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1. Olympic Double Medalist PV Sindhu Launches Fit India School Week Mascots Toofan & Toofani (Nov. 12, 2022)

Mascots Toofan & Toofani

Double Olympic medallist **PV Sindhu** launched **mascots Toofan and Toofani** for **Fit India Movement's Fit India School Week initiative** for the year 2022 on 10 November.

Important facts

- The **4th Fit India School Week** will commence on 15th November 2022, wherein various schools across India will organise fitness and sports events in various forms for 4 to 6 days during a month.
- The Fit India Movement, which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the year 2019, launched its annual 'Fit India School Week' program in December the same year.
- It is dedicated to encourage schools to develop fitness habits in students and to increase awareness about fitness and sports.
- This edition has added two mascots named "**Toofan and Toofani**" to its flagship, with both representing India's fittest superheroes and superwomen.
- To make the mascots more connected to the sport, they have been given superpowers such as wind sprinting (athletics), car lifting (weightlifting) and concentration skills (chess).
- They connect with people by narrating various stories about sports and fitness thereby motivating, educating and encouraging them.

Fit India Movement

- The Prime Minister on the occasion of **National Sports Day on 29 August, 2019** launched the '**Fit India Movement**' as the People's Movement & urged people to make fitness their lifestyle.
- National Sports Day is celebrated to honour the legendary hockey player **Major Dhyan Chand Singh**.

2. 15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022 begins in Daegu, South Korea (Nov. 9, 2022)

15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022

The **15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022** began in **Daegu, South Korea** from November 9, 2022.

Important facts

- This will be the **first Rifle/Pistol Asian Shooting Confederation Championship** to be counted in the new Asian ranking system.
- **Manu Bhaker, Mehuli Ghosh, Arjun Babuta and Divyansh Singh Panwar** are some of the prominent players in the 36 Indian players participating in the championship.
- **Manu Bhake** is in the **10m Air Pistol (Junior Women)** event while **Mehuli Ghosh** will compete in the **women's 10m Air Rifle event**.
- **Yashasvi Joshi** will compete in the **10m Air Pistol (Young Female)**.
- **Arjun Babuta** will compete in the 10m air rifle for men while **Divyansh Singh Panwar** will compete in the junior men's category.
- The Asian Airgun Championship 2022 is scheduled to be held at the **Daegu International Shooting Range** from November 9 to 19, 2022.

3. FIFA World Cup 2022 to be played from Nov 20 in Qatar (Nov. 9, 2022)

FIFA World Cup 2022 to be played from Nov 20 in Qatar

The **FIFA World Cup 2022** will be played in five cities of **Qatar** from **November 20 to December 18, 2022** this year. It is the first Football World Cup to be held in winter, as well as the first Football World Cup to be hosted by an **Arab country**.

Important facts

- In the inaugural match, hosts Qatar will take on South American country **Ecuador** at the **Al Bayt Stadium** on the 20th November.
- 28 teams have been placed in eight groups, the final will be played at the Lusail Stadium on the 18th of December.
- Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli has been included in the list of 12 players dominated by the English Premier League.
- Brazil will start their World Cup campaign against Serbia on 24 November.

About FIFA World Cup

- The FIFA World Cup is an international football competition played by the senior men's national teams of members of **FIFA, the sport's global governing body**.
- It was started in the year **1930**, after that it is organised **every four years**.
- The defending champions are the **France** national football team that won the 2018 tournament in France.
- The most successful team of the tournament is **Brazil** which has won the title **5 times**.
- FIFA World Cup 2022 will be organised in Qatar this year.

- Lieb as the official mascot for the FIFA World Cup 2022. Laib is an Arabic word, which means a player with special qualities and abilities.
- **FIFA World Cup 2026** will be hosted for the first time by three countries which include the **US, Mexico and Canada**.

4. Boxer Shiva Thapa secures historic 6th medal in Asian Elite Boxing Championships (Nov. 7, 2022)

Asian Elite Boxing Championships

India's Shiva Thapa secured **bronze medal** at the **Asian Boxing Championships 2022** with a 4-1 victory over **South Korea's Minsu Choi** in the 63.5kg category quarter-finals in **Amman, Jordan** on 6 November, 2022.

