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1. India tops the medal table at the World Shooting Championships (March 8, 2022)

India topped the medal table at the recently concluded ISSF (International Shooting Sports Federation) Rifle/Pistol world cup in **Cairo, Egypt**.

- The event was held from 28 February to 8 March 2022.
- India won a total of 7 medals:4 Gold medals, 2 Silver medals and 1 Bronze medals.
- Norway came second with a total of 6 medals: 3 Gold medals, 1 Silver medals and 2 Bronze medals.

Medal winners of India

Gold Medal

- Women's 25m pistol team Rahi Sarnobat, Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan
- Men's 10m air pistol Saurabh Chaudhary
- Women's 10m air pistol team Esha Singh, Nivetha Paramanantham, Ruchira Vinerkar
- 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team Rhythm Sangwan and Anish Bhanwala

Silver medal

- Women's 10m air pistol event Esha Singh
- Men's 25m rapid fire pistol team Gurpreet Singh, Anish Bhanwala and Bhavesh Shekhawat

Bronze Medal

• 50m rifle 3 positions mixed team event - Shriyanka Sadangi and Akhil Sheoran

ISSF World Cup

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- Headquarters of ISSF: Munich, Germany

2. India Defeats Denmark to stay in the Davis cup World group stage 1 (March 7, 2022)

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The Indian men's tennis team defeated Denmark 4-0 in their Davis Cup 2022 World Group I playoff tie played at the Delhi Gymkhana Club on 5-6 March 2022.

- The best of five match was won by India 4-0 and the fifth match was not played.
- Ramkumar Ramanathan and Yuki Bhambri won their singles title matches and Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan won their doubles ties.
- Later Ramkumar Ramnathan won his return singles match,to make it 4-0 for India.
- India have made it to the Davis Cup final thrice 1966, 1974 and 1987 but it has never won the title .

Current Davis cup Champion: Russia

Davis Cup

- Davis cup is an annual men tennis championship organised by International Tennis Federation
- It started in 1900 as a competition between Great Britain and the United States and now 135 countries participate in the cup.
- The most successful team is U.S which has won it 32 times
- The second most successful team is Australia which has won it 28 times
- Current Champion Russia has won it 3 times .

The women's equivalent of the Davis Cup is the Billie Jean King Cup formerly known as the Fed Cup. The winner of the Billie Jean King Cup 2021 is Russia.

3. Divya Deshmukh is the National women chess champion (March 3, 2022)

16 years old Divya Deshmukh of Maharashtra won the 47th MPL National women chess title on 2 March 2022.

- The National Chess championship was held at **Bhubaneshwar**, **Odisha**.
- It was her first senior level chess title.
- Sakshi Chitalange came second and N. Priyanka came at the third position.

4. Novelist Madhu Kankariya wins Bihari Puraskar 2021 (March 3, 2022)

Author Madhu Kankariya has been chosen for the 31st Bihari Puraskar for her 2018 novel **'Hum Yahan The'.**

• The Bihari award is given by the K.K.Birla foundation every year for outstanding work published in the last 10 years by a Rajasthani author in Hindi or Rajasthani

- The award carries a cash prize of ₹2.5 lakh, a plague and a citation.
- Among books written by the 64-year-old Madhu Kankariya are Pattakhor, Khule Gagan ke Laal Sitaare, Salaam Aakhri and Bhaari Dupahr ke Andhere.
- The 2020 Bihari puraskar was given to Mohankrishna Bohara for his work 'Taslima: Sangharsh aur Sahitya'

K.K. Birla Prize

K.K.Birla foundation was established by Krishna Kumar Birla in 1991 . It aims to promote literature, especially Hindi literature . Every year it gives literature award for works published in the last ten years

Some of the important awards given by K.K.Birla foundations are as follows:

Sarswati Samman

- It is given for work in any Indian literature.
- First person to get the award was **Harivansh Rai Bachchan** in 1991 for his four volume autobiography, Kya Bhooloon Kya Yaad Karoon, Needa Ka Nirman Phir, Basere Se Door and Dashdwar se Sopan Tak.
- The most recent 30th awardee was Marathi author **Sharankumar Limbale** for his work "**Sanatan**" in marathi, in 2020.

