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1. Pankaj Advani wins his 25th World title at Kuala Lumpur (Oct. 9, 2022)

Pankaj Advani of India defeated Sourav Kothari in the final of the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship, to win his 25th World title.

The final of the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship was held in **Kuala Lumpur**, Malaysia on 8 October 2022.

Pankaj Advani has won the World Billiards title for five times in a row.

Pankaj Advani has now won **25 world titles**. No other Indian sportsperson has won so many world titles in any sport.

Cue Sport

Cue sport is played on a table where a cue (stick) is used to hit the balls. Snooker, Billiards, and pool are some famous cue sports in the world.

2. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh to lead Indian delegation at the 145th IPU Assembly in Rwanda (Oct. 9, 2022)

Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, **Harivansh** will lead the 12 member Indian Parliamentary delegation to the 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to be held in **Kigali, Rwanda**.

The 145th IPU Assembly is being hosted by the Parliament of Rwanda at Kigali from 11-15 October 2022.

The **theme** of the 145th IPU Assembly: **Gender equality and gender-sensitive parliaments as drivers of change for a more resilient and peaceful world.**

Rwanda is the **first country in the world with a female majority in Parliament**. 61.3% members in the Chamber of Deputies and 36% in the Senate are women.

The Parliament of Rwanda consists of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

The Inter-Parliamentary Union was set up in 1889. It is a global organization of national parliaments dedicated to promoting peace through parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue.

At present it has **178 member** Parliaments and 14 Associate members.

Headquarters: **Geneva, Switzerland**.

President: Saber Hossain Choudhary of Bangladesh

Every year 30 June is observed as International Day of Parliamentarians .

3. Nitin Gadkari and Yogi Adityanath jointly inaugurates Indian Roads Congress in Lucknow (Oct. 8, 2022)

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** jointly inaugurated the 81st annual session of the Indian roads Congress in **Lucknow** on 8 October 2022.

The 81st Indian roads Congress is being hosted by the **Uttar Pradesh government** in Lucknow from 8-11 October 2022.

Speaking on the occasion Nitin Gadkari announced road projects worth eight thousand crore rupees for Uttar Pradesh including 13 Road Over Bridges with the fund of one thousand crore rupees.

Road Congress will discuss modern techniques in road construction and it will have many sessions regarding it.

The Indian Roads Congress (IRC) is the Apex Body of Highway Engineers in the country. The IRC was set up in December, 1934 on the recommendations of the Indian Road Development Committee best known as Jayakar Committee set up by the Government of India with the objective of Road Development in India.

4. Centre set up a committee to consider 'Scheduled Caste' status for converted dalits (Oct. 8, 2022)

Center has set up a committee to consider SC status for Converted Dalits new persons who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes" but have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism". The committee has been set up by the **Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.

Head of the committee

The three member committee will be headed by former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan. It includes retired IAS officer Dr Ravinder Kumar Jain and UGC member Prof (Dr) Sushma Yadav as members.

The commission will have to submit its report to the Ministry in **two years**.

What is the issue?

The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, stipulates that no person professing a religion different from Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism can be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste. The original order under which only Hindus were classified was later amended to include Sikhs and Buddhists.

However many Scheduled caste persons who converted to Islam and Christianity are demanding that they should also be included in the list as they continue to face discrimination.

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed in the Supreme Court by the National Council of Dalit Christians (NCDC), demanding the status of Scheduled Caste for converted dalits. In

August 2022, the Supreme Court had directed the Centre to submit its current position on the issue.

The new commission has been set up by the government so that it can present its view on the matter before the court.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment: **Virendra Kumar**

5. Union Environment Ministry has set up Cheetah Task force headed by Alok Kumar (Oct. 7, 2022)

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has constituted a 9 member task force on 7 October 2022 to monitor cheetah introduction in [Kuno National Park](#), Madhya Pradesh. It will be headed by **Alok Kumar**, Retd. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh,

According to the ministry the task force has been constituted for a **period of 2 years** and will “review, progress and monitor the health status of Cheetah, upkeep of the quarantine & soft release enclosures, protection status of entire area, adherence to the defined protocols by forest & veterinary officials and advice on Cheetah introduction in India to the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and NTCA on status of Cheetah with respect to overall health, behaviour and their upkeep.”

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) would facilitate the working of the Cheetah Task Force and render all necessary help.

On 17 September 2022 the Prime Minister Narendra Modi released 8 wild cheetahs of Namibia in the Kuno National Park in an ambitious effort to repopulate the Indian wildlife with cheetahs. Cheetah was officially declared extinct in India in 1952.

Union Minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change: **Bhupendra Yadav**

6. Divyangana Sharma and Ritika Saxena have been honoured with the prestigious Victorian Premier Award. (Oct. 7, 2022)

Two Indian students, **Divyangana Sharma** and **Ritika Saxena** have won the prestigious **Victorian Premier's award**. Divyangana Sharma has won the coveted Victorian Premier's Award - International Student of the Year 2021-22, while Ritika Saxena won the International Student of the Year award in the Research category.

