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1. Djokovic deported from Australia (Jan. 17, 2022)

Tennis star Novak Djokovic has lost his chance to defend his Australian Open title after an Australian court upheld a government deportation order.

- The sensational 11-day battle over Djokovic's COVID-19 vaccination status has ended his dream of winning a record 21st Grand Slam in Australia.
- Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic lashed out at Australian authorities saying that they have humiliated Djokovic with this mistreatment of him for 10 days.

2. Lakshya Sen wins his maiden Indian Open Title (Jan. 17, 2022)

India's **Lakshya Sen** secured his maiden Super 500 title by winning the Yonex-Sunrise India Open with a stunning straight-game victory over reigning world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore in the men's singles final on 16th January 2022.

- Meanwhile, in the doubles final, the top doubles pair of **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** scripted a stunning straight-game win over three-time world champions **Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan of Indonesia** to become the first men's team from the country to win the Yonex-Sunrise India Open.
- **Busanan Ongbamrunghphan** of Thailand won the Women's Singles title.

Yonex-Sunrise India Open

The Yonex-Sunrise India Open 2022 was held from 11th to 16th January 2022 at the K. D. Jadhav Indoor Hall in Delhi.

- The 2022 India Open was the first tournament of the 2022 BWF World Tour and was part of the India Open championships, which had been held since 1973.

3. Australia dominated the Ashes and asserted its supremacy (Jan. 17, 2022)

Australia underlined its Ashes supremacy by crushing England's hopes through a 4-0 series triumph.

The series was played at five venues across Australia from 8 December 2021 to 18 January 2022

Man of the Series: Travis Head of Australia.

The Australian team captain was Pat Cummins and the England team captain was Joe Root.

The Ashes is a 5 match Test cricket series played between England and Australia hosted in turn by the two nations.

The term “Ashes” originated in a satirical obituary published in a British newspaper, “The Sporting Times”, immediately after Australia's 1882 victory at The Oval, its first Test win on English soil.

There have been 72 Ashes series: Australia have won 34, England have won 32 and six series have been drawn.

4. Virat Kohli resigns as Test Captain (Jan. 16, 2022)

Virat Kohli resigned as the captain of the Indian cricket team on 15 January 2022. This comes after Indian cricket team failed to win a test series in South Africa and lost the current series 1-2. India has never won a test series in South Africa.

- . The Delhi batsman, who took charge as the Test captain in 2014 after M.S. Dhoni stepped down, has been India's most successful leader in the longest format with 40 wins in 68 matches.
- Earlier in December 2021, Kohli was replaced as the One Day International (ODI) and T 20 captain of the Indian cricket team.
- He is the 4th Most successful Test captain in the world after South African Greame Smith (53 win), Ricky Ponting of Australia (43 win), and Steve Waugh of Australia (41 wins).
- Of his 40 wins, 16 came overseas, including series victories in Sri Lanka (2-1) in 2015, West Indies (2-0) in 2016, Sri Lanka (3-0) in 2017, Australia (2-1) in 2018-19 and West Indies (2-0) in 2019.
- He led India into the inaugural World Test Championship final which India lost to New Zealand in 2021.

5. South Africa wins the cricket Test Series 2-1 (Jan. 15, 2022)

South Africa defeated the Indian cricket team in the 3rd and final test match and won the Freedom series 2-1. The Indian team has never won a test series in South Africa.

Dean Elgar was the captain of South Africa and Virat Kohli captained India in the first and the third Test. Vice-Captain K. L. Rahul led India in the second test match as Virat was not fit.

Series at a glance

1st Test was played at Centurion (December 26-30, 2021)

India won the test match by 113 runs and K.L. Rahul was the man of the match

The 2nd Test was played at Wanderers stadium in Johannesburg (January 3-6, 2022).

South Africa won the test match by 7 wickets.

South African Captain Dean Elgar was the Man of the match.

The 3rd Test was played at Cape Town (January 11-14, 2022).

South Africa won by 7 wickets and Keegan Petersen of South Africa was the man of the match.

Man of the Series: Keegan Peterson of South Africa.

Freedom trophy

- The Test cricket series between India and South Africa is called as Freedom series and the winner of the series is given Freedom Trophy
- The Freedom Trophy was instituted in memory of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela.
- It was awarded for the first time in 2015 to the winner of the India -South Africa test series.
- In 2015 it was won by India.
- The 2022 trophy was won by South Africa.

6. Novak Djokovic faces a likely 3-year ban from Australia as his visa is cancelled again (Jan. 15, 2022)

Novak Djokovic is set to be detained after Australia cancelled his visa for a second time in a row over his right to remain in the country unvaccinated.

- After this decision on “health and good order” grounds, he will face deportation and a three-year visa ban.
- The visa decision put the Serbian world number one's dream of a 10th Australian Open title and a record 21st Grand Slam in peril.

7. India pulls out of Asian Under-22 boxing championship (Jan. 14, 2022)

The Boxing Federation of India has decided to pull out of the ASBC Asian Under-22 championships for men and women, scheduled to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from January 20-30, 2022.

India pulls out of Asian Under-22 boxing championship

- This decision is due to the global surge in COVID19 cases.
- Boxers born in 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 are eligible to compete in the event that is being held for the first time in the continent.

8. Tasnim Mir ranked No.1 U-19 Badminton player (Jan. 13, 2022)

16 year old shuttler from Gujarat, Tasnim Mir became the first Indian to be top ranked in the under19 girls singles in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) junior rankings.

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Badminton World Federation (BWF)

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) is the international governing body for the sport of badminton recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

- It was founded in 1934 as the International Badminton Federation (IBF) with nine member nations (Canada, Denmark, England, France, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland and Wales). In 1981 the IBF merged with the World Badminton Federation, and in September 2006, the name of the organization was changed to Badminton World Federation (BWF)

- The BWF currently has 194 member nations around the world, organized into 5 continental confederations.
- Headquarters - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- President - Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen

9. Tata Group replaces Vivo as the title sponsor of IPL 2022-23 editions (Jan. 12, 2022)

The Tata Group has replaced Vivo as the title sponsor for the Indian Premier League 2022 and 2023 editions.

- This decision was taken by the IPL Governing Council after Vivo decided to pull out of its existing contract running till 2023
- The mega auctions for the 15th Edition of IPL will take place in Bengaluru from Feb 12 - 13, 2022.
- The two new teams of Ahmedabad and Lucknow will participate for the first time in the 15th edition of the Indian Premier League.
- Lucknow IPL team is owned by RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group with its home ground as Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh.
- Ahmedabad IPL team is owned by British private equity company CVC Capital with its home ground as Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad Gujarat.
- Chairman of IPL Governing Council - **Brijesh Patel**

10. South African all rounder Chris Morris retires from all forms of cricket (Jan. 12, 2022)

- South African all rounder Chris Morris retires from all forms of cricket
- 34-year-old South Africa all rounder Chris Morris announced his retirement from all forms of cricket and declared that he is set to take up the new role of coaching the domestic team Titans.
- A right arm pacer and explosive batter, Morris made his Test debut in 2016 and featured in only four games in the traditional format, making 173 runs and taking 12 wickets. He also played 42 ODIs (48 wickets, 467 runs) and 23 T20 Internationals (34, 133).
- Morris played for Rajasthan Royals, Delhi Capitals, Royal Challengers Bangalore and Chennai Super Kings franchises in the IPL.