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Important facts

- The water sports centre, a first of its kind in Himachal Pradesh, has been jointly started by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also exchanged between **SAI and NTPC** during the event.
- It has been jointly initiated by **Sports Authority of India (SAI) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**.
- The centre will be dedicated to training athletes in water sports such as **rowing, canoeing and kayaking**.
- The centre will select 40 players who will take part in rowing, kayaking and canoeing. The centre is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and will also provide hostel and training facilities to boys and girls.

About Himachal Pradesh

- It was made the eighteenth state of India on **25 January 1971** under the Himachal Pradesh State Act, 1971.
- Himachal Pradesh is also called the **Land of Gods**.
- Himachal Pradesh is part of the Shivalik range of the **Himalaya Mountains**.

- **Major rivers and dams-** Sutlej (Bhakra Dam, Gobind Sagar Reservoir, Koldam Dam), Vyas (Pandoh Dam, Maharana Pratap Sagar Reservoir), Ravi (Chamera Dam), Parvati
- **Major Lakes-** Renuka, Revalsar, Khajjiar, Dal, Beas Kund, Dasaur, Brighu, Parashar, Mani Mahesh, Chander Tal, Suraj Tal, Kareri, Sarolsar, Govind Sagar, Nako Lake
- **National Parks-** Great Himalayan National Park, Pin Valley National Park, Khirganga, Inderkilla and Simbalbara National Parks
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Important facts

- Harmanpreet Kaur became **India's first** ever winner of the ICC Women's Player of the Month due to her leading role in her team's first ODI series win in England since 1999.
- She performed brilliantly during the ODI series, scoring 221 runs in three matches, maintaining a strike rate of 103.47 and getting dismissed only once.
- The women cricketers selected for the Women's Cricket Award included Bangladesh's **Nigar Sultana** and India's captains **Harmanpreet Kaur** and **Smriti Mandhana**.
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7. India to host 3rd WADA Athlete Biological Passport Symposium- 2022" in New Delhi (Oct. 11, 2022)

India will host the 3rd WADA(World Anti-Doping Agency) Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Symposium- 2022" in **New Delhi** from 12-14 October 2022.The Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** will address the opening session of the Symposium.

The 3rd WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Symposium- 2022" is being organised by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** and **National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)**.

The first WADA ABP Symposium was hosted by **Qatar** in 2015 and the second was hosted by **Italy** at Rome in 2018.

Two hundred plus participants from 56 Countries, WADA Officials, representatives and Experts from different National Anti-Doping Organizations, Athlete Passport Management Units (APMUs) and WADA Accredited Laboratories are participating in this Symposium.

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was established in 1999 as an international independent agency composed and funded by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and governments of the world.

Its main aim is to fight against the unauthorized use of performance enhancing drugs (Dope) by the athletes in sports.

WADA's primary role is to develop, harmonize and coordinate anti-doping rules and policies across all sports and countries.

WADA is an international organisation. It delegates work in individual countries to Regional and National Anti-Doping Organizations.

Headquarters: **Lausanne,Switzerland.**

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8. FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 begins today (Oct. 11, 2022)

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Important facts

- **India will take on USA** in their Group-A opening match at the **Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar** on October 11.
- This is the **seventh edition** of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.
- **North Korea** is the tournament's **most successful country**, having won **two titles** since its inception in 2008.
- Previous winners are **South Korea, France, Japan, and Spain**.
- **Spain** are the **defending champions**, having won the **2018 tournament in Uruguay** after **defeating Mexico in the final**.
- The tournament will take place from 11th to 30th October 2022, in **Bhubaneshwar, Navi Mumbai and Goa**.

Financial Inclusion

- All India Football Federation (AIFF) has been sanctioned a financial outlay of **Rs 10 crore** for the maintenance of the playground, spectator capacity in the stadium, energy and cable laying and branding of the ground and training venue, etc.

Objectives

- Increasing the representation of women in football leadership and decision-making
- Motivating more and more girls to play football in India
- Advocating gender-inclusive participation by generalizing the concept of equal play from a young age

FIFA Tournament

- Organized by FIFA, the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup is the world championship for female players aged **17 or below 17**.
- The event **started in 2008**.
- The sixth edition of the event was held in **Uruguay** from 13 November to 1 December 2018.
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10. Anurag Singh Thakur starts 'Kick Off The Dream' campaign (Oct. 10, 2022)

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** launched a campaign named '**Kick Off the Dream**' to support the Indian Women's U-17 football team set to participate in the **U17 FIFA Women's World Cup** from October 11.

Important facts

- This is the **first time** India is hosting the event.
- He nominated Law Minister **Kiren Rijiju**, athlete **Neeraj Chopra** and actor **Ajay Devgn** to join the '**Kick off the Dream**' campaign and support Indian women footballers participating in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup for the first time.
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