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- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** was the chief guest.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated the new final hall at the **Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy.**
- **Luciano Rossi**, President, the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), and **Raninder Singh**, President, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) were present in the opening ceremony.
- **India and China** have fielded the biggest teams for the championship.
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- **Bopanna has so far won 24 ATP titles**, including **five ATP Masters 1000 titles**.
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