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1. Indian women's cricketer Mithali Raj announced her retirement from all forms of cricket (June 10, 2022)

Legendary Indian women's cricketer Mithali Raj announced her retirement from all forms of cricket on June 8, 2022.

- Mithali, who played her first international match on June 26, 1999, achieved many important achievements in her career spanning 23 years.
- He represented Team India in 12 Test matches, 232 ODIs and 89 T20Is in his career.
- He scored 7805 runs in one-day cricket with 7 centuries and 64 fifties, 699 runs in Test matches with 1 century and 4 fifties and 2364 runs in T20 cricket with 17 fifties.
- **Records registered in the name of Mithali Raj**
- Mithali Raj is the first female cricketer to play a record six World Cups.
- Mithali is also the only female cricketer to play 200 ODIs.
- She is the only female cricketer to score more than 7,000 runs in One Day Internationals.
- She is the first player to score 7 consecutive fifties in ODIs.
- Apart from this, she holds the record for most fifties in women's ODIs.
- She is also the first woman cricketer to score 2000 T20Is.
- She also holds the record for scoring the most 10,868 runs in women's cricket.
- **Important facts**
- Indian women's cricket team captain - Harmanpreet Kaur
- Vice Captain of Indian Women's Cricket Team - Smriti Mandhana

2. The fourth Khelo India Youth Games was organised in Haryana (June 7, 2022)

The fourth Khelo India Youth Games was organised from June 4 to 13 at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula(Haryana), while some of its matches were also played in Chandigarh.

- The 4th Khelo India Youth Games was formally inaugurated by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- In the Khelo India Youth Games 2021, 4,700 athletes competed for 269 gold, 269 silver and 358 bronze in 25 sports, including 2,262 girls.
- For the first time, five traditional sports have been included in the fourth Khelo India Youth Games. These games include Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta, Malkhamb and Yoga.

- Among them, Gatka, Kalaripayattu and Thang-Ta are traditional martial arts, while Mallakhamb and Yoga are fitness related sports.
- This time Khelo India Youth Games is being jointly organised by Haryana Government and Sports Authority of India (SAI), Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- This competition was started in 2018 in New Delhi under the name Khelo India School Games.
- The mascot of Khelo India Youth Games-2022 will be in the form of a cow, named '**Dhakad**'.
- **Khelo India University Games 2021**
 - Organising - Sri Kanteerava Stadium, Bangalore (2nd edition)
 - Host- Jain University, Bangalore
 - Official Mascot- 'Veera' (An Elephant)
 - Jain University topped the medal tally with 20 gold medals.
 - The first edition was held in Odisha in 2020.

3. FIH Hockey 5S: Indian Men's Team Beats Poland 6-4 In Final To Win Title (June 7, 2022)

India defeated Poland 6-4 to clinch the title of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey 5-S Championship held for the first time.

- The tournament was held in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- In this five-team tournament, India finished first after league matches with 10 points.
- The tournament is part of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)'s campaign to popularise hockey through a shorter format.

• About Hockey 5-S Championship

- Hockey 5-S is a newer and shorter version of hockey played with high speed and high skill.
- In this match of a total 20 minutes, there are five players in both the teams.
- The playing field for this shorter format is half the size of a regular field.
- According to FIH rules, the maximum size for a Hockey 5-S turf will be 55 X 42 m, while the minimum size will be 40 X 28 m.

• Recently the World Ranking of Teams 2022 released by the International Hockey Federation

- In the men's section, Australia, Belgium and India finished first, second and third respectively.

- In the women's category, Netherlands, Argentina and Australia finished first, second and third respectively.
- The Indian women's team finished sixth in the rankings.
- Indian Men's hockey team captain - **Rupinder Pal Singh**
- Indian women's hockey team captain- **Savita**

4. World Ranking 2022 released by the International Hockey Federation (June 2, 2022)

In the World Ranking 2022 released by the International Hockey Federation, the Indian men's hockey team got the fourth place while the Indian women's hockey team got the sixth place.

