

Sports Current Affairs – June 2022

Gujarat Titans wins IPL 2022 title with sevenwicket win over Rajasthan Royals

- The 15th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) came to an end on Sunday after Gujarat Titans (GT) registered a 7- wicket win over Rajasthan Royals (RR) in Ahmedabad to clinch their maiden title.
- The winning team Gujarat Titans got ₹20 crore as they were the champions.

Union Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurates Takshashila Sports Complex at Viman Nagar in Pune

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Anurag Thakur inaugurated the Takshashila Sports Complex built by the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) at Viman Nagar.
- The Minister recalled Prime Minister Narendra Modi's words, "Kheloge toh khiloge!" and said "sports teach perseverance, instils self-confidence and develops leadership qualities.

Canada introduces new legislation to 'freeze' handgun ownership

- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced new legislation that his government says will usher in "some of the strongest gun control measures" in decades, including a "freeze" on the buying and selling of handguns in the country.
- A mandatory buyback program for "assault-style weapons" will go into effect later this year if the bill passes.

Sergio Perez wins Monaco Grand Prix

- Red Bull's Sergio Perez registered his first Formula One win of the season in the rainmarred Monaco Grand Prix. He finished ahead of Ferrari's Carlos Sainz and teammate Max Verstappen
- Meanwhile, it was Perez's third career win which also makes him the most successful Mexican driver in F1. Indian men's hockey team defeats Japan 1-0 to bag bronze in Asia Cup
- The Indian men's hockey team beat Japan 1- 0 to clinch the bronze medal in the Asia Cup. It had missed out on a chance to reach the Asia Cup 2022 final after playing out a thrilling 4-4 draw against South Korea at the GBK Sports Complex Hockey Stadium.

Iga Swiatek wins French Open 2022, beats Coco Gauff in final

- Poland's Iga Swiatek won the French Open women`s singles title by beating American
- Coco Gauff 6-1, 6-3 in the final. World number one Swiatek claimed her second Grand

Slam title, she had won at Roland Garros in 2020.

- The cup has been named Suzanne-Lenglen cup & is awarded to the women's singles french open champion since 1979. This victory was her 35th win a row.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launches Khelo India Youth Games -2021 in Haryana's Panchkula

- The fourth edition of games will be held from June 4 till June 13 and the events will not only be held at Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium in Panchkula but also in Chandigarh, Ambala, Shahabad, and Delhi as well.

Rafael Nadal Defeats Casper Ruud for 14th Roland Garros Title

- Rafael Nadal captured his 14th Roland Garros title and a record-extending 22nd Grand Slam trophy, dispatching Norwegian Casper Ruud.
- By earning a 22nd Grand Slam crown, the Spaniard has moved further clear of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer in the Grand Slam race, with the Serbian and Swiss tied on 20 major titles. Sakshi Malik, Divya Kakran, Mansi Ahlawat win gold medals at Bolat Turlykhanov Cup

Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik (62 kg category) won her first international gold medal in almost five years at the Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament at Almaty in Kazakhstan.

- Two-time Asian champion Divya Kakran and Mansi Ahlawat also bagged golds in the 68kg and 57kg categories, respectively. Swapnil Kusale-Ashi Chouksey win 50m rifle 3P mixed gold, India end ISSF World Cup on 2nd spot
- Swapnil Kusale and Ashi Chouksey won the gold medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) mixed team competition at the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- This was India's second gold in the tournament after the trio of Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita won in 10m air rifle women's event. Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur Inaugurates Sports Complex Named After Wrestler KD Jadhav in Pune University

Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Khashaba Jadhav Sports Complex on the premises of Savitribai Phule University in Pune on May 28.

- Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav was an Indian athlete.
- He is best known as a wrestler who won a bronze medal at the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki. India beat Poland 6-4 in final to clinch inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship

India beat Poland 6-4 in final to clinch the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland.

- India ended their campaign with an unbeaten record.
- Earlier, India first outplayed Malaysia 7-3, pumping in four goals in the second half in a stunning show before beating Poland 6-2 in the second match of the day. Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launches national aero sports policy

Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched a national aero sports policy, which established a four-tier governance structure to promote 11 disciplines including ballooning, para gliding and aerobatics.

