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1. Sharath Kamal becomes the first Indian athlete to be elected to the ITTF Athletes' Commission (Nov. 17, 2022)

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Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2022 awardee [Sharath Kamal](#) has become the **first Indian player** to be elected in the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Athletes' Commission. The online elections took place between 7 to 13 November 2022

10 athletes were elected for the **ITTF Athletes' Commission** for a four-year term from 2022 to 2026.

Eight athletes were elected from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, North America, and Oceania region and two were highest-voted para-athletes.

Amongst all elected players Sharath Kamal got the **second highest votes** after 2012 table tennis World Cup silver medallist Elizabeta Samara of Romania. Sharath Kamal was also recently elected as the member of the [Athletes' Commission](#) of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

It is the governing body of Table Tennis in the world which was set up in 1926.

It is responsible for the organization of International Table Tennis tournaments including World Cups.

Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland

President of ITTF: Petra Sorling

2. Singapore to host the first International Olympic Committee Esports Week in 2023 (Nov. 17, 2022)

Esports Week in 2023

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced that its inaugural Olympic **Esports Week** will take place in **Singapore** between 22 and 25 June 2023.

Esports (Electronic sports) is a competitive sport where Esports athletes use their physical and mental abilities to compete in certain genres of video games in a virtual, electronic environment.

The Olympic Esports Week will be organized by the IOC In partnership with the Singapore government and the **Singapore National Olympic Committee (SNOC)**.

The Olympic Esports Week will showcase the best of virtual sports in hybrid physical and simulated sports.

Forthcoming Olympics Games

Summer Olympics

Paris, France in 2024

Los Angeles, United States of America in 2028

Brisbane, Australia in 2032

Winter Olympics

Milano and Cortina cities of Italy will jointly host in 2026

Youth Olympics

Gangwon ,South Korea in 2024

Dakar, Senegal 2026

International Olympic Committee (IOC)

It was founded in 1894 at the first Olympic Congress held at Paris, France. The credit for the foundation of the IOC is given to **Pierre de Coubertin of France**.

It organises the summer, winter and youth Olympics games.

Headquarters: **Lausanne**, Switzerland

President: **Thomas Bach**

3. India's basketball legend Abbas Moontasir dead (Nov. 17, 2022)

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Former India basketball captain and Arjuna awardee **Ghulam Abbas Muntasir** passed away on November 16, 2022 in Mumbai after prolonged illness. He was 80.

Important facts

- He was born in **Mumbai in 1942**. He started playing in Nagpada by the American missionaries, later he started getting inclined towards basketball.
- His basketball debut came in **1960** in an exhibition game against Australia.
- He captained the national team in the 1969 and 1975 **Asian Basketball Championships in Bangkok**.
- He was part of the Indian team at the **1970 Asian Games**, which finished sixth after topping a group that also contained China, Thailand and Malaysia.
- In the same year, Muntasir was selected in the Asian All-Star team and received the **Arjuna Award**, the first basketball player to receive this honour.
- He was suspended for three years due to constant bickering with referees and officials in the country.

- He was also among the country's sports icons who shot for the 1987 film '**Freedom Run**' to promote national integration.

4. Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang elected in IOA Athletes Commission (Nov. 15, 2022)

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Olympic medalists **MC Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang** are among 10 eminent sports persons selected as members of the **Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) Athletes Commission** on November 14, 2022.

Important facts

- The other seven members of the apex body are - Tokyo Olympics silver medallist weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu**, 2012 Olympics bronze winner shooter **Gagan Narang**, veteran table tennis player **Achanta Sharath Kamal**, hockey player **Rani Rampal**, cyclist **Bhavani Devi**, rower **Bajrang Lal** and former shot putter **OP Karhana**.
- All the 10 elected members of the apex body, five men and five women, were elected unopposed in the election.
- India's first Olympic individual gold medalist shooter **Abhinav Bindra** and former hockey captain **Sardar Singh** will join the commission as members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Asian Olympic Council (OCA), both with voting rights.
- **Bindra** was elected a member of the IOC Athletes Commission for **eight years in 2018** while **Sardar Singh** became a member of the OCA Athletes Commission for four years in **2019**.
- Under the new constitution of the Indian Olympic Association, the commission should have an equal number of female and male representatives.
- Two members of the commission will be in the IOA Executive Council whose election is to be held on December 10.

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6. Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta chosen for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022 (Nov. 14, 2022)

Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports awards 2022 on 14 November 2022. Table Tennis player **Sharath Kamal Achanta** has been selected for the country's highest sports award Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. 25 Sports persons will receive Arjuna Awards.

The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 30th November, 2022.

