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1. Chirag Shetty-Satwiksairaj Rankireddy wins the French open Badminton men's doubles title (Oct. 31, 2022)

Chirag Shetty-Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

The Birmingham Commonwealth gold medallist pair of Chirag **Shetty** and **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** won the **French Open Badminton 2022** men's doubles title on 30 October 2022. It was also their first <u>BWF</u> Super 750 title.

The French open Badminton 2022 was held in **Paris. France** from 25-30 October 2022.

The Indian badminton pair defeated Chinese Taipei's pair of **Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han** in the final on 30 October 2022.

This was also the first time since Partho Ganguli and Vikram Singh's triumph in 1983 that an Indian men's doubles pair won the French Open badminton title.

This was Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy's fourth BWF World Tour title. They won the Hyderabad Open 2018, the Thailand Open 2019 and India Open 2022.

The win also makes Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy the first Indian doubles pair to clinch a BWF Super 750 crown.

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Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan signs MoU with FIFA and AIFF for implementing Football4Schools initiative in India (Oct. 31, 2022)

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**, on behalf of the Ministry of Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with world football governing body FIFA and All India Football Federation (AIFF) for the 'Football4Schools' initiative in India at Mumbai on 30 October 2022.

FIFA President **Gianni Infantino**, Minister of State for Home Affairs and Youth Affairs & Sports Nisith Pramanik, President, All India Football Federation, **Kalyan Chaubey** were also present on the occasion.

The MoU was signed at the sidelines of the final of the <u>FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022</u> being held in Mumbai, which was won by **Spain**.

The Minister said that football is an immensely popular sport and the Football4Schools program uses it as a positive tool to inspire children and ensure their holistic development. He

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further said that 'Football4Schools' aims to empower 2.5 crore young boys and girls in India through sports-integrated learning.

Football4 School initiative

The Football4 School initiative has been launched by FIFA with a \$100 million budget in 2018. The initiative targets to reach over 700 million children across the world with special emphasis on reaching out to all the tribal communities of the world. Of the targeted children at least 50% of them will be girls.

The aim of the initiative is to educate children on various topics, not just about football, and to make them better citizens of their country.

Fédération internationale de Football Association(FIFA)

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It also organises the men's and women's football world cup.

It was founded in 1904 in Paris, France.

Headquarters: Zurich, Switzerland

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3. Spain successfully defend its FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup title defeating Colombia in the final (Oct. 30, 2022)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

The Spanish women won the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup title by defeating the Colombian team in the final held at **DY Patil Stadium** in Navi Mumbai on 30 October 2022. Spain has now equalled the record of **North Korea of winning the title twice.**

Spain won the 6th U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 held in Uruguay.

7th FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022

The 7th FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 was hosted by India for the first time from 11 to 30 October 2022. It was originally scheduled for 2020 but was then postponed due to COVID-19.

A total of 16 teams including Indian participated in the championship which was held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar (Odisha), the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao (Goa) and the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra).

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

- It is a biennial football tournament started by FIFA in 2008.
- It will be the second time that India hosts a FIFA tournament after the men's 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup.
- It is for the first time that India hosted a FIFA women's football tournament.
- Spain and North Korea have won the title twice.

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4. Sankar Muthusamy settles for a silver medal at the BWF World Junior Championships 2022 (Oct. 30, 2022)

Sankar Muthusamy

S Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian had to settle for a silver medal at the 22nd World Junior Badminton Championships 2022 after losing in the men's singles final in Santander, Spain on 30 October 2022. In the final he lost to Chinese Taipei's Kuo Kuan-lin.

The 22nd BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2022 was held at Santander in Spain from 17-30 October 2022. Players under 19 years of age participates in the tournament.

Medals for India in the championships

India has won an overall 10 medals at the Junior World Badminton Championship.

It has won one gold, four silvers and five bronze medals at the event.

Saina Nehwal is the sole Indian player to have won a gold medal at the championship. She won the gold medal in the 2008 World Junior Championship held at Pune, India.

The last medal for India was won by Lakshya Sen in 2018 when he won the Bronze medal.