Vyas Samman

- It is given for best work in Hindi literature .
- The first person to get the award was Ram Vilas Sharma for his work "Bharat ke Pracheen bhasha parivar aur Hindi.
- The latest person to get the award in 2020 was **Prof Shard Pagare** for his work " **Patliputra ki Samragi"**

5. Saurabh Choudhary wins gold at the ISSF World cup 2022 (March 2, 2022)

Saurabh Choudhary won the first gold medal for India in the **ISSF (International Shooting Sports Federation)** Rifle/Pistol world cup in Cairo, Egypt on 1 March 2022.

- The 19-year-old Indian defeated Michael Schwald of Germany in the gold medal match of the Men's 10m Air Pistol event.
- In the women's 10m Air Pistol event, 17 years old Esha Singh of India won the silver medal and the gold medal was won by the Olympic champion Anna Korakaki of Greece.
- The ISSF world cup is being held in Cairo, Egypt from 28 February to 8 March 2022.

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6. Delhi Dabbang wins the 8th Pro Kabaddi title (Feb. 28, 2022)

Delhi Dabang kabaddi team won the Pro Kabaddi League Season 8 trophy by defeating Patna Pirates 37-36 in the final held in **Bengaluru.**

It was for the first time that Delhi Dabbang has won the Pro Kabbadi title.

Pro Kabaddi League

- Pro Kabaddi league is a Men's professional kabaddi league launched in 2014.
- Eight teams participated in the first season of the Pro Kabaddi league held in 2014 In Mumbai which was won by Jaipur Pink Panthers.
- At present there are 12 teams which participate in the league.
- Patna Pirates have won the title three times.

7. India win T-20 series against Sri Lanka 3-0 and equal Afghanistan record (Feb. 28, 2022)

India defeated the Sri Lankan cricket team to win the T-20 cricket series 3-0 . With the victory, India also equalled Afghanistan's record of 12 consecutive wins in the T-20 international cricket.

Indian team captain was Rohit Sharma and Sri Lankan team captain was Dasun Shanaka.

First T-20 Match

- It was held at the **Ekana Cricket Stadium or Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow** on 24 February 2022.
- India won by 62 runs.
- Ishan Kishan of India was the Player of the match.

Second T-20 match

- It was played at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association stadium, **Dharamsala** in Himachal Pradesh on 26 February 2022..
- India defeated Sri Lanka by 7 wickets.
- Shreyas Iyer was Player of the match

Third T-20 match

- It was also played at **Dharamshala** on 27 February 2022.
- India won the match by 6 wickets .
- Shreyas Iyer was the Player of the match

Shreyas Iyer was declared the Player of the series .

8. Kolkata Thunderbolt wins the inaugural Prime Volleyball League (Feb. 28, 2022)

Kolkata Thunderbolts defeated Ahmedabad Defenders in straight sets to win the final of the inaugural Rupay Prime Volleyball League championship in Hyderabad on 27 February 2022.

- Prime Volleyball League (PVL), also known as Ru pay Prime Volleyball League.
- It is a professional men indoor volleyball championship organised by Baseline Venture.
- Total seven teams participated in the league.

9. Sadia Tariq wins Gold medal at Moscow Wushu Stars Championship (Feb. 26, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated Sadia Tariq on winning a gold medal in the Moscow Wushu Stars Championship, which is being held from February 22 to 28. Sadia won the gold medal in the Wushu Championship in Moscow by defeating a local player.

10. Fallout of Russian Invasion of Ukraine on Sports (Feb. 26, 2022)

After the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian forces on 25 February 2022 there has been a major fallout on the sports and events to be hosted by Russia .

Football

UEFA (Union of Football Association of Europe) has shifted the UEFA Champions League final from the Russian city of St. Petersburg to the French city of Paris on 28 May 2022.

The Champions league is an annual tournament conducted by UEFA amongst the top ranked European football clubs.

Current Champions 2021: Chelsea football club of England

Update on 1 March 2022.

FIFA and UEFA suspends Russian football teams

- International Football governing body FIFA and the European football governing body UEFA has banned Russian national football team and Russian football clubs from participating in any International football event till further notice.
- The Russian team is likely to be excluded from the FIFA men's world cup 2022 to be held in Qatar and the Women's Euro Cup 2022 to be held in England.

Motor Sport

Formula One or F1 has decided that there will be no F1 race in Russia in 2022.

Russia was to host the Formula one race at Sochi Olympics track on 25 September 2022.