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1. Unnati Hooda settles for a silvers as India wins 5 medals at the Badminton Asia Junior Championships (Dec. 4, 2022)

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Badminton Asia Junior Championships held in **Nonthaburi, Thailand** on 4 December 2022.

Top Seeded **Unnati Hooda** lost to Sarunrak Vitidsarn of Thailand in the finals and had to settle for silver in the under 17 women's singles final of the Badminton Asia Junior Championships held in **Nonthaburi**, Thailand on 4 December 2022. Unnati Hooda earlier created history by becoming the first Indian to enter the U-17 women's singles final at the Asia Junior Championships.

India finished the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022 with **5 medals -3 silver and 2 bronze medals.**

On the last day of the championships India won two more silver medals.

Anish Thoppnai lost to Chung-Hsiang Yih of Chinese Taipei in the under -15 men's singles to settle for a silver.

Arsh Mohammad and Sanskar Saraswat lost to Chinese Taipei's Lai Po Yu and Yi-Hao Lin in the men's under-17 doubles.

Bronze medal winner for India

India's under-15 men's doubles pair of **Bjorn Jaison** and **Aathish Sreenivas PV** also had to settle for a **bronze medal** after they lost their semi-final to top seeds Muhammad Mubarrok and Raihan Pramono of Indonesia.

India's Gnana Datt lost to Chung-Hsiang Yih of Chinese Taipei in the -15 men's semi-final to settle for a **bronze medal**.

At the last edition held in **2019** in Suzhou, China, India's **Tasnim Mir** and Tara Shah clinched gold and silver medals, respectively, in the U-15 women's singles event.

Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022

The Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2022 was organised by Badminton Asia at **Nonthaburi, Thailand** from 29 November to 4 December 2022.

The championship was held for men's and women's under15 and **under 17 categories**. It involved singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles.

It was first held in 1997 and is being held every year. The 2020 and 2021 edition was not held due to covid pandemic.

2. World Champion Rudrankksh Patil wins ISSF President's Cup held in Egypt (Dec. 4, 2022)

Rudrankksh Patil wins ISSF President's Cup held in Egypt

The current world champion **Rudrankksh Patil** of India defeated world No. 1 **Danilo Sollazzo** of Italy in the men's 10m air rifle final to win the gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) **President's Cup 2022** in **Cairo, Egypt**, 2 December 2022.

The ISSF Presidents Cup is the season finale of the International Shooting Sport Federation yearlong competition where top ranked shooters of the year are invited. It was held from 28 November -4 December 2022 in Cairo, Egypt.

Rudrankksh Patil was awarded the **Golden Target award**, given to the best athlete of the year in the category by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

Tokyo Olympian and world No. 4 **Anjum Moudgil**, had to settle for **silver** after narrowly losing to Anna Janssen of Germany in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions final.

India finished the ISSF President's Cup 2022 with **two medals** - one gold and one silver.

At the 2021 edition of the ISSF President's Cup, India won five medals - two golds, two silvers and one bronze.

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

It is an international body which governs International shooting.

It was founded in 1907 as International Shooting Union and later renamed as ISSF in 1998.

Headquarters: Munich, Germany

President: Vladimir Lisin

3. NADA to develop Apps to assist athletes verify medicines with prohibited substances (Dec. 3, 2022)

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Important facts

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 Chaturvedi announced the app at the Inclusion Conclave organised by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) in New Delhi.
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- Shombi Sharp, United Nations Resident Coordinator, India also addressed the gathering.

- NADA Director General and CEO Ritu Sen said the conclave was a step towards
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5. FIA cancels the Chinese Grand Prix Formula One 2023 due to covid restriction imposed in China (Dec. 2, 2022)

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The FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) or Federation of International Automobiles which organizes the <u>Formula One</u> or F1 motor racing championship has cancelled the **Chinese Grand Prix 2023** due to the covid related restriction imposed in the country.

The race was scheduled to be held in **Shanghai** on 16 April 2023. Last time a F1 race was held in China was in 2019.

Thousands of people across the cities in China have been demonstrating against the governments strict zero covid policy. Many cities in China are under lockdown as record daily virus cases are being reported across China. The new season of the F1 will start from **Bahrain** on 5 March 2023. The 2023 season will feature a record 24 **races** which included the Chinese race also.

