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1. First Khelo India National Ranking Women's Archery Tournament organised in Jamshedpur (April 12, 2022)

TATA Archery Academy, Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) is set to host the first phase of the tournament on April 12 and 13. The Sports Authority of India has approved a total amount of Rs 75 Lakh to host the Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament over six phases.

- The tournament will be held across the Recurve and Compound events in the Senior, Junior and Cadet Categories, and will be conducted as per the World Archery Rules.
- The Archery Association of India (AAI), in collaboration with the Jharkhand Archery Association and TATA Steel, are organising the tournament.
- Top 32 Recurve and Compound archers in Senior, Junior and Cadet categories have been selected to be a part of the tournament based on the recent concluded National Championships.
- Archers who have also met the Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) in any of the International Championship/Nationals/Selection Trials/Khelo India tournaments/State Championship/State Selection Trials in 2021-2022, have also made the cut.
- The six Women's National Ranking tournaments will be held every alternate month with the final phase scheduled for December 2022.
- The cumulative points of the 5 phases shall be calculated to arrive at the ranking of the top 16 archers for the final phase in December wherein the top 16 archers shall be given cash awards, amounting to a total of Rs 37.5 Lakh.
- The National Ranking Women Archery Tournament is yet another endeavour by the Khelo India's Sports for Women component, which takes the most necessary steps to power in more female participation in a wide array of sports competitions.
- The support extends to not only giving grants but also helping in the proper organization and execution of the events.
- Past competitions include the U-17 Khelo India Football League and the Khelo India Women's Hockey League (Under 21), held across three phases of the tournament in New Delhi and Lucknow.
- The Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament, now, will provide more competition and exposures at domestic levels for second, third and fourth lines of Archers, in line with Women Empowerment.

2. India won silver for the first time in the World Bridge Championship (April 11, 2022)

India managed to secure a silver medal for the first time in the **D'Orsi Trophy Senior Team Championships** at the 45th **World Bridge Championships** held in Italy.

- In the match for the gold medal, the Indian team lost to Poland by 194-239 points.

- India's senior team - comprising Ashok Goel, Anil Padhe, Rajesh Dalal, Sukamal Das, Subroto Saha and R Krishnan - won India's first World Bridge Championship silver medal in this championship.
- India defeated USA in the quarter-finals and France in the semi-finals.
- India won the bronze medal in the 2019 World Championships held in Wuhan.
- Cups and trophies related to "Bridge":- Holkar Trophy, Challenge Gold Trophy, Ramniwas Ruia etc. are prominent.

3. Tamil Nadu won the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship (April 11, 2022)

Tamil Nadu defeated defending champions Punjab 87-69 to clinch the men's title in the final of the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship here on 10 April 2022.

- In the women's section, Railways won the title by defeating Telangana 131-82 with Poonam Chaturvedi's 26 points.
- In the men's section, Karnataka defeated Railways 96-79 to finish third.
- Tamil Nadu stood third in the women's category.

4. FIRST PLAYER TO BE RETIRED OUT IPL (April 11, 2022)

The IPL 2022 match between Rajasthan Royals and Lucknow Super Giants at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday saw R Ashwin become the first batter in IPL history to be Retired Out.

During this, the umpire also tried to stop him but Ashwin stayed straight in the dugout. Taking a decision in the interest of the team, Ashwin declared himself retired so that the batsmen coming forward could score runs faster.

Retired out even before Ashwin:

- Only four batters, including Ashwin, have been dismissed Retired Out in T20s.
- Shahid Afridi** for Pakistanis (vs Northamptonshire), **S Tobgay** of Bhutan (against Maldives) and **Sunzamul Islam** of **Cumilla Warriors** (vs Chattogram Challengers) round up the list.

What is the rule?

- According to MCC Law 25.4.3, "if a batter retires for any reason other than as in 25.4.2 (retires because of illness, injury or any other unavoidable cause), the innings of that batter may be resumed only with the consent of the opposing captain.
- "If for any reason his/ her innings is not resumed, that batter is to be recorded as 'Retired out.'"

5. Kiran George and Anupama wins the Mens and Womens Title at the Polish Badminton Challenge (March 29, 2022)

Indian shuttlers Kiran George and Anupama Upadhyaya won the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the Polish Open International Challenge badminton tournament in Arłamow, Poland.

