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1. PT Usha will be the first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association (Nov. 28, 2022)

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High-flying **PT Usha** is all set to become the first woman president of the [Indian Olympic Association \(IOA\)](#) as she has emerged as the only candidate in the election for the post to be held on December 10.

Important facts

- November 27 was the last day for filing nominations and none other than PT Usha filed a claim.
- PT Usha has won the **Asian Games gold medal**. At the same time, in the **1984 Olympics**, she finished fourth in the final of the 400 meters hurdles.
- PT Usha, the **first woman President of the Indian Olympic Association**, is 58 years old.
- PT Usha has won **11 medals in Asian Games and 23 medals in Asian Championships** in her career. These include 18 gold medals.
- PT Usha has won 4 gold medals in **Asian Games** and 14 gold medals in **Asian Championships**.
- She is currently the committee head of the **Pratibha Sangh of India**. This committee conducts national level Indian Talent Olympiad exams in schools all over India.
- PT Usha, who hails from **Kerala**, has studied at **Providence Women's College, Kozhikode**.
- In 1991, she was married to Inspector V. Srinivasan of the Central Industrial Security Force.
- Apart from the post of President, elections will also be held for the posts of Vice President (Women), Joint Secretary (Women). Twelve candidates are in the fray for four members of the executive council.
- **Ajay Patel** of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) is set to be the senior vice-president as he is also the lone candidate for the post.

2. Cristiano Ronaldo becomes first player to score in 5 different World Cups (Nov. 26, 2022)

Cristiano Ronaldo becomes first player to score in 5 different World Cups

Portugal captain **Cristiano Ronaldo** became the **first player to score in 5 different World Cups** when he scored the first goal against **Ghana** in the FIFA World Cup on 24 November.

Important facts

- In the first match of Group H, Portugal captain Ronaldo scored the first goal in the 65th minute, becoming the first male footballer to score in five different World Cups (2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022).
- With this record, Ronaldo has left behind Pele of Brazil, Uwe Seeler of Germany and Miraslov Klose who have scored goals in four World Cups.
- 37-year-old Cristiano Ronaldo has increased his international goal count to 118. He scored his eighth career World Cup goal in a 3-2 win against Ghana.
- Cristiano Ronaldo scored three goals in 15 minutes as Portugal beat Ghana 3-2 in their FIFA World Cup Group H match to open their campaign on a winning note.

3. Telangana's Nishanth Bhukya and Odisha's Tanvi Patri win National U-13 badminton titles (Nov. 24, 2022)

Telangana's Nishanth Bhukya and Odisha's

Telangana's Nishanth Bhukya and **Odisha's Tanvi Patri** emerged champions in the boys and girls singles respectively at the **34th Under-13 National Badminton Championships**, notching contrasting wins at the **UP Badminton Academy, Lucknow** on 23 November.

Important facts

- Fourth seeded **Bhukya** came from behind to beat **Andhra Pradesh's Akhil Reddy Boba** 19-21, 21-12, 22-20 in 44 minutes whereas Patri took just 22 minutes to brush aside local challenger and 15th seeded **Divyanshi Gautam** 21-7, 21-10.
- Earlier this month, Patri won his maiden **National U-13 ranking tournament** in Maharashtra with a dominant performance against Agra's Gautam.
- In the boys' final, **Bhukya** found it difficult to handle Boba in the first game as the Andhra shuttler raced to a 15-11 lead before winning the game 21-19.
- But after the change of ends, fourth seed Bhukya bounced back to beat Boba. In the decisive match, Bhukya won in a close fight.

4. Army Red Team wins 72nd Inter Services Volleyball Championship 2022-23 (Nov. 23, 2022)

Army Red Team wins 72nd Inter Services Volleyball

Army Red team won the title by defeating **Army Green** in the **72nd Inter-Services Volleyball Championship** held at **Eagle Indoor Volleyball Stadium, Secunderabad** on 20 November 2022.

Important facts

- The Army Red team defeated Army Green by **3-1**.
- Meanwhile, the Indian Navy downed the Indian Air Force 3-1 in the opening round.
- A total of four teams, two each from the Indian Army (Army Red and Army Green), the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force were in the running for the top honours.
- The event provided an opportunity to outstanding sportsmen for getting selected to the Services Volleyball team.
- Telangana and Andhra Sub Area officiating GoC, **Brigadier K Somashankar** presented the trophy.