Formula One (F1)

- The F1 World Championship season consists of a series of motor car races, known as the Grands Prix.
- It is organised by FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) or Federation of International Automobiles.
- **Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton** hold the record for the most F1 world championships titles, both having won the title on seven occasions.
- F1 world Champion 2022: Mark Verstappen of Red Bull team
- FIA Headquarters Paris, France

6. A fine performance by Sheldon Jackson and Jani help Saurastra win the Vijay Hazare trophy 2022-23 (Dec. 2, 2022)

Vijay Hazare trophy 2022-23

A fine century by Sheldon Jackson (133 runs) and Chirag Jani's hat trick(3 for 43) helped Saurashtra defeat Maharashtra's to win their **second Vijay Hazare Trophy title** (2022-23) in the final played at the **Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad**, **Gujarat**.

Saurashtra won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for the first time in 2007-08.

Himachal Pradesh was the 2021-22 winner.

Batting first, the Maharashtra team scored 248 for 9 in their allotted 50 overs, helped by captain Ruturaj Gaikwad's fourth century in five matches in the tournament to help Maharashtra post 248 for 9. Ruturaj scored 108 runs. Saurashtra scored 249 for 5 in 46.3 overs.

Sheldon Jackson was the player of the match while **Ruturaj Gaikwad** was declared the Player of the series.

Vijay Hazare Trophy

The **Vijay Hazare Trophy** named after a famous Indian batsman **Vijay Hazare. It is an** annual domestic limited-overs cricket domestic competition. It is organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The tournament was started in the 2002-03 season.

Tamil Nadu is the most successful team having won the trophy five times.

7. Third T20 World Cup cricket tournament for Blind to be held in India (Dec. 2, 2022)

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Important facts

- The participating countries of the World Cup 2022 are **Australia**, **Bangladesh**, **Nepal**, **Pakistan**, **South Africa**, **Sri Lanka and India**.
- Around 150 players from all countries will participate in the tournament and there will be a total of 24 matches across nine cities in India.
- The tournament is being organised to mark the **World Disability Day** celebrations universally.
- The inauguration of the World Cup on December 5 at Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium, Gurugram.
- Former India batter **Yuvraj Singh** is the **brand ambassador** of the tournament.

About T20 World Cup cricket tournament for Blind

- Cricket World Cup for the Disabled is an initiative of the **Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)** in association with **Samarthanam Trust.**
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9. NADA India to host Inclusion Conclave for the first time to focus on athletes with disabilities on 2nd December 2022 (Dec. 1, 2022)

NADA India to host Inclusion Conclave

India will host an **Inclusion Conclave** for the first time which will focus on anti-doping education and process for athletes with disabilities. The Conclave organised by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA India)** with the help of <u>WADA</u> (World Anti-Doping Agency) Asia-Oceania office, will be held on 2 December 2022 in **New Delhi.**

The conclave will focus on developing a policy and legal framework on anti-doping as well as on educating the disable athletes on the anti-doping process and controls.

Doping in sports means the use of unauthorized drugs by the athletes to enhance their performance in sports.

National Anti-Doping Agency or NADA

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) is the national organization responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in the country. It is the member of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) was set up on November 24, 2005 Under the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Director General of NADA: Ritu Sain

Headquarters: New Delhi

10. Stephanie Frappart of France to be first woman referee at men's World Cup (Nov. 30, 2022)

Stephanie Frappart of France to be first woman referee at men's World Cup

FIFA has announced on 29 November 2022 that **Stephanie Frappart of France** will be the first woman to referee a men's' World Cup match. She will officiate the match to be played between Germany and Costa Rica in Group E on 2 December 2022.

France's Stephanie Frappart is one of three women referees among the 36 selected for the tournament in Qatar, alongside **Rwandan Salima Mukansanga** and **Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita**.

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She was the first woman to referee in France's domestic Ligue 1 in 2019, the same year she took charge of the women's World Cup final in her home country.

Frappart also officiated the 2019 UEFA Super Cup final between Liverpool and Chelsea, before refereeing the Champions League in 2020 and then the French Cup final last season.

The FIFA World Cup 2022 is being held in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022.