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1. Diksha Dagar wins her second Ladies European Tour title at the Czech Ladies Open (June 29, 2023)

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22-year-old left-handed golfer Diksha Dagar from **Jhajjar, Haryana** claimed her **second Ladies European Tour (LET) title** at the **Czech Ladies Open at the Royal** Beroun Golf Club.

An Overview of the News

- She became the **second Indian woman to win a Ladies European Tour event**
- Diksha had earlier won her maiden LET title at the **Investec South African Women's Open in 2019** and was also part of the winning team at the **Aramco Team Series in London in 2021.**
- The Czech Ladies Open is a professional golf tournament on the Ladies European Tour, **first played in 2019.**
- **Aditi Ashok became the first Indian** to win the LET at the **Hero Women's Indian Open in 2016.**
- In 2023, Aditi won the **Magical Kenya Ladies**, making her the first Indian to win that season.

Ladies European Tour (LET):

- It was **founded in 1978** as a professional golf tour exclusively for women.
- The LET is headquartered at **Buckinghamshire Golf Club near London, England.**
- The tour attracts female golfers from around the world, including **Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania.**
- The LET organizes a series of tournaments throughout the year at various golf courses in different countries.
- CEO - **Alexandra Armas**

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An overview of the news

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- The **tournament spanned 12 days** and witnessed the participation of eight teams representing different states in India.
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- This historic tournament provided a global platform for women Kabaddi players from India to showcase their skills and talent.
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India-end-Special-Olympics-World-Games

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An overview of the news

- India bagged **76 gold, 75 silver and 51 bronze medals** in this global multi-sport event.
- The Indian contingent comprised **198 athletes** and unified partners, along with **57 coaches**, who competed across **16 different sports**, representing the nation with passion and dedication.
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About Special Olympics World Games

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6. Adani Group founder Gautam Adani launches "Jeetenge Hum" campaign (June 27, 2023)

The "Jeetenge Hum" campaign was launched during the foundation day celebrations of Adani Group, on the occasion of Gautam Adani's 61st birthday.

An Overview of the News

- The Indian cricket team that won the **1983 World Cup** was felicitated in this event.
- The campaign aims **to boost morale ahead of the upcoming ICC ODI Cricket World Cup 2023**.
- The "Jeetenge Hum" campaign serves as a platform for national pride and support for the Indian cricket team.
- The campaign encourages fans to believe in the team's ability to emerge victorious at the World Cup.

About "Jeetenge Hum" campaign

- The campaign commemorates the **40th anniversary of India's historic victory in 1983**.

- The campaign encourages Indian cricket fans to unite and unite in support of Team India.
- The campaign uses the hashtag **#JeetengeHum on Twitter and Instagram to show support for the team.**
- The campaign draws inspiration from the Adani Group's ethos of "**Kar Ke Dikhaya, Kar Ke Dikhayenge**".
- It epitomizes an indomitable spirit of achievement, both in cricket and business.

7. Indian women's doubles pair of Sutirtha and Ayhika clinches WTT Contender tournament title in Tunis (June 26, 2023)

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An overview of the news

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- This win makes **Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee** the first Indians to secure a Contender title in the current year.
- Prior to reaching the final, the Indian pair faced a tough last-four battle against the **Korean duo of Shin Yubin and Jeon Jihi**, which they won 3-2 (7-11, 11-9, 11-9, 7-11, 11-9).
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9. Cristiano Ronaldo receives Guinness World Record award (June 24, 2023)

Cristiano-Ronaldo-receives-Guinness-World-Record-award

Portugal's star footballer Cristiano Ronaldo has made another big record. Ronaldo has become the **first football player in history to play 200 international matches**.

An overview of the news

- The 38-year-old Ronaldo set this record as soon as he was named in the playing XI against Iceland in the **2024 Euro Cup qualifying match**.
- The **Guinness World Records team** honored Ronaldo for this record before the match.
- In the match held in **Iceland's capital Reykjavik, Ronaldo scored a goal in the 89th minute** and gave the team a 1-0 victory over Iceland.
- With this win, Portugal have retained the top spot in Group J with wins from all four matches they have played so far.

Cristiano Ronaldo

- Cristiano Ronaldo made his international debut for Portugal on **20 August 2003**.
- Now even after almost 20 years, this player is not only playing matches but is also playing an important role in helping his team win.
- Ronaldo also holds the record for **most international goals with 123 goals**.

Player with most international matches

- **Kuwait's Bader Al-Mutawa** is in **second place** in terms of playing most international matches, who has played a total of 196 matches so far.
- **Malaysia's Soh Chin Ain** is **third** with 195 matches.
- **Lionel Messi of Argentina** is joint **11th** with 175 matches.
- Team India captain **Sunil Chhetri tops the list playing 137 international matches for India**.

10. Union Minister Anurag Thakur flagged off "Bharat in Paris" campaign (June 24, 2023)

Union Sports Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** flagged off the campaign with a short marathon at **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on 23 June**.

An overview of the news

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has launched the "**Bharat in Paris**" campaign to create awareness and promote sports across India ahead of the Paris Olympics games.
- The 2024 Olympics will be held in **Paris, France**, from July 26 to August 11.

Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)

- It was created in July 2014 under the auspices of the **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** with the objective of identifying and preparing potential medal prospects for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- It is a flagship program of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- The idea of the scheme is to look to the future and fund a developmental group of athletes who have the potential to bring medals to the **Olympic Games in Paris in 2024** and **Los Angeles in 2028**.