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1. 11th National Junior Boys Hockey Championship (Dec. 26, 2021)

- Uttar Pradesh defeated Chandigarh by a 3-1 margin in the final to win the 11th Hockey India junior National men's championship.
- Odisha defeated Harvana to take the third place.
- The tournament was held at Kovilpatti, in Tamilnadu from 16 to 25 December 2021.

2. Harbhajan Singh retires from cricket (Dec. 25, 2021)

- Off-spinner Harbhajan Singh has announced retirement from all forms of competitive cricket.
- The 41-year-old from Punjab took 417 wickets in 103 Tests, 269 wickets in 236 ODIs and 25 wickets in 28 T20Is in his illustrious career. In the IPL across 13 seasons for Mumbai Indians, Chennai Super Kings, and Kolkata Knight Riders, he took 150 wickets in 163 matches.
- Harbhajan, who made his India debut during an ODI against New Zealand at Sharjah in 1998, last played for the country in March, 2016 during a T20I against the UAE at Dhaka.

3. Indians Shine in Asian Junior Chess Championship 2021 (Dec. 24, 2021)

- India's V S Raahul (18) won the boys titles in the Asian Junior chess championship 2021.
- He also earned his first GM-norm.
- · Savitha Shri B won the girls title.
- The Asian Junior Chess Championship 2021 was held in Sri Lanka

4. Men's Asian Championship Trophy 2021 (Dec. 23, 2021)

To the point:

- Indian Hockey team beat Pakistan's Hockey team with a scoreline of 4-3 and **secured** the third position (bronze medal) in Men's Asian Champions trophy 2021.
- South Korea emerged as the champion after beating Japan.
- The Men's Asian Champions trophy 2021 was held at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 14th to 22nd December 2021.
- The tournament was organized by the **Asian Hockey Federation**.

Asian Championship Trophy

The Men's Asian Champions Trophy is an **event held annually by the Asian Hockey Federation (since 2011).** It features Asia's top six field hockey teams competing in a round robin format.

- Asia's top six hockey teams are:
 - ∘ India
 - South Korea

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- Japan
- Pakistan
- China
- Malaysia

5. Zverev named Germany's Sportsman of the Year (Dec. 22, 2021)

World's No. 3, Alexander Zverev (24 years old tennis player) of Germany was awarded with the German's Sportsman of the year at the 2021 German Athlete Awards.

- He became the first tennis player, since 1991, to win the award.
- The **75th edition of the awards was organized by the Internationale Sport-Korrespondenz (ISK),** a sports journalist agency in Germany.
- It was held on 19th December 2021 at the prestigious Kurhaus Baden-Boden.

6. 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship (Dec. 22, 2021)

- Hockey Punjab defeated Hockey Uttar Pradesh 2-1 to clinch the 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship.
- The tournament was held at Pimpri Chinchwad, Pune from 11 to 21 December.
- Karnataka defeated Maharashtra 5-2 to finish third.
- Hockey India plans, directs and conducts all the activities for both men and women hockey in India. It is recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India as the sole body responsible towards promoting Hockey in India.

Founded in: 2009;

Headquarters: New Delhi, India

President: Gyanendro Nigombam

7. Pankaj Advani defends the National Billiards Champion title (Dec. 21, 2021)

- Pankaj Arjan Advani of Petroleum Sports Promotion Board ,won the Senior National Billiards Championship by defeating his teammate Dhruv Sitwale.
- It was the 11th National Billiards title of Pankaj Advani.
- The 88th National Billiards Championship was held at **Bhopal**, Madhya Pradesh.
- The Championship was organized by the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI), the governing body for cue sports in India.

8. Kyle Win Silver in Rotax Karting Grand Finals (Dec. 20, 2021)

- Peregrine Racing's Kyle Aditya Kumaran won the silver trophy at the Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals, the annual Karting competition for Rotax National champions from over 100 countries around the world.
- The Karting competition concluded at Sakhir, Bahrain on December 18.
- Kart racing or karting is a variant of motorsport road racing with openwheel, four-wheeled vehicles known as go-karts or shifter karts. They are usually raced on scaled-down circuits.