- The policy has been made with a vision of making India one of the top air sports nations by 2030. Shreyas G. Hosur becomes the first Indian Railways officer to complete the gruelling 'Ironman' Triathlon

Creating a history of sorts, Shreyas G. Hosur, became the first officer from the Indian Railways to complete the gruelling 'Ironman' Triathlon, considered to be the toughest singleday sports event in the world.

- This event includes 3.8 km of swimming, 180 km of cycling and 42.2 km of running.
- He completed the event in 13 hours and 26 minutes in Hamburg, Germany. Mithali Raj announces retirement from all forms of international cricket

Indian cricketer and the Test and ODI captain of the country's women's national cricket team Mithali Raj announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket.


- Under Mithali, Indian women's cricket made some giant strides on the global cricketing map, the biggest one being making the final of the 2017 Women's World Cup final against England at Lord's.

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Shooter Avani Lekhara Sets World Record to Win Gold at Para World Cup

- Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara won gold at the Para Shooting World Cup with a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 in Chateauroux, France.
- The 20-year-old shooter broke her own world record of 249.6 to secure her a spot at the 2024 Paris Paralympics. Poland's Emilia Babska bagged the silver medal with a total of 247.6.

Tamil Nadu CM launches logo, mascot of 44th Chess Olympiad

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin launched the official logo and mascot of the 44th Chess Olympiad.
- The mascot 'Thambi' is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire Veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'
- The words "Chess Believe" are seen on its shirt.

Avani Lekhara wins second gold at Chateauroux 2022 World Cup

- Paralympic champion Avani Lekhara continued her rich vein of form to clinch her 2nd gold medal at Chateauroux 2022 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup in France.
- The promising shooter from Rajasthan has already won the R2 - Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 gold with a world record effort and ensured India a quota for Paris 2024 Paralympics Games.

Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand clinches 3rd place in Norway Chess tournament

- Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand defeated Norway's Aryan Tari in the ninth and final round of the Classical section to clinch the third place in Norway Chess tournament.
- Anand won the Armageddon round against Norwegian after the classical match ended in a 22-move draw.

India's star teenager GM R Praggnanandhaa wins Norway Chess Open

- India's Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament after netting 7.5 points from nine rounds.
- The rising Indian star finished a point ahead Marsel Efroimski and Jung Min Seo, who tied for 2nd place.
- The 16-year-old GM, the top-seed, remained unbeaten through the nine rounds. He finished the tournament with a win over compatriot V Praneet.

Lord Buddha's Holy Relics from India reach Mongolia for Buddha Purnima festivities

- In a special gesture towards the people of Mongolia, four Holy Relics of Lord Buddha are being taken from India to Mongolia for an 11-day exposition as part of celebrations of Mongolian Buddha Purnima.
- A 25-member delegation, led by Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju accompanying the sacred relics.

Haryana won Khelo India Youth Games 2021 title

- Haryana emerged champions in the fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games to dethrone defending champions Maharashtra in Panchkula.
- It was the boxers who packed a punch in their performances on the final day to help Haryana take the final lead, leaving Maharashtra behind in second spot.
- Haryana ended their campaign with a grand tally of 52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze.

IISM launches pathbreaking India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing

- India's leading sports management college, International Institute of Sports Management (IISM) has launched.
- India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing in the country as part of a series that will aim to enrich students with industry knowledge.
- IISM, founded by former India international cricketer Nilesh Kulkarni, has been a pioneer in Sports Management Studies.

Angelo Mathews, Tuba Hassan crowned ICC Players of the Month for May

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) on June 13 announced that Sri Lanka's batting star Angelo Mathews and Pakistan's debutante spin sensation Tuba Hassan have been voted the ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for May 2022.
- Mathews becomes the first Sri Lanka player to be named the ICC Player of the Month since its inception in January 2021.

Formula One: Max Verstappen wins Azerbaijan GP to become Red Bull's most successful driver

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix to extend his Formula One championship lead over Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.
- Verstappen and Perez are one and two in the drivers' championship, followed by Charles Leclerc and Mercedes' George Russell. Neeraj Chopra sets new national record on return at Paavo Nurmi Games

Tokyo Olympics champion Neeraj Chopra broke his own national record to win the men's javelin throw silver medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games 2022 in Turku, Finland.

