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1. FIFA World Cup 2022 to be played from Nov 20 in Qatar (Nov. 9, 2022)

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The **FIFA World Cup 2022** will be played in five cities of **Qatar** from **November 20 to December 18, 2022** this year. It is the first Football World Cup to be held in winter, as well as the first Football World Cup to be hosted by an **Arab country.**

Important facts

- In the inaugural match, hosts Qatar will take on South American country **Ecuador** at the **Al Bayt Stadium** on the 20th November.
- 28 teams have been placed in eight groups, the final will be played at the Lusail Stadium on the 18th of December.
- Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli has been included in the list of 12 players dominated by the English Premier League.
- Brazil will start their World Cup campaign against Serbia on 24 November.

About FIFA World Cup

- The FIFA World Cup is an international football competition played by the senior men's national teams of members of **FIFA**, **the sport's global governing body**.
- It was started in the year 1930, after that it is organised every four years.
- The defending champions are the **France** national football team that won the 2018 tournament in France.
- The most successful team of the tournament is **Brazil** which has won the title **5 times.**
- FIFA World Cup 2022 will be organised in Qatar this year.
- Lieb as the official mascot for the FIFA World Cup 2022. Laib is an Arabic word, which means a player with special qualities and abilities.
- FIFA World Cup 2026 will be hosted for the first time by three countries which include the US, Mexico and Canada.

2. Caroline Garcia of France beats Aryna Sabalenka to win the WTA Finals 2022 title (Nov. 8, 2022)

WTA Finals 2022 title

Caroline Garcia of France won the **WTA** (Women Tennis Association) Finals 2022 with a straight-sets victory over **Aryna Sabalenka** on 7 November 2022.

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The season ending WTA tournament in which the top ranked women players participate ,was held at **Forth Worth, Texas** in the United States of America from 31st October -7 November 2022.

Caroline Garcia is the second Frenchwoman to win the tournament after Amelie Mauresmo in 2005.

Sabalenka was not playing under the Belarus flags as the WTA has suspended the players from Belarus and Russia to participate under their national flags due to the Ukraine war.

Iga Swiatek of Poland finished the 2022 tennis year as the top ranked women player.

Women Tennis Association (WTA)

It was founded by the legendary women Tennis player Billie Jean King in 1973 as an association of professional women tennis players in the world.

The WTA organises women's tennis tournaments called Tour comprising over 50 events and four Grand Slams. The Tour culminates with the WTA Finals.

The WTA's corporate headquarters is in **St. Petersburg, Florida**, with its European headquarters in London and its Asia-Pacific headquarters in Beijing.

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Important facts

- The match ended with a **4:1 victory** for Thapa, who has now become the **most** successful male boxer at the Asian Championships, with 6 competition medals to his name.
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Important facts

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- He has scored these runs at a strike rate of 186.24.
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ICC Player of the Month for October 2022.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), on 7 November 2022 announced the winners of the 'Players of the Month Awards' for November 2022.

These awards rate the best performances in a particular month from both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket.

Male cricketer of the Month

Former Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli was named as the ICC Player of the Month for October 2022.

He beat Sikandar Raza of Zimbabwe's and South Africa's David Miller for the award.

According to the ICC the 33-year-old Kohli batted in only four innings in October but he played out three memorable knocks, including a magical 82* against Pakistan in the T20 World Cup.

Other ICC Awards for Virat Kohli

- Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy (ICC Cricketer of the Year): 2017, 2018
- ICC ODI Player of the Year: 2012, 2017
- ICC Test Team of the Year: 2017 (captain)
- Padma Shri: 2017
- ICC ODI Team of the Year: 2012, 2014, 2016 (captain), 2017 (captain)
- Sir Garfield Sobers award for ICC Male Cricketer of the Decade (2010-2020)
- ICC Men's ODI Player of the Decade (2010- 2020)

Female cricketer of the Year

Pakistan's all-rounder Nida Dar has been named as the ICC Women's Player of the Month thanks to her sensational form in the <u>Women's Asia Cup 2022.</u>

India's Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma were also nominated for the award alongside Dar.

International Cricket Council (ICC)

It is an international body which governs the men's and women's international cricket.

It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 and was later converted into the International Cricket Conference in 1965.

In 1987 it was renamed as the International Cricket Council.

Members: 106 members.

There are two categories of members in ICC.

Full members: There are 12 full member countries which are qualified to play test matches. They are India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ireland and Afghanistan.

Ireland and Afghanistan were granted full membership in 2017.

Associate members: There are 94 Associate members. They are not authorized to play test cricket but they do participate in other tournaments of ICC or at the regional level recognised by ICC.

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Chairman of ICC: Greg Barclay of New Zealand

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICC: Geoff Allardice of Australia

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Paris Masters 2022

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Important facts

- Rune took the decisive lead, leaving 35-year-old Serbian Djokovic behind. Rune stopped Djokovic from winning a record 39th Masters title.
- The 19-year-old Rune, who is the former junior doubles partner of top-order Carlos Alcaraz, saved six break points in the match.
- Rune became the youngest-ever Paris Masters champion since Boris Becker, who at the time was 18 years old, having won in 1986.
- Rune's victory also ensured that he would be the first Danish player after nearly 50 years to be ranked in the top 10.
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BWF Para World Championships 2022

Paralympic champion **Pramod Bhagat** and teenager **Manisha Ramadass** won gold for India at the <u>BWF</u> Para Badminton World Championship 2022. The BWF Para Badminton World Championship 2022 for badminton players with disabilities was held in **Tokyo**, Japan from 1-6 November 2022.

Pramod Bhagat who won the gold medal at the 2019 edition of the BWF Para Badminton World Championship, successfully defended his singles title by defeating Nitesh Kumar of India in the SL3 category.

17 year old Manisha Ramadass won her first gold medal at the event by defeating Japanese Mamiko Toyoda in the women's singles SU5 finals.

India ended the championship with 16 medals.