9. BWF Badminton World Championship (Dec. 20, 2021)

- Kidambi Srikanth's fine run in the BWF World badminton Championship ended with a silver-medal finish after he lost the men's singles summit clash to Singapore's Loh Kean Yew.
- Srikanth etched his name in the history books by becoming the first Indian man to reach the finals of the championships.
- The 2021 BWF World Championship began on 12th December and ended on 19th December.
- It was a badminton championship which took place at Palacio de los Deportes Carolina Marin in Huelva, Spain.

10. Sports News (Dec. 19, 2021)

- 1. Max Verstappen is the Formula One World Champion
 - Max Verstappen of Red Bull team was crowned the Formula one champion after winning the year end Abu Dhabi Grand Prix to beat the race leader Lewis Hamilton.
 - He became the **first Dutch(Netherland) driver to win the Formula one or F1** motor car racing championship.

2. 20th Asian Rowing Championship

It was organised at the Royal Thai Navy Rowing Center in Rayong, Thailand from 8-12 December 2021.

India won six medals in all - two gold and four silver.

Gold Medal winners of India

- Arvind Singh men's lightweight single sculls.
- Arjun Lal Jat, and Ravi, men's double sculls event.

Silver medal winners

- Parminder Singh men's single sculls.
- Jasveer Singh, Punit Kumar, Gurmeet Singh and Charanjeet Singh men's coxless fours.

- Bittu Singh, Jakar Khan, Manjeet Kumar and Sukhmeet Singh quadruple sculls.
- ◆ Ashish Phugat and Sukhjinder Singh men's lightweight double sculls.

3. 88th National Snooker and Billiards Championship

- The final was held on 14 December 2021, at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- It was organized by the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI), the governing body for cue sports in India.

Winner

Men: Ishpreet Singh Chadha defeated Malkeet Singh

Women: Amee Kamani defeated Anupama Ramchandran

4. SFJI Awards

- The Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) has announced its year end 2021 awards.
- SFFI Medal: legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar.
- SJFI Sportsman of the Year award: Tokyo Olympics gold medalist, **Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra.**
- SJFI Sportswoman of the Year: Tokyo Olympics Silver Medal winner, weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu.**
- SJFI Team of the Year: The Indian men's team which won the hockey bronze in the Tokyo Olympics.
- SJFI Men Parathletes of the Year: Sumit Antil and Pramod Bhagat.
- Sumit Antil in Javelin throw and Pramod Bhagat in Badminton.
- SJFI Women SJFI Para Athlete of the Year: **Tokyo Olympics Gold medal winner in shooting.**

5. VVS Lakshman takes charge as NCA Head

Former India batter VVS Lakshman took charge as the new Head of National Cricket Academy (NCA) on 14th December 2021.

• Laxman has occupied the position that was vacated by former India captain Rahul Dravid, who began his tenure as head coach of the national men's team with the commencement of the home series against New Zealand.

6. India to host u-18 and u-19 SAFF Championship 2022

All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced that India will host the Under-18 Women's Championship 2022 in March and Under-19 Women's Championship 2022 in July-August.

- The SAFF U-18 Women's Championship will begin on March 3 while the final is slated to take place on March 14, 2022.
- Meanwhile, SAFF U-19 Women's Championship will commence on July 25, with the final set to take place on August 3, 2022.

7. Indian team wins Bridge Championship

- The Indian team of Sumit Mukherjee, Jaggy Shivdasani, Keyzad Ankelsaria, Sundeep Thakral, Rajeswar Tewari and Debabrata Majumder defeated the United Arab Emirate (UAE) side to win the Asia and Middle East Bridge Championship title.
- It was held at NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh.
- Both the countries have qualified for the upcoming World Bridge Championship to be held in Italy from March 27 to April 10, 2022.

8. Racism in South Africa cricket

- Social Justice and Nation-Building (SJN) Commission has held Cricket South Africa (CSA) administration, former captain and current director Smith, current head coach Mark Boucher and former batter AB de Villiers of racism and being unfairly discriminating against black cricket players.
- The South Africa and Nation Building commission was set up by the Cricket South Africa to investigate the issue of racism in South African cricket.
- The head of the Commision was Mr. Dumisa Ntsebeza.