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### **1. Road Safety World Series : Ojha's century guides Sachin-led India Legends to second straight title win ( Oct. 2, 2022 )**

In the Road Safety World Series **T20 2022**, **Sachin Tendulkar-led India Legends** team created history by **defeating Sri Lanka Legends by 33 runs** in **Raipur** on 1 September. The team won this title for the **second time** in a row.

#### **Important facts**

- Electing to bat after winning the toss, India Legends team **scored 195 runs for 6 wickets** in 20 overs with the help of wicketkeeper batsman **Naman Ojha's century** innings.
- In reply, Sri Lanka Legends could only manage **162 runs in 18.5 overs**.
- Naman Ojha scored an unbeaten **108 off 71 balls** with the help of 15 fours and 2 sixes.
- Naman Ojha's innings earned him the title of '**Man of the Match**'.
- He scored the highest 266 runs in 6 matches at an average of 66.50 in 6 innings.
- Shane Watson of Australia Legends was at number two, he scored 239 runs in 5 matches at an average of 47.80.
- In the Road Safety World Series **T20 2020-21** also, the final was played between the team of India Legends and Sri Lanka Legends.
- The team led by Sachin Tendulkar scored 181 for 4 in 20 overs and won by 14 runs.

#### **About Road Safety World Series**

- Road Safety World Series is a T20 cricket league, which features **former international cricket players** from various nations.
- It is founded by the **chief of Road Traffic Officer of Thane and the Konkan region, Ravi Gaikwad** in collaboration with the BCCI.
- This league is organized every year by the Road Safety World Series organization to raise awareness about road safety.
- Players from **India, England, Sri Lanka, West Indies, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Bangladesh** participate in this series.
- Former Indian captain **Sunil Gavaskar** is the **commissioner** of the series, while **Sachin Tendulkar** is the **brand ambassador**.
- New Zealand Legends has been participating in this series since 2022.

### **2. Jharkhand's St. Patrick's School win 61st Subroto Cup Girls U-17 title 2022 ( Sept. 29, 2022 )**

**St. Patrick's, Gumla, Jharkhand** won the **61st Subroto Cup International Football Tournament Girls U-17 title 2022** beating Wangoi Higher Secondary School, Imphal, Manipur 3 – 1 in the final played at the Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi.

This year a team from Bangladesh took part in the Subroto cup.

The 61st Subroto Cup now moves on to the Boys U-17 tournament which begins on October 3rd with the final scheduled for October 13th.

### **Subroto cup**

It is a prestigious international inter-school football tournament held annually in New Delhi.

It is named after the former Indian Air force Chief Subroto Mukherjee.

The tournament is organised by the Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society with the Indian Air Force,

### **3. PM Modi inaugurates 36th National Games in Ahmedabad ( Sept. 29, 2022 )**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the [36th National Games](#) at a glittering ceremony held at the world's largest cricket stadium, **Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad , Gujarat** on 29 September 2022.

Union minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur, Olympians PV Sindhu, Neeraj Chopra and Ravi Kumar Dahiya were also present at the opening ceremony.

The 35th National Games was held in Kerala in 2015. The National Games will be held in Gujarat for the first time. It will be held from 29 September to 12 October 2022.

### **4. Assamese swimmer Elvis Ali Hazarika becomes the first from North East to cross North Channel ( Sept. 21, 2022 )**

**Popular Assamese swimmer Elvis Ali Hazarika became the first swimmer from Northeast India to cross the North Channel.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS**

- Elvis Ali Hazarika has also become the **oldest swimmer** in India to swim across the North Channel.
- It took Elvis and his team **14 hours and 38 minutes** to achieve the feat.
- Hazarika, earlier this year, became the **first person** from North East India to cover the **Indo Arabian Gateway Mumbai** circle with his relay team.
- In November 2021, he became the **first Assamese to successfully swim from Dharamtar Jetty to the Gateway Of India**, Arabian Sea, the total length of which is around **38 kilometres**.

- In 2019 itself, he became the first person from Assam to cross the **Catalina Channel in the United States.**

### ***What is the North Channel ?***

- The North Channel is the strait between **north-eastern Northern Ireland and south-western Scotland.**
- It begins north of the Isle of Man, where the Irish Sea ends and runs north-west into the Atlantic Ocean.
- The width of the Northern Channel is **21 km**, at its narrowest point located between Tor Head in Northern Ireland and the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland.

### **5. Bangladesh win SAFF Women's Football Championship for the first time ( Sept. 20, 2022 )**

**Bangladesh registered a historic title win for the first time by defeating Nepal 3-1 in the final of the SAFF(South Asian Football Federation) Women's Football Championship at Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu on 19 September.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- In the tournament, Bangladesh captain **Sabina Khatun** scored the most goals in five matches with eight goals.
- She was adjudged the **best player of the tournament** for her outstanding performance. The Bangladesh team was also given the **Fair Play Award.**
- Bangladesh goalkeeper **Rupana Chakma** was named the **best goalkeeper.** In the tournament, she blocked most of the goals scored against Bangladesh and allowed only one goal.
- **5-time champion India** failed to play in the final of the sixth edition.
- **Nepal** knocked out India in the semifinals.

