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3. Former Indian football captain Babu Mani dies aged 59 (Nov. 22, 2022)

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Former Indian football captain Babu Mani, who was an integral part of the Indian football team in the 1980s, died after a prolonged battle with liver-related issues. He was 59.

Babu Mani made his India debut against Argentina in Kolkata during the 1984 Nehru Cup and went on to play 55 matches for the country. He was also a part of the first Indian squad to qualify for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup in 1984 and went on to play in the tournament in Singapore.

Mani was also a member of the Indian team which won gold medals at the 1985 and 1987 editions of the South Asian Games.

Babu Mani, also part of the Bengal Team which won Santosh Trophy in 1986 and 1988.

He also played for and won various domestic football cups like **Federation Cup, IFA shield,** Durand Cup, **Rovers Cup** trophies for Kolkata's top three clubs, Mohammedan Sporting, Mohan Bagan and East Bengal.

4. Novak Djokovic wins his record 6th ATP finals title (Nov. 21, 2022)

Novak Djokovic wins his record 6th ATP finals title

The Serbian **Novak Djokovic** won his sixth ATP finals title at Turin, Italy by defeating the Norwegian player **Casper Rudd** in the finals played on 20 November 2022. The ATP finals marks the end of the ATP calendar for the year 2022.

With this win Djokovic equalled the record of Swiss great **Roger Federer** of 6th ATP finals titles. The 21Grand Slam title winner also became the **oldest champion** of the ATP finals at the age of 35 Years.

Men's Doubles title

Rajeev Ram (United States) and Joe Salisbury (British) defeated the Tokyo Olympics 2020 champion's Croatian pair of Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic

Carlos Alcaraz of Spain ended the season as the youngest ranked ATP no.1 player.

ATP finals is the season ending men's Tennis tournament which was played in a hard court in Turin from 13-20 November 2022.

This was the 53rd edition of the singles and 48th edition of the Doubles title.

Top ranked players on the Association of Tennis Professional (ATP) ranking are invited to play in the event.

5. 22nd FIFA men's football World cup kicks off in Qatar (Nov. 20, 2022)

22nd FIFA men's football World cup

The 22nd FIFA men's world cup was formally declared open at a colourful ceremony held at the **Al Bayt Stadium** in Al Khor, Qatar on 20 November. It is for the first time that an Arab country is hosting the football tournament.

India was represented by Vice President <u>Jagdeep Dhankhar</u>. The opening ceremony witnessed performances of J Balvin, Robbie Williams, Jason Derulo, Clean Bandit, Sean Paul, Nora Fatehi, Black Eyed Peas, Jungkook of BTS, Nicki Minaj, Maluma and Myriam Fares.

The noted Hollywood actor **Morgan Freeman** was the narrator at the opening ceremony.

The FIFA World Cup 2022 will be held in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022.

32 countries from five continents are participating in the Tournaments.

The teams are host Qatar, Ecuador, Senegal, the Netherlands, England, Iran, USA, Wales, Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Poland, France, Australia, Denmark, Tunisia, Spain, Costa Rica, Germany, Japan, Belgium, Canada, Morocco, and Croatia, Brazil, Serbia, Switzerland, Cameroon, Portugal, Ghana, Uruguay, and South Korea.

France is the current world champion having won it in 2018 world cup held in Russia.

6. Max Verstappen wins Abu Dhabi F1 Grand Prix for his team Red Bull (Nov. 20, 2022)

Max Verstappen wins Abu Dhabi F1 Grand Prix

Reigning Formula One (F1) world champion **Max Verstappen** of **Red Bull team** won the season ending F1 **Abu Dhabi race** held on 20 November 2022 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It was his record **15th title** of the 2022 season. He also ended the 2022 season as the world F1 champion. He won his **first F1 world championship** title in 2021.

The 25 year old Max Verstappen of **Holland** created a number of records in the history of F1. Some of his records are as follows:

- He also holds the record for winning a **maximum 15 races** in a single season. He broke the previous record of 13 race victories in a season jointly held by seven-time world champion **Michael Schumacher** (2004 season) and four-time world champion **Sebastian Vettel** (2013 season).
- Verstappen also set a new record for scoring the **most points** in a single season 454. Previously, the record was held by seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton who had amassed 413 points during his championship-winning season in 2019.

F1 2022 season races and winners

Grand Prix	Date (in 2022)	Winner driver	Winner Team
Bahrain	20 March	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls

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Saudi Arabia	27 March	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Australia (Melbourne)	10 April	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari
Emilia Romagna(Italy)	24 April	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Miami	8 May	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Spain(Barcelona)	22 May	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Monaco	29 May	S.Perez	Red Bulls
Azerbaijan	12 June	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Canada	19 June	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Great Britain(Silverstone Circuit)	3 July	C.Sainz	Ferrari
Austria	10 July	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari
France	24 July	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Hungary	31 July	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Belgium	28 August	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Netherlands	4 September	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Italy	11 September	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Singapore	2 October	S. Perez	Red Bulls
Japan	9 October	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
United States	23 October	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Mexico	30 October	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls
Brazil	13 November	G. Russell	Mercedes
Abu Dhabi	20 November	Max Verstappen	Red Bulls

The Russian Grand Prix was cancelled .