Important facts

- The match ended with a **4:1 victory** for Thapa, who has now become the **most successful male boxer at the Asian Championships**, with 6 competition medals to his name.
- Thapa, who had won silver in 2017 and 2021 apart from winning bronze in 2015 and 2019, will be up against 2019 gold medallist Bakhodur Usmonov of Tajikistan in the semi-final.
- Earlier, Indian boxer Mohammad Hussamuddin entered the semi-finals of the ongoing Asian Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan, defeating Heungsok Lee of South Korea in the quarterfinals of the 57kg (featherweight) category.
- Husamuddin beat his opponent 5-0. With his win, he has ensured India's sixth medal in the championship.
- Indian boxer Ananta Chopade suffered a defeat in the quarterfinal clash of the 54 kg (bantamweight) category. He lost the match 0-4.
- Earlier, Indian Olympic medalist boxer Lovlina Borgohain advanced to the semifinal of the 75 kg category after a win over Kazakhstan's Valentina Khalzova quarterfinal bout. She won her match by 3-2 by split decision.

5. Suryakumar Yadav first Indian to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year (Nov. 7, 2022)

Suryakumar Yadav first Indian to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year

Star Indian batter **Suryakumar Yadav** on 6 November became the **first Indian player** to score **1,000 T20 International runs** in a calendar year.

Important facts

- Suryakumar Yadav scored an unbeaten **61 off 26 balls** against **Zimbabwe at the Melbourne Cricket Ground** and achieved this feat.
- In 28 innings this year, Suryakumar has scored **1,026 runs at an average of 44.60**.
- **One century and nine half-centuries** have come out of his bat, with the best score of 117 in the year 2022.
- He has scored these runs at a strike rate of **186.24**.
- He is only the second player in T20 International history to score 1,000 runs in a calendar year.
- In 2021, Pakistan wicketkeeper-batsman **Mohammad Rizwan** scored **1,326 runs** at an average of **73.66**.
- Rizwan scored **a century and 12 half-centuries** in 2021 with a score of 104 (not out).

6. Teenager Holger Rune stuns Novak Djokovic in thrilling final (Nov. 7, 2022)

Paris Masters 2022

Denmark's Holger Rune defeated defending champion **Novak Djokovic** 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 in a thrilling final of the **Paris Masters** on 6 November.

Important facts

- Rune took the decisive lead, leaving 35-year-old Serbian Djokovic behind. Rune stopped Djokovic from winning a record 39th Masters title.
- The 19-year-old Rune, who is the former junior doubles partner of top-order Carlos Alcaraz, saved six break points in the match.
- Rune became the youngest-ever Paris Masters champion since Boris Becker, who at the time was 18 years old, having won in 1986.
- Rune's victory also ensured that he would be the first Danish player after nearly 50 years to be ranked in the top 10.
- Meanwhile, Briton Neal Skupski and Wesley Koolhof, of the Netherlands, secured the season-ending number one spot in the doubles rankings after winning in Paris.

About Paris Masters

- The Paris Masters is an annual tennis tournament for male professional players held in Paris, France.
- The event is part of the ATP Tour Masters 1000 on the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour.

- It was held at the Stade Pierre de Coubertin until 1982. In 1989 it was upgraded to become one of the Grand Prix Tours (Grand Prix Super Series).

7. Kerala to host Track Asia Cup 2022 (Nov. 4, 2022)

Kerala to host Track Asia Cup 2022

Track Asia Cup-2022, one of the premier cycling competitions, will be held at the **LNCPE Outdoor Velodrome in Kerala** from **November 25 to 28**.

Important facts

- The event will see participation of over 200 cyclists from over 25 Asian countries and will be held outside Delhi for the first time in history.
- It is authorised by the **Asian Cycling Confederation and Cycling Federation of India**.
- The Track Asia Cup is also used to select Asian countries for the **2024 Summer Olympics in Paris**.
- The highlight of the event will be the participation of cycling stalwarts from **China, Japan, Korea and Kazakhstan**.
- Apart from these countries, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Indonesia will compete with India.