### ***SAFF Women's football Championship :***

- Currently the member countries of SAFF are **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.**
- It is held every **two years.**
- India has won the **first 5 editions** so far, beating **Nepal four times** and **Bangladesh once in the final.**
- SAFF was founded in **2010.**

**6. SAFF U-17 Championship : India win title, defeat Nepal in final ( Sept. 15, 2022 )**

**India clinched the SAFF U-17 Championship title by defeating Nepal 4-0 in the final at the RaceCourse International Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka on September 14, 2022.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Bobby Singh, Korou Singh, captain Vanlalpeka Guite and Aman scored a goal each to register a resounding victory for India's side.
- In the group league, Nepal defeated India by 3-1.
- India captain **Vanlalpeka Guite** was adjudged the **Player of the Tournament**, while goalkeeper **Sahil** won the **best goalkeeper** award.

***SAFF U-17 Championship :***

- It is an annual international football competition contested by the national teams of the members of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF).
- The first edition of the tournament took place in August 2011 in Nepal.

**7. Cabinet approves signing of guarantees for hosting the U-17 FIFA Women's World Cup ( Sept. 15, 2022 )**

**The Union Cabinet on 14 September 2022 approved the signing of guarantees for hosting the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) Under-17 Women's Football World Cup 2022 in India.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- The World Cup will take place from **11th to 30th October 2022**, in **Bhubaneswar, Navi Mumbai and Goa**.
- This seventh edition of the biennial youth tournament will be the first FIFA women's competition to be hosted by India.
- In 2017, India hosted the FIFA U-17 Men's Football World Cup.

***Financial Inclusion :***

- All India Football Federation (AIFF) has been sanctioned a financial outlay of Rs 10 crore for the maintenance of the playground, spectator capacity in the stadium, energy and cable laying and branding of the ground and training venue, etc.

**Objectives :**

- Increasing the representation of women in football leadership and decision-making
- Motivating more and more girls to play football in India
- Advocating gender-inclusive participation by generalizing the concept of equal play from a young age

**FIFA Tournament :**

- Organized by FIFA, the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup is the world championship for female players aged 17 or below 17.
- The event started in **2008**.
- The **sixth edition** of the event was held in **Uruguay** from 13 November to 1 December 2018.
- **Spain** is the current champion of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.
- FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 will be the **7th edition** of the tournament in which 16 teams including India will participate.

**8. Vinesh Phogat wins bronze in World Wrestling Championships in Serbia ( Sept. 15, 2022 )**

**India's Vinesh Phogat won the bronze medal in the women's 53kg category at the World Wrestling Championships- 2022 in Belgrade, Serbia on 14 September.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Commonwealth Games - 2022 gold medalist Phogat defeated defending European champion **Emma Malmgren** of **Sweden**.
- Vinesh, a three-time gold medalist in the qualification round, made a stunning comeback to beat Swedish rival Malmgren 8-0 in the bronze medal round.
- Vinesh had made it to the bronze play-off via the repechage round after losing to Mongolia's Khulan Bakhuyag in their opening match on 13 September.
- This is her second bronze medal at the Championships.
- She had earlier earned a podium spot in the 2019 edition of the tournament in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

**9. US Open : Iga Swiatek wins Women's Singles title ( Sept. 11, 2022 )**

In the final Grand Slam of the year, US Open tennis, world number one **Inga Swiatek** of **Poland** has won the **women's singles title**.

**Important facts**

- She defeated Tunisia's Ons Jabur 6-2, 7-6 in the final in New York.
- This is the 10th and third Grand Slam title of his career.
- It was the 142nd edition of the US Open Tennis 2022 and the fourth and final Tennis Grand Slam event of the year.
- The tournament was held on outdoor hard courts at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City.
- It is organized by the United States Tennis Association, which is regulated by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

**10. Sri Lanka clinch Asia Cup 2022 title ( Sept. 11, 2022 )**

Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 23 runs in the **Asia Cup final** on 11 September.

**Important facts**

- Pakistan captain Babar Azam won the toss and decided to bowl first. Batting first, Sri Lanka scored 170 runs for the loss of six wickets in 20 overs.
- In reply, Pakistan's team was all out for 147 runs in 20 overs, for Pakistan, Mohammad Rizwan scored 55 runs in 49 balls.
- The Player of the Tournament - **Wanindu Hasaranga (Sri Lanka)**
- Man of the Match in the final - **Bhanuka Rajapaksa (Sri Lanka)**
- Sri Lanka first won the Asia Cup title in 1986, then won in 1997, 2004, 2008, 2014 and now in 2022, the team has won the title.
- India has won the Asia Cup title (seven times) for the most number of times.

**Most Wins in Asia Cup**

- **India** - 7 times - 1984, 1988, 1990-91, 1995, 2010, 2016 & 2018
- **Sri Lanka** - 6 times -1986, 1997, 2004, 2008, 2014, 2022
- **Pakistan** - 2 times - 2000 and 2012