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1. Nikhat Zareen, Lovlina Borgohain win gold medals at the 6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championships 2022 (Dec. 26, 2022)

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World Champion **Nikhat Zarin** of Telangana and the Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist **Lovlina Borgohain** of Assam won gold medals in their respective weight categories at the 6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championships 2022 in Bhopal on 26 December 2022.

The 6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championship was held at the **Tatya Tope Stadium, Bhopal**, and Madhya Pradesh from 20-26 December 2022. 302 women boxers from all over the country participated in the event.

The **Railways team** topped the medals tally with 10 medals - five golds, three silvers and two bronze.

Madhya Pradesh team came second with one gold, two silver and five bronze, and **Haryana** with two gold and two bronze claimed the third spot.

Gold medal winners

Category: Winner

48kg: Manju Rani

50kg: Nikhat Zareen

52kg: Sakshi

54kg: Shiksha

57kg: Manisha

60kg: Poonam

63kg: Shashi Chopra

66kg: Manju Bamboria

70kg: Sanamacha Chanu

75kg: Lovlina Borgohain

81kg: Saweety Boora

81kg+: Nupur

2. Indian Arches dominate the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3, tops the medal tally with 10 medals (Dec. 26, 2022)

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Indian archers dominated the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 held in **Sharjah**, United Arab Emirates from 20 to 25 December 2022. They topped the medal tally with 10 medals - five golds, three silvers and two bronze.

Seven of India's 10 medals at the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 were won by compound archers. India had sent a junior team to the continental meet.

Medal winners of India

Gold medal winners

Women's team compound: Pragati, Aditi Gopichand Swami, Aishwarya Sharma.

Men's team recurve: Mrinal Chauhan, Akash, and Parth Sushant Salunke

Men's team compound: Priyansh, Ojas Pravin Deotale, Manav Ganeshrao Jadhao

Men's individual compound: Priyansh

Women's individual compound: Pragati

Silver medal

Men's individual compound: Ojas Pravin Deotale

Women's individual compound: Aditi Gopichand Swami

Mixed team recurve: Parth Sushant Salunke, Tisha Punia

Bronze medal winners

Men's individual recurve: Parth Sushant Salunke - bronze

Women's individual compound: Parneet Kaur

3. England 1966 World Cup winner George Cohen dies aged 83 (Dec. 26, 2022)

England's 1966 World Cup-winning right back George Cohen has died aged 83, England's 1966 World Cup-winning right back George Cohen has died aged 83, his former **club Fulham** announced on 23 December. The club remembered him as their greatest-ever player.

Important facts

- Born in **Kensington, London (England)**, in 1939, George Cohen played for Fulham throughout his soccer career.
- He **scored six league goals** in his 459 appearances between **1956 and 1969**.

- His greatest achievement was recorded as winning the **1966 World Cup** when England defeated West Germany in the final at Wembley Stadium.
- Cohen helped England emerge victorious and claim their first World Cup title with a **4-2 victory** over the opposition.
- He was part of the team's line of defence, which included **Ray Wilson, Jack Charlton and captain Bobby Moore**.
- In 1964-1967, Cohen represented England in 37 matches. He also served as vice-captain (VC) of Sir Alf Ramsey for the match against West Germany.
- Cohen was diagnosed with **bowel cancer** in 1976 and struggled with the illness for 14 years.

4. Cyclist Swasti Singh gets Ekalabya Puraskar (Dec. 26, 2022)

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The '**Ekalabya Puraskar**' for the year 2022 was presented to **cyclist Swasti Singh**. This award is given every year to encourage young sporting talents.

Important facts

- Singh was on 23rd December presented with a citation, trophy and **Rs 5 lakh cash** in a programme organised by **Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT)**, the charitable wing of IMFA.
- She was honoured for her performance from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022 at both national and international levels.
- Football player **Pyari Xaxa** and Hockey player **Shilanda Lakra** also were honoured with a citation and Rs 50,000 cash each.
- Billiards and snooker world champion Pankaj Advani attended the ceremony as the chief guest while Pranati Mishra, Asian Games medalist was the guest of honour.
- Trustee **Baijayant Panda**, Chairman Eklabya Puraskar Committee - 2022 was present along with the jury members.
- Mercurial cyclist Swasti has bagged two gold and as many silver medals at the national level.

About Ekalabya Puraskar

- Eklavya Puraskar has come a long way **since 1993** to be recognized as the most prestigious sports award of Odisha and is at par with many national awards.
- This award is given every year to the young sportspersons of **Odisha** for their outstanding performance in the last two years.

5. Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurates Sports Science Center in Udupi, Karnataka (Dec. 25, 2022)

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Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur** inaugurated the Sports Science Centre in Udupi on 24 December 2022. The sports science center has been set up by the government of Karnataka.

The state government has set up two sports science centers at **Udupi** and **Bengaluru**. These centers will conduct research on medicines, nutritious food, treatment and rehabilitation measures for sportspersons, which would help them to boost their abilities. The Minister said that many more such sports science centers will come up. In the future.

National Center of Excellence

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has also set up its own Sports Science Center at its

21 National Centres of Excellence (NCOE) and two high performance centers (Bengaluru and Patiala).

It has also set up a **National Centre for Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR) in New Delhi** which is the hub of SAI Sports Science Center.

The National Centers of excellence provides specialized training in selected sports disciplines and also has a well-functioning Sports Science Center. The National centers of Excellence are at Alleppey and Thiruvananthapuram in **Kerala**, Aurangabad and Mumbai in **Maharashtra**, Bengaluru in **Karnataka**, Bhopal in **Madhya Pradesh**, **Chandigarh**, Dharamshala in **Himachal Pradesh**, Guwahati in **Assam**, Gandhinagar in **Gujarat**, Imphal in **Manipur**, Itanagar in **Arunachal Pradesh**, Jagatpur in **Odisha**, Kolkata in **West Bengal**, Lucknow in **Uttar Pradesh**, Patiala in **Punjab**, Rohtak, Sonapat in **Haryana** and 5 centers in **New Delhi**.

6. Indian men's cricket team beat Bangladesh 2-0 to win the test series (Dec. 25, 2022)

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The Indian cricket team led by **K L Rahul** won the cricket test series against the **Shakib Al Hassan** led Bangladesh team 2-0 to win the two match test series in **Bangladesh**.

Kl Rahul was leading the India side after the regular Indian captain Rohit Sharma was ruled out as injured during the One Day International (ODI) series against Bangladesh.

India lost the ODI series against Bangladesh by 2-1. Ishan Kishan made a world record by scoring fastest double century in ODI. He made his double century against Bangladesh in just 126 balls.

Brief Score of Test series

1st Test

It was played at **Chattogram** from 14-18 December 2022. It was won by India by 188 runs.

India 404 and 258 for 2 declared

Bangladesh 150 and 324.

Man of the match: Kuldeep Yadav

2nd Test

It was played at Mirpur from 22-25 December 2022. It was won by India by 3 wickets.

Bangladesh 227 and 231

India 314 and 145 for 7 wickets.

Man of the match: Ravichandran Ashwin

Man of the Series: **Cheteshwar Pujara**

7. Arunachal Pradesh's Geto Sora wins Top Arena junior international badminton championship title (Dec. 24, 2022)

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Arunachal Pradesh's 7 year old Geto **Sora** has won the **Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship title in the below 9 years category**. He won the Championship title after beating Malaysian Jaryl Teh in the final played at Kuala Lumpur Malaysia on 23 December 2022.

The Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship was held in Kuala Lumpur from 19-23 December 2022.

This is Sora's second international badminton title in two months.

In November, the 7-year-old Sora had won the U-9 boys singles titles in the **BTY-Yonex-Singha Championship**, which was held at the Banthongyord Badminton School in Bangkok, Thailand.

Sora has also won gold in the PNB MetLife Junior Badminton Championship which was held in Guwahati, Assam in 2020.

8. PV Sindhu among top 25 highest-paid female athletes in Forbes annual list (Dec. 24, 2022)

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Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated the National level Kabaddi championship in **Udupi in Karnataka** on December 24.

Important fact

- National level Kabaddi tournament will be held at **MGM ground** in flood light, in which **12 teams** from different states will participate.
- The winner will get the **Atal Trophy** and prize money of Rs **one lakh**.
- The runner-up will be awarded **Rs 75,000**, the third prize winner **Rs 50,000** and the fourth prize winner Rs 25,000.
- The winners will be presented with the Atal trophy.
- The **Atal Utsav and Booth Sangam** will be inaugurated on December 25 by former chief minister **B S Yediyurappa** along with selected presiding officers of six vote booths.
- Atal Trophy was started in 1999 by **Zilla Yuva Morcha** through volleyball tournament and this time kabaddi tournament is also being organized.