About Track Asia Cup 2022

- It is a flagship event of the **Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC)**.
- It showcases excellent competitive cycling exhibitions across Asia.
- Star cyclists including Olympic medalists will compete in various individual and team events.
- Track Asia Cup 2022 will play a vital role in developing cycling as a major sporting event in the state.
- This is probably the first time that a sporting event is being held in Kerala in which more than 20 countries are participating.

8. Western Air Command of IAF wins Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship (Oct. 22, 2022)

Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship

Western Air Command, Indian Air Force (IAF) won the **Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23** held at **Head Quarter MC, Vayusena Nagar**, Nagpur on 21 October.

Important facts

- The final match of the team championship was played between Western Air Command and Training Command in which Western Air Command emerged as the winner.
- The Open Singles final was played between **Corporal Pradeep** of Training Command and **Sergeant Manolin** of Western Air Command and Corporal Pradeep emerged as the winner.
- The championship was inaugurated by Air Marshal **Vibhas Pandey**, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Headquarters MC on 17 October 2022.
- A total of eight teams comprising 48 players from seven commands of the Indian Air Force participated in the championship.
- The championship was held in two events, the team championship and the open singles.
- Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Air Marshal **Vibhas Pandey** was the chief guest during the closing ceremony of the championship on 21 October 2022.

9. Fifth Khelo India Youth Games 2022 to be held in Madhya Pradesh (Oct. 20, 2022)

Fifth Khelo India Youth Games

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** announced on 20 October 2022 that the **fifth Khelo India Youth Games-2023** will be held in **Madhya Pradesh**.

Important facts

- It will be held in eight different cities in the state.
- The eight host cities named are **Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain, Maheshwar, Mandla and Balaghat**.
- The games will be hosted from **31st January 2023 to 11th February 2023**.
- More than 8 thousand 500 athletes and sportspersons are expected to participate in this sporting event.
- 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.

Khelo India Youth Games winners list

Edition	Host City	Winner	Runner-up
2018	New Delhi	Haryana	Maharashtra
2019	Pune	Maharashtra	Haryana
2020	Guwahati	Maharashtra	Haryana
2021	Panchkula	Haryana	Maharashtra

Khelo India University Games winners list

Edition	Host City	Winner	Runner-up
2020	Bhubaneshwar	Panjab University	Savitribai Phule Pune University
2021	Bengaluru	Jain University	Lovely Professional University

10. BCCI elects Roger Binny as the new President; to start women IPL (Oct. 18, 2022)

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has unanimously elected former Indian all-rounder **Roger Binny** as the **36th President** of the BCCI at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the BCCI which was held in **Mumbai** on 18 October 2022. The BCCI also decided to start the women's IPL and not to participate in the Asia cricket cup to be held in Pakistan in 2023.

Roger Binny who represented Karnataka and India, played 27 Tests and 72 ODIs for India and was also a National selector. He will replace **Saurav Ganguly** whose three-year tenure as the board chief came to an end.

Other Office Bearers of BCCI

All the other office bearers of the BCCI were also elected unanimously including;

- **Jay Shah** as Secretary ,
- **Rajeev Shukla** as Vice-President.
- **Ashish Shelar** as Treasurer and
- **Devajit Saikia** as Joint Secretary.

- **Arun Dhumal** was elected as the new Indian Premier League (IPL) **chairman**. He will replace Brijesh Patel.

Women's IPL approved

The General Body also approved the inaugural Women's IPL which will consist of five teams and will be held in **March 2023** just after the **Women's T20 World Cup** ends in South Africa on February 26.

India will not tour Pakistan for Asia Cup 2023.

The BCCI **secretary Jay Shah** who is also the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced that India will not be going to Pakistan next year to participate in the Asia cup.

India have not toured Pakistan since 2006 and have not played bilateral cricket against them since 2012 because of strained relations between the governments of the two countries. Their contests have taken place only at ICC and Asian events.

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

It is the governing body of men's and women's cricket in India. It selects the Indian team for International tours and for International Cricket Council (ICC) and Asian Cup tournaments.

The BCCI is an autonomous, private organisation and does not fall under the purview of the National Sports Federation of India.

It was set up in 1928.

Grant Govan was the first President of the BCCI.

Headquarters: **Mumbai**, Maharashtra