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1. Former Indian Hockey captain 'Dilip Tirkey' elected new Hockey India President (Sept. 24, 2022)

Former Indian men's Hockey team captain Dilip Tirkey was elected as the new Hockey India (HI) president unopposed on 23 September 2022.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has also approved Dilip Tirkey and his team's appointments.

The 44 year old Dilip Tirkey of Odisha, represented India at three Olympic Games and was a member of the Indian team that won the gold medal at the 1998 Asian Games in Bangkok and silver at the 2012 edition. He was also part of the team which won gold medals in the 2003 and 2007 editions of the Asia Cup.

Earlier the Delhi High court in a ruling on 26 May 2022 had dismissed the Hockey India President Narinder Batra and appointed a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) headed **by former Supreme Court Judge A.S Dave** to run the day-to-day affairs of Hockey India and conduct the elections in Hockey India .

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Hockey India :

- It was set up in 2009 by the Indian Olympic Association to replace the Indian Hockey Federation.
- It is the main body which conducts all the male and female hockey in India.
- Headquarters: **New Delhi**

2. Supreme Court appoints Justice 'L Nageswara Rao' to frame the constitution of IOA and oversee its election (Sept. 22, 2022)

The Supreme Court on 22 September 2022, has appointed former Supreme Court judge L Nageswara Rao to prepare a road map for amending the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) constitution and conducting the election of the IOA by December 15, 2022.

This move of the court comes after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on September 8 issued a final warning to IOA to "resolve its governance issues" and hold elections by December, failing which the world sports body will ban India.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Background to the Issue :

- The IOA President **Narendra Batra** had to resign after the Delhi High Court ruled on 26 May 2022 that provision of life membership and life president in Hockey India was illegal.

- Narendra Batra contested and won the election of the IOA in 2017.
- He contested the election as being the Life Member and Life President in Hockey India.
- The Supreme Court upheld the Delhi high court order and asked the IOA to frame a new constitution which was in conformity with the National Sports guidelines of the country.
- However this move of the Court was seen as an interference by the IOC and it warned that it will suspend IOA.

3. Asian Cricket Council announces schedule of eighth edition of Women Asia Cup 2022 (Sept. 21, 2022)

Asian Cricket Council's President Jay Shah announced the schedule of the eighth edition of the Women Asia Cup 2022 on twitter on 21 September 2022.

The Asia cup will be held in **Bangladesh** from 1 October to 15 October 2022.

A total of **seven teams** from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, and United Arab Emirates.

The semi-finals will be played on October 13 and the title clash on October 15.

The Women's Asia Cup has been played in the **T20 format** since 2012.

The **first Asia Women's cup** was held in 2004 in Sri Lanka which was won by India.

Bangladesh won the last 2018 Asia cup with the 2020 edition being postponed due to covid.

India has won the tournament **maximum 6 times**.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Asian Cricket Council (ACC) :

- **It was set up in 1983 to promote cricket in Asia.**
- All the test playing nations of Asia are its members namely. India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.
- Headquarters: **Kuala Lumpur , Malaysia**
- Chairman: **Jay Shah**

4. Assamese swimmer Elvis Ali Hazarika becomes the first from North East to cross North Channel (Sept. 21, 2022)

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- It took Elvis and his team **14 hours and 38 minutes** to achieve the feat.
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What is the North Channel ?

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6. Bangladesh win SAFF Women's Football Championship for the first time (Sept. 20, 2022)

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IMPORTANT FACTS -

- In the tournament, Bangladesh captain **Sabina Khatun** scored the most goals in five matches with eight goals.
- She was adjudged the **best player of the tournament** for her outstanding performance. The Bangladesh team was also given the **Fair Play Award**.
- Bangladesh goalkeeper **Rupana Chakma** was named the **best goalkeeper**. In the tournament, she blocked most of the goals scored against Bangladesh and allowed only one goal.
- **5-time champion India** failed to play in the final of the sixth edition.
- **Nepal** knocked out India in the semifinals.

SAFF Women's football Championship :

- Currently the member countries of SAFF are **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka**.
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8. Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurates All India Police Judo Cluster in New Delhi (Sept. 20, 2022)

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur inaugurated the 7th edition of the All India Police Judo Cluster 2022 at the Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex in New Delhi on 19 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The event is being organized by **Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF)** and will be held from 19-24 September 2022.
- More than 1,500 players from 41 teams are participating in the competition.

9. 1000 Khelo India center to be set up by 2023: Anurag Thakur (Sept. 19, 2022)

Speaking at a function in Mumbai, the Union Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Thakur on 18 September 2022 said that one thousand Khelo India sports centers will be set up in the country by 2023. He said that the government has so far approved 590 centers.

IMPORTANT FACTS -***Khelo India Sports Center Scheme :***

- The Khelo India Centers have been launched by the Union Sports Ministry in partnership with the state governments to ensure the availability of grassroots-level sports infrastructure across the country.
- **In June 2020 the** Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports had announced plans to set up 1000 new Khelo India Centers, all over India. At least **each district** of the country will have **one Khelo India Sports Center**.
- An exception has been made for the North-East states, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Ladakh where **two centers** are to be established per district.

What will the Khelo India Sports Center Do ?

- The center will focus on developing sports infrastructure and provide training to the sportsperson in one discipline.
- The respective state governments will have to hire former athletes to facilitate the management of these centers in a proposed low-cost and effective sports training mechanism.
- The central government will provide financial assistance for the remuneration of the past champion athletes as coach, support staff, purchase of equipment, sports kits, consumables, participation in competition and events.

10. Bajrang Punia wins Bronze medal at the 17th Wrestling World Championship 2022 (Sept. 19, 2022)

The Tokyo Olympic Bronze medallist Bajrang Punia won a bronze medal at the 17th Wrestling World Championships 2022 by defeating Puerto Rico's Sebastian Rivera in the men's 65kg freestyle category on 18 September 2022.

The 17th Wrestling World Championships 2022 was held at **Belgrade, Serbia** from 10 -18 September 2022.

This was the **fourth medal** for Bajrang Punia in the Wrestling World Championships.

Earlier, he won bronze at Budapest (Hungary) 2013, silver at Budapest 2018 and bronze at Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan) 2019.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- ***Other Medal winners for India :***
- In the 17th Wrestling World Championship 2022, India won two medals.
- Apart from Bajrang Punia, **Vinesh Phogat** won a bronze medal in women's 53kg freestyle.