• Men's team ranking

- In the men's section, the team of Australia (2842.258) topped.
- The team of Belgium (2764.735) got the second position and Netherlands (2465.707) got the third position by defeating India (2366.990).
- Germany (2308.156) ranked fifth in this ranking.
- England (2171.354) and Argentina (2147.179) finished sixth and seventh respectively.
- Indian Men's hockey team **captain - Rupinder Pal Singh**

• Women's team ranking

- In the women's section, the team of Netherlands (3049.495) topped while the team of Argentina (26744.837) got the second position.
- Australia (2440.750), England (2204.590) and Germany (2201.085) finished third, fourth and fifth respectively.
- The Indian team (2029.396) replaced Spain (2016.149) at the sixth position, which slipped to the seventh position.
- Indian women's hockey team **captain- Savita**

• About the International Hockey Federation (FIH)

- The International Hockey Federation was founded on 7 January 1924 in Paris by Paul Lute.
- There are a total of 138 member associations within the five federations recognized by the FIH.
- Headquarters- Lausanne, Switzerland
- President- Narinder Batra

5. Gujarat Titans defeated Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets to win the 15th edition of IPL (June 1, 2022)

In the final match played at Narendra Modi Cricket Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat Titans defeated Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets to win the 15th edition of IPL.

- Gujarat Titans achieved the distinction of becoming the champions in their debut season of IPL.
- The tournament was played from 26 March 2022 to 29 May 2022 at Wankhede Stadium, Brabourne Stadium, DY Patil Stadium, MCA International Stadium in Maharashtra state.
- 10 teams participated in IPL 2022 for the second time after IPL 2011.
- Lucknow SuperGiants is owned by RPSG Group and Gujarat Titans is owned by CVC Capital.
- IPL was started by the BCCI in 2008 and the first IPL title was won by Rajasthan Royals under the captaincy of Shane Warne.
- In IPL, Mumbai Indians have won the most (5), Chennai Super Kings (4), Kolkata Knight Riders (2), Rajasthan Royals, Deccan Chargers, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Gujarat Titans 1-1 times.
- **Awards received in IPL 2022**
 - Player of the Match (Final) - Hardik Pandya
 - Purple Cap - Yuzvendra Chahal (27 wickets)
 - Orange Cap - Jos Buttler (863 runs, 4th century)
 - Emerging Player of the Season - Umran Malik
 - Most Sixes of the Season - Jos Buttler (45 sixes)
 - Most 4 of the season - Jos Buttler (83 fours)
 - Super Striker of the Season - Dinesh Karthik
 - Game changer of the season - Jos Buttler
 - Spirit of Cricket - Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals
 - Power Player of the Season - Jos Buttler
 - Fastest Ball of the Season - Lockie Ferguson(157.3KPH)
 - Catch of the Season - Evin Lewis
 - Most Valuable Player of the Season - Jos Buttler

6. Sergio Perez Becomes First Mexican Driver to Win Monaco Grand Prix (June 1, 2022)

Red Bull Racing driver Sergio Pérez (Mexican) has won the Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) de Monaco 2022 title held at Circuit de Monaco, Europe.

- The event took place from May 27 to May 29, 2022.
- With this victory, Sergio Pérez became the first Mexican to win the Monaco Grand Prix and the first North American since Gilles Villeneuve in 1981.
- It was the third victory of Sergio Pérez's career, after which he became the most successful Mexican F1 driver, surpassing Pedro Rodriguez.
- Ferrari Racing driver Carlos Sainz Jr. (Spanish) finished second in the competition, and third place went to Belgian-Dutch racing driver Max Verstappen, who drove for Red Bull Racing.
- **Other F1 Grand Prix held in 2022 and their winners**

Spanish Grand Prix 2022	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)
Miami Grand Prix 2022	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)
Australian Grand Prix 2022	Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)
Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2022	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)

7. The 12th edition of the Women's World Boxing Championship (May 27, 2022)

The 12th edition of the Women's World Boxing Championship (WWBC) was organised by the International Boxing Association (IBA) at Basaksehir Youth and Sports Facility, Istanbul, Turkey.

