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1. PM launches Grih Pravesh programme for over 2 lakh beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Dec. 19, 2022)

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Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on 18 December inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth **over 6,800 crore rupees in Tripura and Meghalaya.**

Important facts

- The projects include '**Grih Pravesh**' programme for beneficiaries under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Rural.**
- These houses, developed at a cost of over **Rs 3400 crores**, will cover over **2 lakh beneficiaries.**
- Other projects include connectivity projects for widening of **Agartala Bypass (Khairpur-Amtali) NH-08** under PMGSY III, foundation laying of **32 roads** with a length of over 230 km and improvement projects of **112 roads** with a length of over 540 km.
- The Prime Minister also inaugurated the **State Institute of Hotel Management at Anandnagar** and **Agartala Government Dental College.**

About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation** launched the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana rural in 2016.**
- The scheme was initiated with the objective of '**Housing for All by 2022**'.
- The scheme has 2 Components - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (**Urban**) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (**Rural**).
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin was earlier called Indira Awas Yojana which was renamed in March 2016.

2. Argentina beat France 4-2 on penalties, win 3rd FIFA World Cup title (Dec. 19, 2022)

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4. 22nd National Athletics Championship of Blinds commences in New Delhi (Dec. 14, 2022)

The 22nd National Athletics Championship for the Blind commenced at the **Thyagaraj Stadium** in **New Delhi** on 14 December 2022. The biennial championship is being organised by the Indian Blind Sports Association from 14-16 December 2022.

The event was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture **Meenakshi Lekhi**. She also launched the first book of the IBSA, **Play the Dots**. The first copy of the book was handed over to Arjuna Awardee and first Indian blind athlete to take part in the Rio Paralympics 2016, **Ankur Dhama**.

A total of 59 (31 for men, 28 for women) international and indigenous games will be organized at the State and Institution level under three categories – T11, T12, and T13.

A record number of 550 visually impaired athletes along with officials from different states including Tripura, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra, UP, West Bengal, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, M.P, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, and Gujarat. Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh and Chandigarh will take part in the championship.

Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA)

Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) was founded in 1986 to develop and promote sports for blind youngsters.

It is the sole Indian Affiliate of the International Blind Sports Federation, the apex sports organization for blind sports in the world. It is also affiliated to the Paralympic Committee of India.

Chairman: **Radhika Bharat Ram**

Headquarters: **New Delhi**

5. India win's Women's FIH Nations Cup 2022: qualifies for the Pro League 2023-24 (Dec. 18, 2022)

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The Indian women Hockey team led by Captain [Savita Punia](#) beat **Spain** 1-0 in the final to win the inaugural **FIH Nations Cup** played at Valencia, Spain on 17 December 2022. The winning goal was scored by **Gurjit Kaur** of India.

The inaugural FIH Nations cup was held in **Valencia, Spain** from 11-17 December 2022.

With this win the Indian team coached by **Janneke Schopman**- has qualified for the FIH Pro League 2023-24.

India and Spain had played in the FIH women's Hockey Pro League 2021-22 season as replacement teams after pull-outs by Australia and New Zealand due to COVID-19 related issues.

India finished third in the 2021-22 FIH Pro League. The team did not qualify for the ongoing 2022-23 Pro League season.

FIH Nations Cup

Top 8 ranked teams which are not part of Women's FIH Pro League were invited to play in the FIH nation's cup. The winner of the Nation's cup will be promoted to the 2023-24 season of the FIH Pro League.

World's top ranked 9 teams are invited to play in the FIH Pro League.

In the Nations Cup 8 teams were placed in two groups.

Group A consisted of Spain, South Korea, and Italy.

Group B consisted of India, Japan, Chile and South Africa.

India remained unbeaten in the tournament.

FIH

FIH (Fédération Internationale de Hockey) is the governing body of men's and women's International hockey.

Headquarters: **Lausanne, Switzerland**

President: **Mohammad Tayyab Ikram**

Members: 137 countries

6. India wins blind T20 cricket world cup for third consecutive times (Dec. 17, 2022)

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India defeated **Bangladesh** by 120 runs in the final to win the 3rd T20 World Cup for Blind played at the M.Chinnaswamy **Stadium** in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 17 December 2022. It was the third title for India having won it in **2012** and **2017**. All the three T20 World Cup for Blind has been hosted by India.

Batting first India made 277 runs for the loss of 2 wickets in 20 allotted overs. Indian **captain** Ajay Kumar Reddy and Sunil Ramesh scored centuries.

