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1. 61st National Open Athletics Championships 2022 starts at Bengaluru (Oct. 15, 2022)

The 61st **Senior National Open Athletics Championships 2022** was inaugurated by the Karnataka Chief Minister **Basavraj Bommai** at the **Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru** on 15 October 2022. The Senior National Open Athletics Championships 2022 is being organised by the Athletics Federation of India.

The five day championships which will be held from 15-19 October 2202 will see participation of over 800 participants from across the country competing in 47 medal events.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister said that the Karnataka government said that as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav the state government will train 75 athletes for the next summer Olympics to be held in **Paris France in 2024.**

Athletics Federation of India

It is the apex sports body for athletics in India. It conducts various athletics championships in the country and is a member of the World Athletics and Asian Athletics.

It was set up in 1943.

It was earlier called as Amateur Athletic Federation of India

President: **Adille Sumariwalla**

Headquarters: **New Delhi**

2. Rajnath Singh calls for an open and rule based maritime border at the 18th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting 2022 (Oct. 15, 2022)

Addressing the 18th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) in **New Delhi** on October 15, 2022, Defence minister Rajnath Singh reaffirmed India's resolve for open, free and rule-based maritime borders in the Indo-Pacific region.

Organiser of the 18th HACGAM 2022

The 18th HACGAM is being organised by the [Indian Coast Guard](#) in coordination with HACGAM secretariat from October 14-18, 2022 in New Delhi.

The **17th HACGAM was hosted by Vietnam Coast Guard** virtually in 2021. The **1st HACGAM was hosted by Japan Coast Guard in 2004 at Tokyo.**

Minister' speech

Speaking on the occasion the minister said that oceanic space should be respected as a global common for the benefit of all humanity in an environmentally sustainable way. The minister stressed that India's shared vision of 'SAGAR' (Security and Growth of All in Region), Sustainable Development Goals and 'Rule Based Order at Sea' complement the focused Indian approach of inclusive growth and lasting collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region.

Participants of the meeting

A total of 55 representatives from 18 countries and two International Organisations - Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) & United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime- Global Maritime Crime Programme (UNODC-GMCP) - are participating in the meeting.

Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)

The HACGAM is a multilateral forum of 23 countries; Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkiye, Vietnam and one Region i.e. Hong Kong (China).

Additionally, two international organisations Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) & United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime- Global Maritime Crime Programme (UNODC-GMCP) are its members.

Indian Coast Guard

It was set up in 1977 and it comes under the Ministry of Defence

Director-General: **Virender Singh Pathania**

3. India wins the Women's cricket Asia Cup for the seventh time beating Sri Lanka (Oct. 15, 2022)

The Indian women's cricket team led by **Harmanpreet Kaur** crushed Sri Lanka by 8 wickets in the final of the 8th Women's Asia Cup 2022 and won it for the 7th time. The final was played at the **Sylhet International cricket stadium, Sylhet** in Bangladesh on 15 October 2022.

Bangladesh was the host of the 8th women's Asia Cup cricket 2022, held from 1 October to 15 October 2022.

Bangladesh is the only other country apart from India which has won the Asia cup in 2018.

Seven teams, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates participated in the 8th women's Asia Cup which was played in the T 20 format.

Thailand's team created history when they defeated Pakistan to reach the semi-final of the tournament.

Brief Score in the final

Sri Lanka: 69 for 9 wickets in 20 overs

India: 71 for 2 in 8.3 overs

Awards

Women of the player in the final: Renuka **Singh** of India for taking 3 wickets for 5 runs.

Women of the series: **Deepti Sharma** for scoring 94 runs and taking 13 wickets in the tournament.

Women Cricket Asia cup

The first Asia Women's cup was held in 2004 in Sri Lanka which was won by India.

The 2004, 2005-06, 2006 and 2008 editions were held in 50 over format.

2012, 2016, 2018, 2022 were held in T 20 format.

India has won it 7 times and Bangladesh once in 2018.

Asian Cricket Council (ACC)

It was set up in 1983 at New Delhi as Asian Cricket Conference to promote cricket in Asia. In 1993 the Asian Cricket Conference became the Asian Cricket Council.

The full member countries of ACC are India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand, UAE

Headquarters: **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Chairman: **Jay Shah**

4. Meenaskshi Lekhi leads Indian delegation at the 6th CICA Summit meeting at Astana (Oct. 13, 2022)

Union Minister for External Affairs **Meenaskshi Lekhi** led the Indian delegation at the 6th Conference on Confidence Building Measures and Interaction in Asia (CICA) summit held on 12-13 October 2022 at the Kazakhstan capital, [Astana](#).

Replying to the Statement of the Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif on Kashmir she said that Pakistan is misusing the CICA for propagating malicious propaganda against India. She said that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India.

Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)

The Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) is a multi-national forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia.

The idea of convening CICA was first proposed by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan **Nursultan Nazarbayev**, on 5 October 1992, at the 47th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

27 countries including India, China, and Pakistan are members of CICA.