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

7. Govt to set up 100 academies to promote archery amongst tribal children: Arjun Munda (Nov. 19, 2022)

The Union Minister for Tribal Affairs **Arjun Munda** has said the government has decided to set up 100 archery academies in the country to promote talent amongst tribal children.

While speaking at a function organised to give Janjatiya Gaurav Puraskar in New Delhi on 19 November 2022, he said that his Ministry is continuously working for enhancing educational and health facilities and also focusing on generating employment in the tribal areas.

Some of the famous tribal archers who have made India proud are **Deepika Kumari**, Limba **ram**

8. Monika Batra become the first Indian women to win a medal at the Asian Cup Table Tennis (Nov. 19, 2022)

Manika Batra first Indian women to win a medal at the Asian Cup Table Tennis

Manika Batra became the first Indian women player to win a medal at the Asian cup Table Tennis tournament. She defeated world No. 6 **Hina Hayata** of Japan in the women's singles bronze medal match in Bangkok, Thailand on 19 November 2022.

She became the 2nd Indian player to win a medal at the Asia Cup Table Tennis. Before her, **Chetan Baboor** won silver in 1997 and bronze in 2000.

The other Indian player Sathiyan Gnanasekaran, India's top-ranked men's singles player and India's national champion <u>Sharath Kamal</u> were knocked out in the opening round of men's singles.

The three-day competition (17-19 November) was organised by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU) at the **Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand.**

The Asia Cup Table tennis is an annual tournament which has been organized since 1983. The 2020 and 2021 editions were not held because of Covid-19.

9. Hyderabad host Street Circuit Car Racing before the India's first Formula E grand Prix to be held in February 2023 (Nov. 19, 2022)

Hyderabad host Street Circuit Car Racing

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and the Indian Racing League (IRL) are jointly organising **India's first ever Street Circuit Car Racing** at **Hyderabad** on 19 and 20 November 2022.

At least 22 electric racing cars are taking part in the trial run to ensure that the track is fit for the forthcoming Formula E race and all the requirements are met as per the FIA specifications.

HMDA and IRL will hold a **first-ever Formula E World Championship race in India** at Hyderabad, to be held on 10 and 11 February 2023.

Formula E race is a single-seater motor racing championship where the drivers compete in single-seater cars built by Italian constructor Wolf Racing using Aprilia engines.

10. Vice President Dhankhar to attend FIFA men's world cup 2022 opening ceremony in Qatar (Nov. 19, 2022)

FIFA men's world cup 2022 opening ceremony

According to a release from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankar** will represent India at the inauguration of the 22nd Men's <u>FIFA World Cup</u> in Qatar on 20 November 2022. Vice President Dhankhar will be visiting Qatar on November 20-21 at the invitation of **Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani,** Amir of the State of Qatar.

The 60,000-capacity **Al Bayt Stadium** in Al Khor will host the opening ceremony on 20 November 2022 just before the first match between host Qatar and Ecuador.

According to the MEA, besides attending the inaugural ceremony of the football World Cup, the vice president will also interact with members of the Indian community during his visit.

India Qatar Relations

- India and Qatar enjoy close and friendly relations with multifaceted partnerships extending to areas of trade, energy, security, defence, health, culture, and education, among others.
- In the last financial year, bilateral trade crossed USD 15 billion.
- Qatar plays an important partner in India's energy security and India participates in Qatar's food security.
- Next year, both countries will be celebrating 50 years of the establishment of full diplomatic relations.
- People-to-people ties form an important element of the bilateral relationships with over 840,000 Indians in Qatar.

FIFA men's World Cup 2022

- The 22nd FIFA men's world cup will be held in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022.
- It is the first time that an **Arab country** will host the tournament.
- It is the second world cup to be held in **Asia** after the 2002 World cup which was jointly hosted by **Japan and South Korea**.
- A total of 32 teams will participate in the world cup.

- La'eeb is the official mascot of the Cup. It is inspired by the **keffiyeh**, a traditional headdress worn by Arab men.
- The name of the football to be used during the world cup is Al **Rihla**. Al Rihla means "Journey" in Arabic.
- It has been made by the German multinational company **Adidas**.
- It is the 14th successive time that a ball made by Adidas will be used in the FIFA world cup.
- Al-Rihla is the first FIFA World cup ball to be made exclusively with water based inks and glues.

FIFA WORLD CUP

- It is an international men's senior football championship organised by FIFA and it is held every four years. No world cup was held in 1942 and 1946 due to the Second World War.
- The first world cup was held in 1930 and the 21st world cup was held in Russia.
- The 2026 Men's world cup will be jointly hosted by Canada, the United States, and Mexico.
- The current champion is **France**.
- Brazil is the most successful team in the world having won it 5 times. Italy and Germany have won it 4 times each.

Headquarter of FIFA: Zurich, Switzerland

FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)