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1. Jonny Bairstow, Marizanne Kapp win ICC Player of the Month award for June (July 13, 2022)

England batsman Jonny Bairstow was awarded the Men's Player of the Month by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for June 2022.

Important facts

- Bairstow beat compatriot Joe Root and New Zealand's Daryl Mitchell to win the award.
- Bairstow had scored centuries in both the innings of the fifth Test against India and led England to victory. Apart from this, he also performed brilliantly in the Test series against New Zealand.
- In Women's Cricket, South Africa's Marizanne Cap has been selected for the ICC Player of the Month for the month of June.
- Marizanne Cap became the second ICC female player from South Africa to receive this award after Lizelle Lee.
- The ICC Player of the Month Award is given by the International Cricket Council every month from January 2021.

ICC Player of the Month List 2022

Month	Winner Male	Winner Female
January 2022	Keegan Peterson (South Africa)	Heather Knight (England)
February 2022	Shreyas Iyer (India)	Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
March 2022	Babar Azam (Pakistan)	Rachel Haynes (Australia)
April 2022	Keshav Maharaj (South Africa)	Alyssa Healy (Australia)
May 2022	Angelo Mathews (Sri Lanka)	Tuba Hassan (Pakistan)

2. Gujarat will host the 36th National Games in September, 2022 (July 11, 2022)

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced that the 36th National Games will be held in Gujarat for the first time from 27 September to 10 October.

- **Important facts**

- The prestigious event is being organised after a gap of seven years, last held in Kerala in 2015.
- Competitions will be held in six cities of the state namely Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar.
- Around 7000 players from across the country will participate in 36 sports.
- Indoor and outdoor events like Athletics, Hockey, Football, Volleyball, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, Judo, Kushmi, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho etc. will be organised.
- The 36th National Games were to be held in Goa in May 2020 but were postponed indefinitely due to the spread of COVID-19.

- **About Gujarat State**

- Formation - 1 May 1960
- Gujarat is also known as 'The Land of Legends'.
- The Gir Forest National Park in Gujarat is home to the only wild population of Asiatic Lions in the world.
- Gujarat is the main producer of cotton, tobacco and groundnut in the country.
- Garba is the main traditional dance of Gujarat.
- Lothal was the ancient city of Gujarat where India's first port was established.
- Capital- Gandhinagar
- Governor- Acharya Devvrat
- Chief Minister- Bhupendrabhai Patel
- Assembly seats-182
- Rajya Sabha seats- 11

3. Wimbledon 2022 : Novak Djokovic Beats Nick Kyrgios For Fourth Consecutive Title (July 11, 2022)

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- **Important facts**

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- Rafael Nadal of Spain holds the record for winning the most Grand Slam titles in men's singles. Nadal has won 22 Grand Slam titles so far.
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- **Djokovic's Grand Slam title**
- French Open- 02
- US Open - 3
- Australian Open - 9
- Wimbledon - 7
- Other winners of Wimbledon 2022

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Men's singles category	Novak Djokovic	Serbia
Women's singles category	Elena Rybkina	Kazakhstan
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5. Sports Ministry launches online portal for schemes, awards for sportspersons (July 9, 2022)

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched an **online portal** for schemes, awards for sportspersons on 8th July.

• Important facts

- The ministry launched an online portal for **schemes of the sports department**, website of **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** and **revised scheme** of cash rewards, national welfare and pension for **sportspersons**.
- Active sports persons can now apply online on the sports department's portal while corporates, PSUs and individuals can contribute to the NSDF fund on its new website.
- This will help in bringing transparency and accountability, besides giving a boost to the 'Digital India Mission' of the government.
- This will help the players to apply online and get their money in limited time.
- **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)**

- Established in 1998 under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890
- Its purpose is to provide speed and flexibility in assisting sports.
- The fund helps sportspersons achieve excellence by providing them technical as well as opportunities to be trained by coaches of international repute.
- It provides financial assistance for development of infrastructure and other activities to promote sports.
- The fund is managed by a council constituted by the central government.
- Chairperson - Union Minister in charge of Youth Affairs and Sports

6. Ranji Trophy 2021-22: Madhya Pradesh became champion after defeating Mumbai in the final (June 27, 2022)

Madhya Pradesh team won the Ranji Trophy 2021-22 title by defeating Mumbai in the final match.

- Madhya Pradesh won the tournament for the first time by defeating Mumbai by six wickets in the final match played at M Chinnaswamy, Bengaluru.
- Madhya Pradesh has become the 20th team to win the Ranji Trophy.
- Player of the match in the final - Shubham Sharma (Madhya Pradesh)
- Most runs in the tournament - Sarfaraz Khan (982) (Mumbai)
- Most wickets in the tournament - Shams Mulani (45) (Mumbai)
- Karnataka in 2014-15, Mumbai in 2015-16, Gujarat in 2016-17, Vidarbha in 2017-18 and 2018-19, Saurashtra in 2019-20 and Madhya Pradesh in 2021-22 have become champions.
- **Ranji Trophy Tournament**
 - The Ranji Trophy tournament has been played since 1934.
 - The first match was played between Madras and Mysore at the Chepauk Ground from 4 November 1934.
 - Mumbai has won this tournament the most 41 times.
 - For the first time in 86 years, last year (2020/21 season) Ranji Trophy had to be cancelled due to Corona.
 - Ranji Trophy is named after Maharaja Ranjit Singh.
 - Number of teams- 37
 - Most runs - Wasim Jaffer (10665), 1996-present
 - Most wickets - Rajinder Goyal (640), 1958-1985

