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- The **61st edition** of the tournament will be staged across four venues in Delhi till 13th of October.
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5. Suresh Raina Announces Retirement from All Forms of Cricket (Sept. 6, 2022)

Former India and Uttar Pradesh cricket player, Suresh Raina has announced his retirement from "all formats of cricket," confirming the end of his IPL and India domestic career. He had already retired from International cricket in 2020.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

His International performance :

- He started his domestic career for Uttar Pradesh in the 2002-03 season. He played for India in 2005 for the first time in an One Day International Match against Sri Lanka.
- Raina played 226 ODIs, 78 T20Is and 18 Tests for India, and was part of the squad that won the ODI World Cup in 2011.
- He was the **first Indian batter to score a century in all three international formats**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

IPL Performance :

- He was very successful in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Raina was a key player for the Chennai Super Kings, whom he represented for 11 seasons between 2008 and 2021.
- He won four IPL titles with CSK in 2010, 2011, 2018 and 2021 and still remains their top-scorer with 4687 runs from 176 matches.
- He was released by Chennai Super Kings ahead of the 2022 player auction, where he was not bought by any of the ten franchises.

6. Arjun Maini claims second position at Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe (Sept. 5, 2022)

India's Mercedes-AMG driver Arjun Maini claimed the second position at the Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe at Hockenheim, Germany on 5 September 2022.

GT World Challenge is a very competitive platform for GT3 motor car racing in Europe.

The Bangalore-based driver, Arjun Maini along with Hubert Haupt and Florian Scholze of team **HRT** finished at the 2nd position in the gold class.

This was the second podium finish for them, and they are currently placed fourth in the Championship.

7. Ahmedabad will have world's biggest sports city (Sept. 5, 2022)

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9. Naveen Patnaik congratulates Odisha Juggernaut on winning Ultimate Kho Kho title (Sept. 5, 2022)

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik congratulated the **Odisha Juggernauts** on winning the title of the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho, and announced prize money of Rs 1 crore for the team.

Odisha Juggernauts won the inaugural edition of the Ultimate Kho Kho after beating Telugu Yoddhas in the final held on 4 September at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Mahalunge, **Pune**, Maharashtra.

India's first-ever professional Kho Kho League, Ultimate Kho Kho, is promoted by Mr. Amit Burman in a collaboration with the Kho Kho Federation of India.

Six teams Chennai Quick Guns (KLO Sports), Gujarat Giants (Adani Sportsline), Mumbai Khiladis (Badshah, Punit Balan & Janhavi Dhariwal Balan), Odisha Juggernauts (Odisha Sports Development and Promotion Company), Rajasthan Warriors (Capri Global) and Telugu Yoddhas (GMR Sports) participated in the league.

10. Amit Shah unveils, 'Savaj' , mascot for the 36th National Games (Sept. 4, 2022)

Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperatives Amit Shah unveiled the Logo and Mascot of the 36th National Games at the EKA Arena TransStadia in Ahmedabad on 4 September 2022.

- The mascot is named as **Savaj** which means cub in Gujarati. It is a lion cub.
- The theme of the anthem is **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**.
- The theme of the 36th National Games is 'Sports **for Unity**.'

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and other distinguished guests were present.

36th National Games :

- The National Games will see a total of 36 sports and participation from all 28 states and eight Union Territories.
- Yogasana and Mallakhamba sports will be introduced for the first time in the National Games.
- The Games will take place in six cities of Gujarat -- Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar.
- In the previous edition in Kerala in 2015, there were 33 sports.
- The Games are happening after a gap of five years.

- Goa was to hold this edition of the Games but multiple delays, mainly due to infrastructure-related issues, led to postponement several times.
- Services Sports Promotion Board topped the medal charts in each of the three previous editions.