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1. FIFA World Cup 2026 (June 20, 2022)

FIFA World Cup 2026, the biggest football event, will be hosted by three countries for the first time, which includes America, Mexico and Canada.

- It will be organised in 16 cities in the US, Canada and Mexico.
- The 16 host cities will be: Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Guadalajara, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Miami, Monterey, New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto and Vancouver.
- The US is going to host the men's World Cup matches for the first time since 1994.
- It will also be the first time that 48 teams will participate in the tournament, which is more than the 32 teams playing in the FIFA World Cup 2022 to be held in Qatar from 21 November to 18 December.
- Mexico also hosted the FIFA World Cup in 1970 and 1986.
- **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.
- Lieke Martens as the official mascot for the FIFA World Cup 2022. Laib is an Arabic word, which means a player with special qualities and abilities.

2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the historic torch relay of 44th Chess Olympiad (June 20, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the historic torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi on 19 June.

- The 44th Chess Olympiad will be held in Chennai from July 28 to August 10.
- Held since 1927, this competition is being hosted for the first time in India and after 30 years in Asia.
- India is the first country to have the Chess Olympiad torch relay.
- FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovic handed over the torch to the Prime Minister, who in turn handed it over to Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand.

- The torch will be carried to 75 cities over a period of 40 days before its final finale at Mahabalipuram near Chennai.
- Chess masters of the state will get torches at every place.
- More than two thousand players from 188 countries will participate in the Chess Olympiad.

- **About Chess Olympiad**

- It is a biennial team event, in which teams from around 190 countries compete for honours over a period of two weeks.
- This championship has been organised since 1927.
- International Chess Federation (FIDE) organises the tournament and selects the host nation.
- FIDE is an international organisation based in Switzerland that links various national chess federations and serves as the governing body of international chess competition.
- It was founded in Paris, France, on July 20, 1924.
- In 1999, FIDE was recognized by the International Olympic Committee.
- FIDE President - Arkady Dvorkovich

- **Indian champion**

- Vishwanathan Anand of India is the only Indian player who has won a World Chess title .
- He has won it five times 2000,2007,2008,2010,2012.

3. FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup to be organised in India (June 18, 2022)

FIFA recently announced the schedule of the Under-17 Women's World Cup, in which India has been selected as the host country.

- The matches will be shared between the three host states Goa, Odisha and Maharashtra.
- Its semi-final will be held at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa, while the final match will be played at Navi Mumbai's DY Patil Stadium on October 30, 2022.
- It is an international football tournament organised by FIFA for female players under the age of 17.
- It is held in even-numbered years and was first played in the year 2008.
- Its current champions are Spain, who won their first title in the 2018 tournament held in Uruguay.
- **Upcoming sporting events**

ICC Cricket World Cup 2023	India
Asia Cup Cricket Tournament 2022	Pakistan
Summer Olympics 2024	Paris
FIFA World Cup 2022	Qatar
Asian Games 2022	China

4. Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concludes, Haryana on top with 137 medals (June 15, 2022)

Host Haryana secured the first position in the medal tally by winning a total of 137 medals including 52 gold medals.

- Maharashtra finished second with 125 medals including 45 gold.
- Karnataka finished third with 67 medals, winning 22 gold, 17 silver and 28 bronze.
- Host Haryana fielded the largest contingent with 398 athletes, followed by Maharashtra with 357 athletes. A total of 33 states won at least one medal in KIYG 2021 while 28 won at least one gold.
- Karnataka swimmer Anish Gowda won the maximum six gold medals.
- This was Haryana's second KIYG title. Haryana won the inaugural title in 2018 but finished second behind Maharashtra in the next two seasons.