- 310 boxers from 73 countries participated in the event.
- Belarusian and Russian boxers were not allowed to participate in the competition.
- India won a total of 3 medals in this event for the first time in the last four years with one gold and two bronze.
- India's boxer Nikhat Zareen won the gold medal in the flyweight (52kg) division against Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas with a score of 5-0. With this win, she became the fifth Indian female boxer to win a world championship.
- The other four Indian boxers to win the world title include Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, Lekh Casey.
- The other two Indian women boxers Manisha Maun won bronze medals in 57kg and Parveen Hooda in 63kg category.

- **Medal Table**

RANK	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZ	TOTAL
1	TURKEY	5	0	2	7
2	IRELAND	2	0	0	2
3	CANADA	1	1	0	2
4	INDIA	1	0	2	3

8. Odisha CM launches Olympic Values Education Programme (May 27, 2022)

International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Olympic Value Education Program (OVEP) was launched by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in association with Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT).

- With the aim of making children active, healthy and responsible citizens, the curriculum related to the Olympics was included in the school education system.
- The initial target of the program is to reach 32,000 children enrolled in 90 schools in the cities of Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. After this it will be spread to about 70 lakh school children of the state.
- Odisha's Department of School and Mass Education and Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust have jointly prepared this program included in the school curriculum.

• Important facts

STATE	CAPITAL	STATE BIRD	STATE ANIMAL	STATE FLOWER	TOTAL LITERACY
HARYANA	Chandigarh	Black Francolin	black deer or blackbuck	lotus	75.55%
ODISHA	Bhuvneswar	Neelkanth	sambar	Ashok	72.9%
UTTAR PRADESH	Lucknow	stork (crunch)	reindeer	Palaash	67.72%
KERALA	Thiruvananthapuram	great hornbill	Elephant	Kanikonna	94.00%

- **About the International Olympic Committee**

- Headquarters - Lausanne, Switzerland;
- Director General - Christophe De Keper;
- Establishment - 23 June 1894
- At present, a total of 205 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of the world are its members.

9. Former Australia cricketer Andrew Symonds dies in road accident (May 17, 2022)

46-year-old former Australia all-rounder Andrew Symonds has died in a car accident.

- The Symonds car accident happened in Townsville, Queensland.
- Symonds, who was the best all-rounder player in world cricket, played the first international match of his career against Pakistan in November 1998.
- Symonds made his Test debut in March 2004 against Sri Lanka.
- Andrew Symonds was a key part of Australia's 50-over World Cup victories in 2003 and 2007.
- Symonds is also remembered for the infamous "Monkeygate" scandal.
- **Symonds cricket career**
- He has scored 5088 runs in 198 matches in ODIs and has also taken 133 wickets during this period.
- Symonds played 26 matches in his Test career in which he scored 1462 runs and also took 24 wickets.
- Symonds scored 11099 runs in 424 List A matches and also took 282 wickets.

10. Lionel Messi named Forbes highest-paid athlete 2022 (May 14, 2022)

According to Forbes, football star Lionel Messi topped the list with a net worth of \$130 million (Rs 1007 crore).

- Messi earned \$75 million from sports and \$55 million from sponsorship deals, out of a total of \$130 million (Rs 1394 crore).
- Basketball player, LeBron James is at the second position with USD 121.2 million, while Cristiano Ronaldo is at the third position in the list with USD 115 million.

- Estimates are calculated by Forbes based on prize money, salary and bonuses and sponsorship deals.
- Virat Kohli is the only Indian player in this list who earned around Rs 262 crore last year, out of which Rs 22 crore has been earned from salary and the rest 240 crore from advertisements.

• **Top 10 list -**

- Lionel Messi (football): \$130 million
- LeBron James (basketball): \$121.2 million
- Cristiano Ronaldo (football): \$115 million
- Neymar (football): \$95 million
- Stephen Curry (basketball): \$92.8 million
- Kevin Durant (basketball): \$92.1 million
- Roger Federer (tennis): \$90.7 million
- Canelo Alvarez (boxing): \$90 million
- Tom Brady (football): \$83.9 million
- Giannis Antetokounmpo (basketball): \$80.9 million