5. BCCI dissolves 4-member national selection committee headed by Chetan Sharma (Nov. 19, 2022)

BCCI dissolves 4-member

The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has disbanded the selection committee headed by **Chetan Sharma** on November 19, 2022 after India's dismal performance in Asia Cup 2022 and T20 World Cup.

Important facts

- Apart from chief selector Chetan Sharma, the other members of the selection committee were Sunil Joshi, Harvinder Singh and Devashish Mohanty.
- The BCCI invited fresh applications for national selectors for the senior men's team and the last date for submission of applications is November 28.

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was founded on 4 December 1928 at the **Roshanara Club in Delhi** by a group of players to end the British monopoly in cricket.
- BCCI earlier had 6 regional bodies as its members, currently it has **30 full time members**.
- Its head office is located at the **Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- It is affiliated to the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** and is the richest cricket board in the world.
- It regulates all the tournaments inside and outside India.
- It has the authority to select players, umpires and officials to participate in international events.
- BCCI President - **Roger Binny**

BCCI secretary - **Jay Shah**

6. Manika Batra becomes 1st Indian woman to reach semifinals of Asian Cup Table Tennis tournament (Nov. 18, 2022)

Manika Batra to reach semifinals of Asian Cup Table Tennis tournament

Ace Indian paddler **Manika Batra** on 18 November, 2022 became the **first Indian woman to reach the semifinals of the Asian Cup Table Tennis tournament.**

Important facts

- She registered a hard-fought win over world No. 23 **Chen Tzu Yu of Chinese Taipei** in Bangkok, Thailand.
- World number 44 Manika beat Chen 4-3 (6-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-7, 8-11, 9-11, 11-9) in the women's singles quarterfinals.
- She takes on **Japan's Mima Ito** in the semifinals on 19 November.
- Former men's singles player **Chetan Baboor** is the only Indian table tennis player to win a medal at the Asian Cup. He won silver in 1997 and bronze in 2000.
- In men's singles, world number 39 **Sathiyam Gnanasekaran** and India's national champion **Sharath Kamal**, ranked number 44, suffered early exits.

Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament

- It is an annual table tennis competition held by the **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)** and the **Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU)**.
- Its first edition was organized in 1983. The competition consists of men's and women's singles events, with 16 players qualifying to compete in each event.
- It is a qualification event for the **World Cup**.

7. India bags 25 out of 28 golds at 15th Asian Airgun Championships in South Korea (Nov. 19, 2022)

15th Asian Airgun Championships in South Korea

In shooting, India continued to dominate as they wrapped up their campaign at the **15th Asian Airgun Championships** in **South Korea (Deagu)** with **25 gold medals**, including **two gold medals** on the final day on November 18, 2022.

Important facts

- **Manu Bhaker and Samrat Rana** won the 10m air pistol mixed team junior event, while **Rhythm Sangwan and Vijayveer Sidhu** won the gold in the senior event.
- India dominated the event winning 25 out of 28 events in eight days.
- Sangwan and Sidhu defeated **Valery Rakhimzhan and Irina Yunusmetova of Kazakhstan** 17-3 in the final of the air pistol mixed team event.
- He topped the qualification round with a score of 579 while **Kazakhstan was second with a score of 577.**
- The other Indian pair of **Shiva Narwal and Yuvika Tomar** finished fourth in qualifying with a score of 573 but lost 6-16 to the Korean pair to miss out on the bronze medal.
- In the junior air pistol mixed team event, **Manu and Samrat** shot a qualification score of 578 to finish second behind Uzbekistan's **Nigina Sadkulova and Mukhamed Kamalov** (579).
- In the final, the Indian pair won 17-3 to claim the first position.
- India's other pair of **Sagar Dangi and Isha Singh** also made it to the bronze medal match out of two in the event but they too lost 14-16 to **Korea's Lee Seungjun and Yang Jin.**

Results of Air pistol

- **Mixed team:** 1. India-2 (Rhythm Sangwan, Vijayveer Sidhu) 17 (579); 2. Kazakhstan (Irina Yunusmetova, Valeriy Rakhimzhan) 3 (577); 3. Korea 16 (573), 4. India (Shiva Narwal, Yuvika Tomar) 6 (573); 3. Korea-2 16 (572), 4. Japan 10 (575).
- **Junior mixed team:** 1. India (Manu Bhaker, Samrat Rana) 17 (578); 2. Uzbekistan (Nigina Saidkulova, Mukhammad Kamalov) 3 (579); 3. Korea (Yang Jiin, Lee Seungjun) 16 (566), 4. India-2 (Sagar Dangi, Esha Singh) 14 (576); 3. Korea-2 17 (574), 4. Uzbekistan-2 5 (566).