- Neeraj Chopra registered a best throw of 89.30m. Finland's Oliver Helander won gold with a personal best throw of 89.83m.
- 2022 season's world leader Anderson Peters of Grenada claimed the bronze with 86.60m.

Indian para-power- lifters Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar win bronze medals in Asia Oceania Open Championships

- Indian para-powerlifters Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar have won bronze medals on the opening day of World Para-powerlifting 2022 Asia Oceania Open Championships at Pyeongtaek in South Korea.
- Manpreet Kaur won the bronze medal in the 41 kg category. Parmjeet Kumar, also won the bronze medal in 49 kg category.

Dr Jaishankar and Shri Anurag Thakur inaugurate first-ever SAI Squash Courts at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Squash Courts at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi.
- These are the first-ever Squash courts opened by the Sports Authority of India in any centre across the country.

PM launches historic torch relay for 44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi

- PM Narendra Modi launched the historic torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi. The Prime Minister will also address a gathering on the occasion.
- India is the first country to have the Chess Olympiad Torch Relay. FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich handed over the torch to PM Modi, who in turn handed it over to Vishwanathan Anand.

Neeraj Chopra to lead 37-member athletics team for CWG 2022

- The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) named a 37-member Indian athletics team, to be led by Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, for the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham from July 28 to August 8.
- Indian track and field athletes had won one gold (Neeraj Chopra), one silver (Seema Punia) and one bronze (Navjeet Kaur Dhillon) in the 2018 Gold Coast CWG.

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra wins gold at Kuortane Games in Finland

- Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra clinched his first top podium finish of the season by winning the javelin throw event at the Kuortane Games in Finland, beating reigning world champion Anderson Peters.
- The 24-year-old Chopra's opening throw of 86.69m turned out to be the winning distance.

India's Pranati Nayak wins bronze in Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships

- Pranati Nayak has bagged a bronze medal in the vault section of the 9th Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Doha, Qatar. This is Pranati's second medal in the Asian Championships, making her the only Indian to win two medals in the Continental Championships.
- With this score, Pranati finished behind South Korea's Yeo Seo-Jeong (14.084) & Shoko Miyata (13.884) of Japan

SAI gives go-ahead to release Rs 6.52 crore as Out of Pocket Allowance to 2189 Khelo India Athletes

- Sports Authority of India has sanctioned to release a total of Rs 6.52 Crore as an Out-of-Pocket Allowance (OPA) for a total of 2189 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) across 21 disciplines, including para, for the months of April to June 2022.
- A financial assistance of Rs 6.28 lakhs is allocated for each residential athlete including an OPA of Rs.1.20 lakh.

India's Anahat Singh wins Asian Junior Squash title in under-15 category

- Indian player Anahat Singh won the gold medal in the girl's Under-15 category at the Asian Juniors Squash Championships in Pattaya, Thailand.
- The 14-year-old Anahat defeated Kwong Ena of Hong Kong 3-0 in the final to claim the top prize.
- She is the only Indian girl to win the US Junior Open in any category and the British Junior Open.

FIFA unveils host cities for 2026 World Cup

- FIFA has announced the 16 North American cities that will host the World Cup in 2026.
- Eleven cities in the U.S., along with three cities in Mexico and two in Canada, will host the 48-team tournament, an expansion from the previous 32-team count. It will be the first time three nations have been appointed to host the World Cup.

Indonesia Open 2022: Viktor Axelsen retains men's singles title; Tai Tzu Ying won women's singles

- Danish player Viktor Axelsen successfully defended his badminton Indonesia Open title after beating China's Zhao Jun Peng 21-9, 21-10 in the men's singles final.
- Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei saw off Asian champion Wang Zhi Yi of China to win her third women's singles crown at the tournament (after titles in 2016 and 2018).

Canadian Grand Prix 2022: Max Verstappen holds off Carlos Sainz to win in Montreal

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen held off Carlos Sainz's charging Ferrari to win the Canadian Grand Prix and surge 46 points clear in the Formula One world championship after his 150th race.
- The 24-year-old Dutch driver took his 26th career win 0.9 of a second ahead of Spaniard Sainz, who closed the gap and set up a thrilling final chase thanks to a safety car deployment.

