is **21.097 Kilometers**, while in the normal marathon the distance is **42.195 Kilometers**.

In the Indian women's elite race, **Sanjivani Jadhav** bagged the crown with a timing of 1:17:53.

Ethiopia's **Chala Regasa** and Kenya's **Irine Cheptai**, won the international men's and women's elite races, respectively.

9. Esha Singh, Udhayveer Sidhu win gold medals at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022 (Oct. 16, 2022)

Udhayveer Sidhu and **Esha Singh** won gold medals at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022 in **Cairo**, Egypt on 15 October 2022. Earlier **Rudranksh Patil** won gold at the men's 10m air rifle event yesterday.

Medal winners.

Today India won three gold and one bronze medal.

Esha Singh won the gold in the junior women's 25m pistol.

Udhayveer Sidhu won **two gold medals** on the day. He won a gold medal in the junior men's 25m pistol and another one in the junior men's 25m standard pistol titles.

Another medal was won for India by **Tejaswini**. She won the bronze medal in the junior women's 25m standard pistol.

At the moment, India is at the **second place** on the medals table with seven medals - four gold and three bronze. China leads the tally with 16 medals.

The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championships Rifle/Pistol is being held in Cairo, Egypt from 12 -25 October 2022.

10. Rudranksh Patil bags gold medal at ISSF World Championship in Egypt, Qualify for Paris Olympic (Oct. 15, 2022)

18 year old Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil won the gold medal in men's 10m air rifle event at the ISSF World Championship on 14 October 2022.

The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) **World Championships Rifle/Pistol** is being held in **Cairo**, Egypt from 12 -25 October 2022.

In the gold medal match, he defeated Italy's Danilo Dennis Sollazzo 17-15 and also booked a place at the **2024 Paris summer Olympics**.

He is only the second Indian to achieve the feat after Olympic champion **Abhinav Bindra**, who had won the gold in this event in 2006 in Zagreb, Croatia.

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