8. Paralympics-IPC suspends Russian, Belarusian committees with immediate effect (Nov. 18, 2022)

Paralympics-IPC suspends Russian, Belarusian

The **International Paralympic Committee** has suspended the National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) of **Russia** and **Belarus** with immediate effect on November 17, 2022, dashing the hopes of para-athletes competing in the 2024 Paralympics.

Important facts

- Earlier athletes from both countries were barred from competing in the **Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics** in March.

- Russia's suspension was passed by 64 votes against 39 at the IPC's Extraordinary General Assembly in Berlin.
- The suspension of the NPC of Belarus passed by 54 votes against 45.
- Both NPCs have been suspended for "inability to comply with their membership obligations under the IPC constitution".
- Due to the suspension, NPC Russia and NPC Belarus lose all rights and privileges of IPC membership, as per the IPC constitution.
- The Russian team was also banned from the **Rio Paralympics in 2016** over doping.
- NPC Russia and NPC Belarus have the right to appeal against this decision.

About International Paralympic Committee

- It was established on **22 September 1989** as an international non-profit organisation.
- It is an athlete-centred organisation composed of an elected Governing Board, a Management Team and various Standing Committees and Councils.
- Its objective is to enable Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to inspire and excite the world.
- Headquartered - **Bonn, Germany**
- President - **Andrew Parsons**

9. Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang elected in IOA Athletes Commission (Nov. 15, 2022)

Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang

Olympic medalists **MC Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang** are among 10 eminent sports persons selected as members of the **Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) Athletes Commission** on November 14, 2022.

Important facts

- The other seven members of the apex body are - Tokyo Olympics silver medallist weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu**, 2012 Olympics bronze winner shooter **Gagan Narang**, veteran table tennis player **Achanta Sharath Kamal**, hockey player **Rani Rampal**, cyclist **Bhavani Devi**, rower **Bajrang Lal** and former shot putter **OP Karhana**.
- All the 10 elected members of the apex body, five men and five women, were elected unopposed in the election.
- India's first Olympic individual gold medalist shooter **Abhinav Bindra** and former hockey captain **Sardar Singh** will join the commission as members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Asian Olympic Council (OCA), both with voting rights.

- **Bindra** was elected a member of the IOC Athletes Commission for **eight years in 2018** while **Sardar Singh** became a member of the OCA Athletes Commission for four years in **2019**.
- Under the new constitution of the Indian Olympic Association, the commission should have an equal number of female and male representatives.
- Two members of the commission will be in the IOA Executive Council whose election is to be held on December 10.

President of the Indian Olympic Association - **Adil Sumariwala**

President of the International Olympic Committee - **Thomas Bach**

Headquarters of IOC - **Lussanne , Switzerland**

10. Greg Barclay re-elected as ICC chairman (Nov. 14, 2022)

Greg Barclay re-elected as ICC chairman

Greg Barclay has been unanimously re-elected as chairman of the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** for a second **two-year term** on 13 November, 2022.

Important facts

- Barkley has been **re-elected** as independent president for a second two-year term. Barkley was elected unopposed after Zimbabwe's **Tawengwa Mukuhlani** withdrew.
- Barkley was appointed as the IIC President in **November 2020**. At the same time, BCCI secretary Jay Shah was elected as the head of the powerful Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee of the ICC.
- Greg Barclay-Hale was the President of **New Zealand Cricket (NZC)** and also served as the **Director of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015**.

About International Cricket Council (ICC)

- It is the **global governing body** for cricket.
- It was **founded in 1909** as the Imperial Cricket Conference by representatives from **England, Australia and South Africa**.
- In **1989**, its name was changed to **International Cricket Council (ICC)**.
- Representing 108 members, it regulates and administers the game of cricket and works with members to develop the game.
- It presides over the ICC Code of Conduct, playing conditions, decision review system and other ICC regulations.
- Headquarter - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