In reply Bangladesh could make only 157 runs with the loss of 3 wickets in their allotted 20 overs.

Governor of Karnataka **Thawar Chand Gehlot** presented the winners and runners up trophies.

The 3rd T20 World Cup for Blind was held in India from 6 -17 December 2022. **India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Australia, Bangladesh**, and **South Africa** competed in the tournament. The Pakistan team was denied a visa by the Indian government.

It was organised by the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI).

CABI is the apex body for organising, developing cricket for blind in India .It is a member of the World Blind Cricket Council.

The 4th T20 World Cup for Blind will be held in Pakistan in 2023.

7. Cindy Hook appointed CEO of 2032 Olympic organising committee (Dec. 17, 2022)

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American executive **Cindy Hook** has been appointed as **CEO of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games**. The organising committee announced her appointment.

Important facts

- She is currently a member of the **Great Barrier Reef Foundation** and the **Singapore Economic Development Board**.
- US-born Cindy Hook, 58, led **Deloitte's Asia Pacific branch** for nearly three years before stepping down in June this year with the intention of retiring from corporate work.
- She previously worked for the **international professional services network in the U.S. and in Australia**, moving to Sydney in 2009 to lead the auditing practice for six years and later becoming CEO of the Australian operation in 2015.
- Brisbane 2032 chairman **Andrew Liveris** described Hooke as someone who knows what it takes to run a multi-billion dollar business on time and on budget.
- The International Olympic Committee in July last year decided to host the **2032 Games in Brisbane** as part of a revised process.
- Australia has twice previously hosted the Summer Olympics, at **Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000**.

8. Sports Minister Anurag Thakur unveils Hockey World Cup trophy (Dec. 17, 2022)

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Important facts

- **The Federation of Indian Hockey (FIH) Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela** Trophy arrived at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in the national capital.
- The event was also graced by 1975 World Cup winners Ajit Pal Singh, Ashok Dhyanchand, Brig HJS Chimni, and former Olympians Harbinder Singh, Padma Shri Zafar Iqbal, and Vinit Kumar (Vice president, Delhi Hockey) among other dignitaries.

About the Trophy Tour

- The trophy will travel across **13 states and one union territory** before returning to Odisha on December 25, giving fans and the public a chance to engage with the coveted trophy.
- The nationwide Trophy Tour was launched in Bhubaneswar on 5th December by the Chief Minister of Odisha **Naveen Patnaik.**
- The trophy will go to West Bengal, Manipur, Assam, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh.

Men's Hockey World Cup- 2023

- The World Cup will be jointly hosted by Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from **13 to 29 January 2023.**
- Matches will be played in the newly constructed **Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela**, and in the **iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar.**
- The Hockey World Cup is organised **every four years.**

Teams of Hockey Men's World Cup 2023

- **Pool A:** Australia, Argentina, France, South Africa
- **Pool B:** Belgium, Germany, Korea, Japan
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10. Morocco to host the next football club world cup next year, FIFA (Dec. 17, 2022)

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World football governing body FIFA president **Gianni Infantino** announced on 16 December 2022 that **Morocco** will host the next football Club World Cup. The tournament will take place from 1-11 February 2023. Morocco has hosted the Club World Cup in 2013 and 2014.

The most recent edition of the tournament was held in the United Arab Emirates in February 2022 which was won by the English football club **Chelsea**.

Gianni Infantino also announced that from 2025 onwards the tournament will feature 32 teams.

However the tournament will continue in its existing format for now, featuring the champions of the six continental federations along with the top team from the host nation.

Teams which have qualified for 2023 tournament

Real Madrid of Spain (will represent Europe), Flamengo of Brazil(South America), Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia(Asia), Wydad Casablanca of Morocco(host country champion club), Seattle Sounders from the United States(North America) and New Zealand's Auckland City club (Oceania) .

FIFA Club World Cup

It is an international club football championship where the continental club champions participate every year.

The club champions of **Asian AFC Championships League, African CAF Championships League, North American CONCACAF Championships League, South America Copa Libertadores, Oceanian OFC Champions League, European UEFA Champions League** and the **club champion of the host team** participates in the tournament.

- The first club world cup was held in 2000 at Brazil which was won by Corinthians Paulista of Brazil.
- Real Madrid football club of Spain has won the cup for the maximum 4 times.
- The Spanish football clubs (Real Madrid 4 times and Barcelona 3 times) have won it a maximum of 7 times.

Current champion: **Chelsea club of England**