Sunil Chhetri becomes joint 5th highest goalscorer in international football history

- Indian men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the joint fifth highest goalscorer in international football history.
- Chhetri achieved this feat during their AFC Asian Cup Qualifier clash against Hong Kong where he scored his 84th goal.
- He has now equalled legendary Real Madrid and Hungarian player Ferenc Puskas goals scoring exploits on the international level.

Asian Games Double Gold Medallist and Olympian Hari Chand Dies Aged 69

- Long-distance runner Hari Chand, who won two gold medals at the 1978 Bangkok Asian Games, passed away at his native village Ghorewaha in Hoshiarpur district, Punjab.
- He won a gold medal at the 1975 Asian Championship in 10,000 metre and a bronze medal in 5,000 metres.
- Later, he won two gold medals at the 1978 Asian Games in Bangkok in the 5000m and 10,000m events

Indian women's Wrestling team wins Under-17 Asian Championship with total of eight gold in Kyrgyzstan

- Indian women's Wrestling claimed Under-17 Asian Championship title with a total of eight gold at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- India lifted the title with a total of 235 points from eight golds, one silver and one bronze. Japan had to be content with the runners-up trophy with 143 points and Mongolia finished

third with 138 points.

India jumps two places to 104 in FIFA ranking

- In the overall rankings, Brazil remained on top, three months after taking the top spot from Belgium (2nd). Argentina jumped one place to third at the expense of France 4th who paid the price for four winless games in the UEFA Nations League.
- England, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, and Denmark complete the top10. The next FIFA world ranking will be out on August 25.

Cyclist Ronaldo scripts history, becomes first Indian to win silver in Asian championships

- Ronaldo Singh scripted history as he became the first Indian cyclist to win a silver in a continental tournament in the senior category by finishing second in the sprint event on the concluding day of the Asian Track Championship in New Delhi.
- The Indian cycling team finished fifth with 23 medals (2 Gold, 6 Silver, 15 Bronze).

Weightlifter Gurunaidu Sanapathi becomes Youth World Champion

- Gurunaidu Sanapathi has become India's first weightlifter to win a gold at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico.
- The 16-year-old claimed the yellow metal with a total effort of 230kg (104kg+126kg) in the boy's 55kg event.
- Besides Sanapathi, compatriot Soumya S. Dalvi bagged the bronze.

Rumeli Dhar retires from all forms of international cricket

- India seam bowling all-rounder Rumeli Dhar has announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket.
- The 38-year-old, who featured in 18 T20Is, 78 ODIs and four Tests for India, posted a message on her social media to announce the same.

Olympic Champion Sydney McLaughlin breaks own 400m hurdles world record

- Olympic Champion Sydney McLaughlin broke her own world record in the 400-meter hurdles at the US outdoor track and field championships.
- She crossed the finish line at Hayward Field in 51.41 seconds, breaking her own record of 51.46 set last year at the Tokyo Games.

England's Eoin Morgan bids adieu to international cricket

- England's Eoin Morgan has retired from international cricket with immediate effect.

- Morgan, who led England to 50-over World Cup glory in 2019, captained England in a record 126 ODIs and 72 T20s. His 118 wins as skipper across the two formats is also a record.
- He retires with a slew of records to his name, including most ODI runs for England (6,957).

Olympic Medallist and Hockey World Cup Winner Varinder Singh Dies At 75

- Olympic and World Cup medallist Varinder Singh, who was an integral part of some of India's memorable victories in the 1970s, died in Jalandhar.
- Varinder Singh was part of the gold-medal winning Indian team at the 1975 men's Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur. This remains India's only gold medal at the prestigious tournament.

Deepak Punia wins bronze in U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022

- Tokyo Olympian Deepak Punia won a bronze medal after defeating Maksat Satybaldy in the 86kg freestyle weight category at the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- India won 25 medals in all in the U23 meet in the event, including 10 gold medals.

Novak Djokovic becomes 1st player to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams

- Novak Djokovic became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams when he defeated Kwon Soon-woo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court his 80th win in Wimbledon.

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