Summit meetings of CICA

The First summit meeting was held in **Almaty, Kazakhstan** on 4 June 2022. It was attended by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The second CICA summit was held in **Almaty, Kazakhstan** on June 17, 2006

The third CICA Summit was held in **Istanbul, Turkey** on 8 June 2010

The Fourth CICA Summit, was held in **Shanghai, China** on 21 May 2014

The Fifth CICA Summit was held in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan**, on 15 June 2019.

5. 5th South Asian GEO India-2022 to be held in Jaipur from 14 -16 October 2022 (Oct. 13, 2022)

The three day (14 -16 October) 5th South Asian Geoscience Conference, GEO India 2022 will be held in the Rajasthan's capital **Jaipur**. The conference aims at sharing the latest research on improved production of natural gas and oil.

The Conference will be inaugurated by the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri** and will be attended by over 100 experts from across India and other countries including the US, Norway and the European countries.

The conference is being organized by the Association of Petroleum Geologists (APG).

The **theme** of the 5th South Asian Geoscience Conference, GEO India 2022 is : '**Fossil fuels, decarbonization and changing energy dynamics**'.

6. All India law ministers conference to be held in Gujarat from 14th - 16th October, 2022 (Oct. 13, 2022)

The Union Ministry of Law and Justice will host an All India Conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries at **Ekta Nagar** in the Narmada district of Gujarat from 14th to 16th October, 2022.

Law Ministers and Law Secretaries from States and Union Territories will be participating in the conference. The Union Minister of Law and Justice **Kiren Rijju** will address the conference on 15 October.

The conference will discuss a variety of topics relating to India's legal system so that policymakers may develop a road map for the country's future.

7. IAEA chief Rafael Gross calls for protecting Zaporizhzhia nuclear power in a meeting with President Putin in Russia (Oct. 13, 2022)

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael **Gross** met the Russian President **Vladimir Putin** in **St Petersburg**, amid concern over the safety of the Russian-held Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine.

Rafael Gross met Putin after his meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv last week.

Rafael Gross called for setting up a protection zone around the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear power plant and asserted that they cannot lose any more time. He emphasised that Russia and Ukraine must do everything to help in ensuring that a nuclear accident does not occur during the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine.

Concern over the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant

The 6000 MW Zaporizhzhia nuclear power complex is the **largest European nuclear power complex** which has been occupied by the invading Russian forces since early March 2022.

The area has been heavily fortified by the Russian military and the Ukrainian forces are also launching a counter attack. This has led to the fear that the nuclear complex could be hit in an attack which could lead to a nuclear catastrophe in the area.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

The IAEA was set up in 1957 as an agency of the United Nations.

The IAEA was set up to work with the member countries and multiple partners worldwide to promote safe, secure and peaceful nuclear technologies.

The International Atomic Energy Agency is the world's central intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical co-operation in the nuclear field.

Member Countries: **175**

The IAEA headquarters is at **Vienna, Austria** and it has two regional offices located in Toronto, Canada and Tokyo, Japan,

Director General: **Rafael Gross**

8. 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.**

President: **Witold Bańka**

9. Nitin Gadkari launches Toyota's pilot project on Flex-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) in India (Oct. 11, 2022)

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** launched Toyota's first of its kind pilot project on Flex-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) in India on 11 October 2022, which would run on 100% petrol as well as 20 to 100% blended ethanol and electric power.

The Toyota car which was unveiled by the minister has been imported from Toyota Brazil. Flex-fuel vehicles are at present available in Brazil, the USA and Canada.

Ethanol in India is mainly derived from molasses of the sugarcane.

An FFV SHEV has a flex-fuel engine and an electric powertrain, providing dual benefit of higher ethanol use and greater fuel efficiency. It can run for a significant time period on its Electric Vehicle mode, wherein the engine is shut off.

Flex-fuel compatible cars can run on more than one type of fuel and also a mixture of fuel. It typically runs on a blend of petrol and ethanol or methanol is used.

FFVs provide an opportunity of greater substitution of petrol by ethanol as it is capable of using any of the higher blends of ethanol mix from 20 per cent up to 100 per cent.

Toyota was also the first company in India to launch India's **first green hydrogen-based advanced fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV), Toyota Mirai.**

Toyota Motor Company of Japan has a joint venture with Kirloskar in India and the company is called as Toyota Kirloskar Motor Ltd.

10. Praveen Giri wins silver medal in Water Technology at World Skill Competition 2022 (Oct. 11, 2022)

B.Tech final year student in Mechanical Engineering of C.V. Raman Global University Odisha, **Praveen Kumar Giri**, won the silver medal for India in Water Technology at the World Skills Competition 2022, held at **Stuttgart**, Germany on 10 October 2022.

He is the second Indian to win a medal in the world skill competition after Aswastha Narayana won the gold medal in water technology at the 2019 event in Kazan, Russia.

In water technology, a total of 7 countries participated this time including Singapore, Japan, South Africa, Germany, and Korea."

The Gold Medal was won by Singapore, Silver by India and Bronze was won by Japan.