• Khelo India Youth Games 2021

- Fourth Khelo India Youth Games was organised from June 4 to 13 at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula(Haryana), while some of its matches were also played in Chandigarh.
- The 4th Khelo India Youth Games was formally inaugurated by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- In the Khelo India Youth Games 2021, 4,700 athletes competed for 269 gold, 269 silver and 358 bronze in 25 sports, including 2,262 girls.
- For the first time, five traditional sports have been included in the fourth Khelo India Youth Games. These games include Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta, Mallakhamb and Yoga.
- Among them, Gatka, Kalaripayattu and Thang-Ta are traditional martial arts, while Mallakhamb and Yoga are fitness related sports.
- This time Khelo India Youth Games is being jointly organised by Haryana Government and Sports Authority of India (SAI), Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- This competition was started in 2018 in New Delhi under the name Khelo India School Games.

- The mascot of Khelo India Youth Games-2022 will be in the form of a cow, named
- 'Dhakad'.

5. Rafael Nadal wins French Open title (June 10, 2022)

Spain's Rafael Nadal defeated Kaspar Rood of Norway 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in the men's singles final of the French Open tennis tournament to win his 14th singles title of the tournament.

- With this win, 36-year-old Nadal has become the oldest player ever to win the title at Roland Garros.
- This is his 22nd Grand Slam title.
- In the women's singles final, world number one Inga Svetik of Poland defeated Coco Gauff of America 6-1, 6-3 to win her second Grand Slam.
- **List of winners of French Open 2022**

Title	The winner	Runner up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Kaspar Roode (Norwegian)
women's singles	Inga Svetik (Poland)	Coco Gough (USA)
men's couple	Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador), Jean-Julien Roger (Netherlands)	Ivan Dodig (Croatian), Austin Krajicek (USA)
female couple	Caroline Garcia (French), Kristina Mladenovic (France)	Jessica Pegula (USA), Coco Gough (USA)
mixed doubles	Ana Shibahara (Japan), Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands)	Joran Vliegen (Belgium), Ulrikke Eikeri (Norway)

6. Indian women's cricketer Mithali Raj announced her retirement from all forms of cricket (June 10, 2022)

Legendary Indian women's cricketer Mithali Raj announced her retirement from all forms of cricket on June 8, 2022.

- 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.

- **Important facts**

- Indian women's cricket team captain - Harmanpreet Kaur
- Vice Captain of Indian Women's Cricket Team - Smriti Mandhana

7. The fourth Khelo India Youth Games was organised in Haryana (June 7, 2022)

The fourth Khelo India Youth Games was organised from June 4 to 13 at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula(Haryana), while some of its matches were also played in Chandigarh.

- The 4th Khelo India Youth Games was formally inaugurated by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- In the Khelo India Youth Games 2021, 4,700 athletes competed for 269 gold, 269 silver and 358 bronze in 25 sports, including 2,262 girls.
- For the first time, five traditional sports have been included in the fourth Khelo India Youth Games. These games include Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta, Mallakhamb and Yoga.
- Among them, Gatka, Kalaripayattu and Thang-Ta are traditional martial arts, while Mallakhamb and Yoga are fitness related sports.
- This time Khelo India Youth Games is being jointly organised by Haryana Government and Sports Authority of India (SAI), Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- This competition was started in 2018 in New Delhi under the name Khelo India School Games.
- The mascot of Khelo India Youth Games-2022 will be in the form of a cow, named '**Dhakad**'.
- **Khelo India University Games 2021**
- Organising - Sri Kanteerava Stadium, Bangalore (2nd edition)

- Host- Jain University, Bangalore
- Official Mascot- 'Veera' (An Elephant)
- Jain University topped the medal tally with 20 gold medals.
- The first edition was held in Odisha in 2020.

8. FIH Hockey 5S: Indian Men's Team Beats Poland 6-4 In Final To Win Title (June 7, 2022)

India defeated Poland 6-4 to clinch the title of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey 5-S Championship held for the first time.

- The tournament was held in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- In this five-team tournament, India finished first after league matches with 10 points.
- The tournament is part of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)'s campaign to popularise hockey through a shorter format.