Divyangana has also won Victorian International Education Awards 2021-22 in the Higher Education category. Divyangana Sharma came to Melbourne to study nursing at Holmesglen Institute in February 2020.

Ritika moved to Melbourne as an 18-year-old and is now a PhD student involved in stem cell research,

Victoria

Victoria is one of the six states of Australia. It is the second largest state of Australia after New South Wales.

Like all states of Australia, it has a constitution of its own.

The head of the Victorian government is called Premier.

The current Premier is : Daniel Andrews

Capital of Victoria: **Melbourne**

7. Harmanpreet singh wins consecutive FIH male player of the year award (Oct. 7, 2022)

India's men Hockey team player, Harmanpreet Singh was voted the men's **FIH Player of the Year 2021-22**. This was announced by the International hockey regulator, FIH on 7 October 2022 at **Lausanne**.

Harmanpreet Singh became the **fourth player** after Belgium's Teun De Nooijer and Arthur van Doren and Australia's Jamie Dwyer to win the award in the men's category in **two consecutive years**.

Harmanpreet Singh was the top goal scorer in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-22 with 18 goals .

Others Indian to win the 2021-22 award

Earlier , [Mumtaz Khan](#) was named the FIH **women rising star player** of the year 2021-22 .

[PR Sreejesh](#) and **Savita Punia** were named as the FIH Men's and Women's **Goalkeeper** of the Year 2021-22 for the second year in a row.

Female FIH player of the year 2021-22

Dutch player **Felice Albers**, was voted the female's FIH player of the year 2021-22.

FIH

FIH (Fédération Internationale de Hockey) is the governing body of men's and women's International hockey.

Headquarters: **Lausanne, Switzerland**

Acting President: **Seif El Dine Ahmed**

8. A Belarussian political dissident and civil rights organisation of Ukraine and Russia wins Nobel Peace Prize 2022 (Oct. 7, 2022)

Jailed Belarussian political dissident **Ales Byalyatski**, banned Russian civil rights organisation **Memorial** and Ukrainian group **Center for Civil Liberties** were named the winners of the [Nobel](#) Peace Prize 2022 announced on 7 October 2022.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee in a statement said that it "wishes to honour three outstanding champions of human rights, democracy and peaceful co-existence in the neighbour countries Belarus, Russia and Ukraine."

The Nobel Prize in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature and Economics are announced by the Swedish Nobel Committee while the **Peace prize** is announced by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

The award is seen as a return to the cold war era when the critic and dissident of the Soviet Union were given Nobel Prize by Norwegian committee so as to embarrass the Soviet Union. Russia which is the successor state of the Soviet Union is currently in a conflict with Ukraine and the Belorussian President Alexander Lukashenko is a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Award Winners 2022

Ales Byalyatski, is a human right activist ,an opponent of Lukashenko and he was detained last year. by the government.

Memorial is a Russian organisation which works for human rights and civil liberties. It was a fierce critic of Vladimir Putin and it has been banned in Russia.

Center for Civil Liberties is an independent Ukrainian human rights organisation, which is also focused on fighting corruption.

2021 Nobel Peace prize winners

In 2021 the Nobel Peace prize was given to **Maria Ressa of Philippines and Dmitry Muratov of Russia.**

India's who have won the Nobel Peace Prize

- **Mother Teresa** (original name; Mary **Teresa Bojaxhiu**) won the peace prize in 1979.
- **Kailash Satyarthi** won the prize with Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan in 2014.

The Nobel Peace Prize which is worth 10 million Swedish crowns, or about \$900,000, will be presented in **Oslo**, Norway on 10 December. 10 December is the death anniversary of the Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, who founded the awards in his 1895 will.

9. RBI approves the re appointment of Prashant Kumar as MD & CEO of Yes Bank (Oct. 7, 2022)

Reserve Bank of India on 6 October 2022, has approved the re-appointment of **Prashant Kumar** as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of [Yes Bank](#) for a **period of 3 years**. The appointment will, however, be subject to the approval of shareholders.

Prashant Kumar was appointed as the MD and CEO of Yes Bank in 2020 as an effort by the government to rescue the scandal hit Yes Bank.

Before joining YES Bank, Kumar was the Deputy Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer of the State Bank of India.

10. Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates the 3rd Regional center of CCI in Mumbai (Oct. 6, 2022)

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the [Competition Commission of India's](#) (CCI) Regional Office (West) in **Mumbai**, on 6 October 2022, in a virtual event.

The Regional Office (West) in Mumbai is the **third regional office** opened by CCI, after Regional Office (South) in **Chennai** (inaugurated in February 2021) and Regional Office (East) in **Kolkata** (inaugurated in April 2022).

Competition Commission of India (CCI)

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) was established under the Competition Act, 2002 for the administration, implementation and enforcement of the Act.

It was constituted in March 2009.

The following are the objectives of the Commission.

- To prevent practices having adverse effects on competition.
- To promote and sustain competition in markets.
- To protect the interests of consumers and
- To ensure freedom of trade.

Headquarter - New Delhi

Current Chairman - **Ashok Kumar Gupta**