National Sports Awards 2022

Major Dhyan Chand Award 2022

Sharath Kamal Achanta, Table Tennis Player

Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2022:

- Seema Punia (Athletics),
- Eldhose Paul (Athletics),
- Avinash Mukund Sable (Athletics),
- Lakshya Sen (Badminton),
- HS Prannoy (Badminton),
- Amit (Boxing),
- Nikhat Zareen (Boxing),
- Bhakti Pradip Kulkarni (Chess),
- R Praggnanandhaa (Chess),
- Deep Grace Ekka (Hockey),
- Shushila Devi (Judo),
- Sakshi Kumari (Kabaddi),
- Nayan Moni Saikia (Lawn Bowl),
- Sagar Kailas Ovhalkar (Mallakhamb),
- Elavenil Valarivan (Shooting),
- Omprakash Mitharval (Shooting),
- Sreeja Akula (Table Tennis),
- Vikas Thakur (Weightlifting),
- Anshu (Wrestling),
- Sarita (Wrestling),
- Parveen (Wushu),
- Manasi Girishchandra Joshi (Para Badminton),
- Tarun Dhillon (Para Badminton),
- Swapnil Sanjay Patil (Para Swimming),
- Jerlin Anika J (Deaf Badminton).

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2022**Regular Category:**

- Jiwanjot Singh Teja (Archery),
- Mohammad Ali Qamar (Boxing),
- Suma Siddharth Shirur (Para Shooting),
- Sujeet Maan (Wrestling).

Lifetime Category:

- Dinesh Jawahar Lad (Cricket),
- Bimal Prafulla Ghosh (Football),
- Raj Singh (Wrestling).

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports and Games 2022:

- Ashwini Akkunji C (Athletics),
- Dharamvir Singh (Hockey),
- B C Suresh (Kabaddi),
- Nir Bahadur Gurung (Para Athletics).

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2022:

- **Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent category:** TransStadia Enterprises Private Limited,
- **Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility category:** Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology,
- **Sports for Development category:** Ladakh Ski & Snowboard Association.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2022:

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

Indian Sports Award

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

- It is the highest sporting award for a sports person in India. The Khel Ratna is awarded for outstanding performances in sports for over a period of four years.
- It was earlier called as **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna** and its name was changed to Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna in **2021**.
- The award was started in 1991 -92 and the **first** sports person to be awarded was the legendary Chess player **Vishwanathan Anand**.
- Pistol shooter **Abhinav Bindra**, who won the first-ever individual gold medal for India at the Olympics at Beijing 2008, is the **youngest sports person to win the Khel Ratna**. He was 18 years old when he got the award.
- **Karnam Malleswari** was the **first Indian woman to receive the Khel Ratna** in 1994-95.

Arjuna Award

It was instituted in 1961. It is given to sportspersons for consistent good performance over a period of four years.

Hockey player **Anna Lumsden** was the first **woman** to win the Arjuna Award. She was conferred the prize in 1961.

Dronacharya Award for Coaches

- It is officially called the **Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games**, for coaches who help athletes achieve excellence over a period of four years.
- The Dronacharya Award was first given in 1985, and the **first** Dronacharya Award winner was wrestling Coach **Bhalchandra Bhaskar Bhagwat**.
- The **first woman to win the Dronacharya award** was athletics coach **Renu Kohli** in 2002.

Dronacharya Lifetime award

- It was instituted in 2011.
- It is given to coaches who have helped sportspersons achieve excellence over a period of 20 years or more.
- The first recipient(s) of the Dronacharya (Lifetime) Award were athletics coach **Kuntal Roy** and hockey coach **Rajinder Singh** in 2011.

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement

It was instituted in 2002. It is given to a sports person for good performance and contribution towards the promotion of sports in an individual capacity.

The first recipients of the Major Dhyan Chand Award were Olympian boxer **Shahuraj Birajdar**, Indian men's hockey team player **Ashok Diwan** and **Aparna Ghosh**, an accomplished player and coach with the Indian women's basketball team.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy

- It is the **oldest** National Sports Awards in India which was instituted in 1956-1957.
- The award is given to the University for Top Performance in inter-university tournaments over the last one year.
- **Bombay University was the first winner** of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy.
- **Guru Nanak Dev University** from Amritsar, Punjab has won it a record **23 times**.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

It was instituted in 2009 .It is awarded to organisations or corporates (both private and public) and individuals for playing a role in the area of sports promotion and development over the last three years.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award

It was set up in 1994 in the memory of **Tenzing Norgay**. He is an Indian of Nepali origin who along with a New Zealand mountaineer **Edmund Hillary** scaled Mount Everest on **29 May 1953**.

The award is given in adventure sports like mountaineering, skydiving, and open water swimming.

7. Sri Lanka to host U-19 Men's T-20 World Cup 2024 (Nov. 14, 2022)

Sri Lanka to host U-19 Men's T-20 World Cup 2024

The International cricket governing body [International Cricket Council](#) (ICC) on 13 November 2022, announced host countries for U19 events between 2024 and 2027. The name of the host was announced after the Board meeting of the ICC was held at **Melbourne**, Australia on 12 November 2022.

The ICC U19 Men's ODI Cricket World Cup 2024 will be hosted by **Sri Lanka** while the 2026 edition will be staged in **Zimbabwe and Namibia**.

The ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 will be held in **Malaysia and Thailand**, and the 2027 event will be jointly hosted by **Bangladesh and Nepal**.