- George retained the title after defeating **Chia Hao Lee of Chinese Taipei** while Upadhyaya prevailed over fellow **Indian Aditi Bhatt**
- For George, it was his second title of the season, following his triumph at the Odisha Open Super 100 tournament in January. He had also made it to the Indian team for the Asian badminton team championships in February.
- In the women's singles, the 17-year-old Upadhyaya also claimed her second international title following her triumph at the Infosys Foundation International challenge last year.

6. Thailand's Nitithorn Thippong wins inaugural DGC Open, India's Ajeetesh Sandhu finishes second (March 28, 2022)

Thailand's Nitithorn Thippong defeated Ajeetesh Sandhu from India on the first play-off hole to claim the DGC Open on the Lodhi course at Delhi Golf Club.

This is his maiden win on the Asian tour.

About Asian Tour-

- The Asian Tour is the principal men's professional golf tour in Asia except for Japan, which has its own Japan Golf Tour.
- Asian PGA was founded in 1994 with the inaugural season played in 1995.
- Official money events on the tour count for World Golf Ranking points.
- The Asian Tour is administered from Singapore.
- The chairman of the board is the Indonesian businessman Jimmy Masrin.

7. Verstappen wins Formula 1's Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (March 28, 2022)

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix at Jeddah, the second round of the 2022 Formula 1 World Championship, after a thrilling battle with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

- This is his first win of the season and the 21st win of his career.
- He is the first Dutch motorist to win the Formula One (F1) motor car racing championship.

About F1

- The F1 World Championship season consists of a series of motor car races, known as Grands Prix, held usually on purpose-built circuits (Example - Buddh International Circuit, Noida), and in a few cases on closed city streets.

- Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton hold the record for the most World Drivers' Championships, both having won the title on seven occasions.
- Sebastian Vettel was the youngest to win the title.
- FIA Headquarters - Paris
- 2022 Formula 1 World Championship started with Bahrain GP at Sakhir Circuit

8. West Indies secure test series win against England (March 28, 2022)

West Indies men's cricket team completed a ten-wicket win on the fourth day of the third Test in Grenada, National Cricket Stadium to secure a series win (1-0) over England. With this England ends its tour of the West Indies.

- The first match was played at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua and the second match was played at Kensington Oval, Barbados. Both the matches ended in a draw.
- With this West Indies won the first edition of the Richards-Botham Trophy.
- West Indies captain, Kraigg Brathwaite is declared the player of the series.
- Joe Root captained the English side.

9. P V Sindhu wins and Prannoy loses Swiss Open (March 28, 2022)

Ace Indian shuttler and double Olympic medalist, P V Sindhu grabbed the 2022 Swiss Open title with a straight-game win over Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan (21-16, 21-8) in the summit clash of the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament at the St. Jakobshalle Arena in Basel, Switzerland.

- In this same venue, Sindhu claimed the World Championships gold in 2019.
- This is her second title of the year—she won the Syed Modi India International in Lucknow in January 2022.
- Sindhu is the second Indian woman to win the Swiss Open, Saina Nehwal having won it in 2011 and 2012.

Indonesian shuttler Jonatan Christie grabbed the Men's Singles title defeating India's H S Prannoy in the finals. (12-21, 18-21)

P V Sindhu is the first and only Indian to become the Badminton World Champion and only the second individual athlete from India to win two consecutive medals at the Olympic Games (2016 Rio Olympics - Silver and 2020 Tokyo Olympics - Bronze)

10. Iga Swiatek is the New Women No1 In Tennis (March 28, 2022)

Poland's Iga Swiatek secured the World Number One title in women's tennis by defeating Swiss player Viktorija Golubic at the WTA Miami Open.

- Three time Grand slam champion, Ashleigh Barty's decision to retire and step out of the rankings opened the door for Iga Swiatek to the top of the WTA Rankings.
- Iga became the first Polish player to hold that distinction.
- Swiatek became the first Polish player to win a Grand Slam singles title, at the 2020 French Open. With this, she became the youngest singles champion at the French Open since Rafael Nadal in 2005, and the youngest women's singles champion at a major championship since Maria Sharapova at Wimbledon in 2004.
- Swiatek becomes the 28th woman to reach the Women Tennis Association (WTA) pinnacle and the youngest since Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark in 2010.
- **The current number 1 male player in Tennis is Novak Djokovic of Serbia**

About WTA

- The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) is the principal organising body of women's professional tennis.
- The WTA's corporate headquarters is in St. Petersburg, Florida, with its European headquarters in London and its Asia-Pacific headquarters in Beijing.
- The Women's Tennis Association was founded in June 1973 by Billie Jean King.