• About Hockey 5-S Championship

- Hockey 5-S is a newer and shorter version of hockey played with high speed and high skill.
- In this match of a total 20 minutes, there are five players in both the teams.
- The playing field for this shorter format is half the size of a regular field.
- According to FIH rules, the maximum size for a Hockey 5-S turf will be 55 X 42 m, while the minimum size will be 40 X 28 m.

• Recently the World Ranking of Teams 2022 released by the International Hockey Federation

- In the men's section, Australia, Belgium and India finished first, second and third respectively.
- In the women's category, Netherlands, Argentina and Australia finished first, second and third respectively.
- The Indian women's team finished sixth in the rankings.
- Indian Men's hockey team captain - **Rupinder Pal Singh**
- Indian women's hockey team captain- **Savita**

9. World Ranking 2022 released by the International Hockey Federation (June 2, 2022)

In the World Ranking 2022 released by the International Hockey Federation, the Indian men's hockey team got the fourth place while the Indian women's hockey team got the sixth place.

- **Men's team ranking**

- In the men's section, the team of Australia (2842.258) topped.
- The team of Belgium (2764.735) got the second position and Netherlands (2465.707) got the third position by defeating India (2366.990).
- Germany (2308.156) ranked fifth in this ranking.
- England (2171.354) and Argentina (2147.179) finished sixth and seventh respectively.
- Indian Men's hockey team **captain - Rupinder Pal Singh**

- **Women's team ranking**

- In the women's section, the team of Netherlands (3049.495) topped while the team of Argentina (26744.837) got the second position.
- Australia (2440.750), England (2204.590) and Germany (2201.085) finished third, fourth and fifth respectively.
- The Indian team (2029.396) replaced Spain (2016.149) at the sixth position, which slipped to the seventh position.
- Indian women's hockey team **captain- Savita**

- **About the International Hockey Federation (FIH)**

- The International Hockey Federation was founded on 7 January 1924 in Paris by Paul Lute.
- There are a total of 138 member associations within the five federations recognized by the FIH.
- Headquarters- Lausanne, Switzerland
- President- Narinder Batra

10. Gujarat Titans defeated Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets to win the 15th edition of IPL (June 1, 2022)

In the final match played at Narendra Modi Cricket Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat Titans defeated Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets to win the 15th edition of IPL.

- Gujarat Titans achieved the distinction of becoming the champions in their debut season of IPL.
- The tournament was played from 26 March 2022 to 29 May 2022 at Wankhede Stadium, Brabourne Stadium, DY Patil Stadium, MCA International Stadium in Maharashtra state.
- 10 teams participated in IPL 2022 for the second time after IPL 2011.

- Lucknow SuperGiants is owned by RPSG Group and Gujarat Titans is owned by CVC Capital.
- IPL was started by the BCCI in 2008 and the first IPL title was won by Rajasthan Royals under the captaincy of Shane Warne.
- In IPL, Mumbai Indians have won the most (5), Chennai Super Kings (4), Kolkata Knight Riders (2), Rajasthan Royals, Deccan Chargers, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Gujarat Titans 1-1 times.

- **Awards received in IPL 2022**

- Player of the Match (Final) - Hardik Pandya
- Purple Cap - Yuzvendra Chahal (27 wickets)
- Orange Cap - Jos Buttler (863 runs, 4th century)
- Emerging Player of the Season - Umran Malik
- Most Sixes of the Season - Jos Buttler (45 sixes)
- Most 4 of the season - Jos Buttler (83 fours)
- Super Striker of the Season - Dinesh Karthik
- Game changer of the season - Jos Buttler
- Spirit of Cricket - Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals
- Power Player of the Season - Jos Buttler
- Fastest Ball of the Season - Lockie Ferguson(157.3KPH)
- Catch of the Season - Evin Lewis
- Most Valuable Player of the Season - Jos Buttler