The **first ever** ICC U19 Women's T20 world cup will be held in **South Africa** in January 2023.

ICC also declared the qualification pathway for the 10-team 2024 women's T20 World Cup to be hosted by **Bangladesh**. Eight teams will qualify for the event automatically comprising the top three teams from each group from 2023, T20 World Cup.

The remaining two teams will be identified through the 10-team ICC Women's T20 World Cup Global Qualifier.

The qualification pathway for the 14-team men's World Cup 2027 was also decided with ten teams gaining automatic qualification. The remaining four teams will qualify via the ICC CWC Global Qualifier.

The ICC men's World Cup ODI 2027 will be jointly hosted by **South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia**.

8. Greg Barclay re-elected as ICC chairman (Nov. 14, 2022)

Greg Barclay re-elected as ICC chairman

Greg Barclay has been unanimously re-elected as chairman of the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** for a second **two-year term** on 13 November, 2022.

Important facts

- Barkley has been **re-elected** as independent president for a second two-year term. Barkley was elected unopposed after Zimbabwe's **Tawengwa Mukuhlani** withdrew.
- Barkley was appointed as the IIC President in **November 2020**. At the same time, BCCI secretary Jay Shah was elected as the head of the powerful Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee of the ICC.
- Greg Barclay-Hale was the President of **New Zealand Cricket (NZC)** and also served as the **Director of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015**.

About International Cricket Council (ICC)

- It is the **global governing body** for cricket.
- It was **founded in 1909** as the Imperial Cricket Conference by representatives from **England, Australia and South Africa**.
- In **1989**, its name was changed to **International Cricket Council (ICC)**.
- Representing 108 members, it regulates and administers the game of cricket and works with members to develop the game.
- It presides over the ICC Code of Conduct, playing conditions, decision review system and other ICC regulations.
- Headquarter - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

9. Kerala Governor inaugurates the IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022 (Nov. 12, 2022)

Kerala Governor inaugurates the IBSA Blind Football Women's

Kerala Governor **Arif Muhammad Khan** on 12 November 2022 inaugurated the IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022 at **Kochi**, Kerala.

The IBSA Blind Football Women's Asian/Oceania Championship 2022 is being held at Kochi from 9 -20 November 2022.

International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA)

The International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) was set up in 1981 in Paris, France.

It is the governing body for the Paralympic sports of goalball, judo and blind football.

Headquarters: **Bonn, Germany**

Sandro Di Girolamo of Italy is the current IBSA President.

10. England wins the ICC T20 Men's world cup second time by beating Pakistan in the final (Nov. 13, 2022)

England wins the ICC T20 Men's world cup

The England men's cricket team won its second [ICC](#) T20 men's cricket world cup by defeating Pakistan in the final played at the **Melbourne** cricket stadium on 13 November 2022. The England team is the current ICC ODI (One Day International) world champion 2019 and it earlier won the ICC T20 men's world cup in 2010.

England are the first men's team in history to hold both the 50-over and 20-over World Cups simultaneously.

The captain of the Pakistani team was **Babar Azam** while the English side was led by **Jos Butler**.

Brief Score ;

Batting first Pakistan scored 137 for 5 wickets in their allotted 20 overs.

England scored 138 for the loss of 5 wickets in 19 overs .

Player of the **Final** : **Sam Curran** of England for his spell of 3 wickets for 12 runs.

Player of the World Cup : **Sam Curran** of England for his 13 wickets in the tournament.

8th ICC Men's World Cup 2022 highlights

- It was organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in **Australia** from 16 October to 13 November 2022. Originally it was to be held in 2020 but was postponed to 2022 due to covid.

- Australia, New Zealand, England , South Africa , India, Bangladesh ,Pakistan and Afghanistan automatically qualified for the Super 12 .
- Sri Lanka, Ireland, Netherlands and Zimbabwe won their qualification round to play in the Super 12 group.
- For the first time **West Indies** failed to qualify for the super 12 stage of the tournament.
- **Virat Kohli** was the highest run scorer in the tournament with 296 runs in six innings .
- He also broke the record of Sri Lankan player **Mahela Jayewardene** of 1016 runs in the T20 World Cup. Kohli now has a total of 1141 runs in the
- T 20 world cup .
- Maximum wickets in the T20 world cup : **Wanindu Hasaranga** of Sri Lanka, 15 wickets

History of the ICC T20 Men's World Cup

Serial No	Year	Host	Winner	Runners-Up
1	2007	South Africa	India	Pakistan
2	2009	England	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
3	2010	West Indies	England	Australia
4	2012	Sri Lanka	West Indies	Sri Lanka
5	2014	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka	India
6	2016	India	West Indies	England
7	2021	UAE,Oman	Australia	New Zealand
8	2022	Australia	England	Pakistan
9	2024	West Indies, United States		
10	2026	India,Sri Lanka		
11	2028	Australia ,New Zealand		
12	2030	England, Wales, Ireland & Scotland		