7. India's women's wrestling team has won the Under-17 Asian Championship title (June 23, 2022)

India's women's wrestling team has won the Under-17 Asian Championship title in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

- India topped with 235 points with eight gold, one silver and one bronze medals.
- Japan finished second with 143 points and Mongolia third with 138 points.
- Women's wrestling's bouts were organised in 5 weight categories.
- Ritika won the gold medal in 43 kg, Ahilya Sinde in 49 kg, Shiksha in 57 kg, Priya in 73 kg and Pulkit in 65 kg.
- Apart from this, competitions were also held in three weight categories of freestyle and Parvinder Singh bagged gold in 80 kg while Narendra won silver in 71 kg.

8. International Olympic Day (June 23, 2022)

International Olympic Day is celebrated every year on 23 June.

- The International Olympic Committee was established in Paris on 23 June 1894.
- International Olympic Day was first celebrated in 1948.
- In 1948, a total of 9 countries celebrated this day in their respective countries.
- But with the energy and positivity with which Olympians have inspired millions across the world over time, the celebration has now become a global one.
- Despite any discrimination based on age, gender, etc National Olympic Committees across the world organise creative events based on the three pillars 'Move, Learn and Discover'.
- The theme of International Olympic Day 2022 is 'Together, for a Peaceful World'.
- **Tokyo Olympics 2020**
 - The 32nd edition of the Olympics was held in Tokyo, Japan from July 23 to August 08, 2021.
 - Tokyo has become the first city in Asia to host the Olympics twice, hosting the successful Olympic Games in 1964 and 2020
- **Top 5 countries in medal tally**
 - United States - 113 (Gold: 39, Silver: 41, Bronze: 33)
 - China - 88 (Gold: 38, Silver: 32, Bronze: 18)
 - Japan - 58 (Gold: 27, Silver: 14, Bronze: 17)

- Great Britain - 65 (Gold: 22, Silver: 21, Bronze: 22)
- Russian Olympic Committee - 71 (Gold: 20, Silver: 28, Bronze: 23)
- India - 7 (Gold: 1, Silver: 2, Bronze: 4)
- By winning 7 medals this time, India broke the previous record of 6 medals in the 2012 London Olympics.
- The motto for Tokyo Olympics 2020 was 'United by Emotion'.
- The mascot of Tokyo Olympics 2020 was 'Miraitova'.
- The next Olympics will be held in Paris, the capital of France, in 2024.

9. Sunil Chhetri becomes joint 5th highest goalscorer in international football history (June 22, 2022)

Indian men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri has become the joint fifth highest goalscorer in international football history.

- Sunil Chhetri scored his 84th international goal against Hong Kong during the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup 2023 Qualifier and achieved the feat by equaling the record held by Real Madrid and Hungarian football legend Ferenc Puskas.
- He is now behind only Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Argentina's Lionel Messi among active footballers.
- He is at number three after Ronaldo and Messi in the list of active footballers with international goals.
- Cristiano Ronaldo tops the list of highest goalscorers in international football.

• Top 5 International Goal Scorers in the World

- Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) - 117 goals
- Ali Dei (Iran) - 109 goals
- Mokhtar Dahari (Malaysia) - 89 goals
- Lionel Messi (Argentina) - 86 goals
- Sunil Chhetri (India) and Ferenc Puskas (Hungary) - 84 goals

10. 'Shabash Mithu' - A biopic on former Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj (June 21, 2022)

'**Shabash Mithu**' is a biopic on former Indian women's cricket team captain and veteran cricketer **Mithali Raj**.

- Taapsee Pannu will be seen in the role of Mithali Raj in this film.

• The director of this film is Srijit Mukherjee and its story is written by Priya Aven.

- **About Mithali Raj**

- Mithali, who played her first international match on June 26, 1999, achieved many important achievements in her career spanning 23 years.
- He represented Team India in 12 Test matches, 232 ODIs and 89 T20Is in his career.
- He scored 7805 runs in one-day cricket with 7 centuries and 64 fifties, 699 runs in Test matches with 1 century and 4 fifties and 2364 runs in T20 cricket with 17 fifties.

- **Records registered in the name of Mithali Raj**

- Mithali Raj is the first female cricketer to play a record six World Cups.
- Mithali is also the only female cricketer to play 200 ODIs.
- She is the only female cricketer to score more than 7,000 runs in One Day Internationals.
- She is the first player to score 7 consecutive fifties in ODIs.
- Apart from this, she holds the record for most fifties in women's ODIs.
- She is also the first woman cricketer to score 2000 T20Is.
- She also holds the record for scoring the most 10,868 runs in women's cricket.