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5. India wins Sultan of Johor Cup for the third time beating Australia in a penalty shoot out (Oct. 30, 2022)

3rd Sultan of Johor Hockey cup

The Indian junior men's hockey team held their nerves to win the penalty shootout against the Australian team to win its **3rd Sultan of Johor Hockey cup title**, at the final match played at the **Taman Daya Hockey Stadium** in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, on 29 October 2022.

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The 10th edition of the Sultan of Johar cup was held from 22-29 October 2022 in Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

In the final match India and Australia were tied 1-1 after regulation time. In the penalty shootout India won by 5-4 goals. **Sudeep Chirmako** (14') scored the goal for India in regulation time.

India has now equalled the record of Great Britain having won it three times. India has won the titles in 2013 and 2014. The Indian hockey team reached the final of the last edition in 2019 as well but lost 2-1 to Great Britain.

Indian player **Sharda Nand Tiwari** was the top goal scorer of the tournament with 7 goals and the player of the final was **Sudeep Chirmako**.

India, Australia, Great Britain, Japan, Malaysia and South African team participated in the 10th Sultan of Johar cup

Sultan of Johar Cup

The Sultan of Johar cup is a u-21 men's International Hockey championship held annually in Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

The cup was started in 2011 and the 2022 edition was the 10th edition of the tournament.

It was not held in 2020 and 2021 due to covid.

India and Great Britain have won it 3 times each.

6. Aman Sherawat wins 1st ever gold for India in the U23 World Wrestling Championship (Oct. 23, 2022)

Aman Sherawat wins 1st

16 year old Aman Sehrawat made history as he became the **first ever Indian** wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships. The U-23 World Wrestling Championships was held in **Pontevedra**, Spain from 17 -23 October 2022.

Aman Sehrawat defeated Ahmet Duman of Turkey in the final to win the gold medal.

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Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Ravi Kumar Dahiya had made the final in their categories in previous editions but could only win the silver medal.

Aman Sehrawat won gold at the U23 Asian championship and silver at the U20 Asian championship earlier this year.

India finished with six medals - one gold, one silver and four bronze at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2022.

Medal Winners for India

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<u>Sajan Bhanwala</u>	Bronze	Greco Roman 77kg
Vikas	Bronze	Greco Roman 72kg
Nitesh	Bronze	Greco Roman 97kg
Ankush	Silver	Women's 50kg
Mansi Ahlawat	Bronze	Women's 59kg
Aman Sehrawat	Gold	Men's 57kg

7. Western Air Command of IAF wins Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship (Oct. 22, 2022)

Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship

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Important facts

- The final match of the team championship was played between Western Air Command and Training Command in which Western Air Command emerged as the winner.
- The Open Singles final was played between **Corporal Pradeep** of Training Command and **Sergeant Manolin** of Western Air Command and Corporal Pradeep emerged as the winner.
- The championship was inaugurated by Air Marshal **Vibhas Pandey,** Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Headquarters MC on 17 October 2022.
- A total of eight teams comprising 48 players from seven commands of the Indian Air Force participated in the championship.
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9. Fifth Khelo India Youth Games 2022 to be held in Madhya Pradesh (Oct. 20, 2022)

Fifth Khelo India Youth Games

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** announced on 20 October 2022 that the **fifth Khelo India Youth Games-2023** will be held in **Madhya Pradesh.**

Important facts

- It will be held in eight different cities in the state.
- The eight host cities named are **Bhopal**, **Indore**, **Jabalpur**, **Gwalior**, **Ujjain**, **Maheshwar**, **Mandla and Balaghat**.
- The games will be hosted from 31st January 2023 to 11th February 2023.
- More than 8 thousand 500 athletes and sportspersons are expected to participate in this sporting event.
- The **fourth Khelo India Youth Games** was organised from June 4 to 13 at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula (Haryana), while some of its matches were also played in Chandigarh.

Khelo India Youth Games winners list

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2020	Guwahati	Maharashtra	Haryana
2021	Panchkula	Haryana	Maharashtra

Khelo India University Games winners list

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