

Current Affairs search results for tag: sports

1. 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.**

2. Bhavani Devi creates history by winning India's first medal in Asian Fencing Championships (June 20, 2023)

Asian-Fencing-Championships

Bhavani Devi won the bronze medal in the women's sabre event at the Asian Fencing Championships held in Wuxi, China.

An Overview of the News

- Bhavani **lost her semi-final** match **against Uzbekistan's Zainab Daybekova** with a score of 14-15.
- In the quarterfinals, **Bhavani defeated defending world champion Misaki Emura of Japan by a score of 15-10.**
- Bhavani registered his **first win against a Japanese swordsman.**
- Bhavani's next challenge will be the **World Championships to be held in Milan from July 22 to 30.**

Asian Fencing Championships:

- It is organized by the **Asian Fencing Confederation for the Asia-Oceania zone.**

- The first championships were held in **Tehran in 1973** but faced limited activity in the continent.
- The tournament resumed in **1989** and has been **held annually since 2007**.
- It is an important event for swordsmen in the Asia-Oceania region to showcase their skills.

About China

- Capital - **Beijing**
- President - **Xi Jinping**
- Premier - **Li Qiang**
- Congress Chairman - **Zhao Leji**

3. Satwik-Chirag become men's doubles champions at Indonesia Open 2023 (June 20, 2023)

Satwik-Chirag-become-men's-doubles-champions

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty became the first Indian pair to win the doubles title at a BWF Super 1000 event at the Indonesia Open 2023.

An Overview of the News

- They defeated the **Malaysian world champion pair of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the final**.
- The win made them the **first doubles team from India to win the Indonesia Open**.
- They also became **the first pair from India to win a Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 1000 title**.
- Indonesia Open 2023 took place at **Istora Gelora Bung Karno in Jakarta, Indonesia**.

Indonesia Open:

- The Indonesia Open is an annual badminton tournament organised by the Badminton Association of Indonesia **since 1982**.
- It is classified as one of the premier tournaments in the **Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour**.
- It attracts top badminton players from around the world, promoting cultural exchange through the sport.

About Indonesia

- President - **Joko Widodo**
- Capital - **Jakarta**
- Currency - **Indonesian Rupiah**

4. Indian men's senior football team beat Lebanon 2-0 (June 19, 2023)

The **Indian men's senior football team** emerged victorious in the **Intercontinental Cup** by defeating **Lebanon 2-0** in the final held at **Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar** on 18th June.

An overview of the news

- The first half of the match ended without any goals being scored.
- In the second half, the Indian team took the lead with a goal from their captain, **Sunil Chhetri**, in the 46th minute, making it 1-0.
- **Lallianzuala Chhangte** extended the lead with a goal in the 65th minute, resulting in a final score of 2-0 in favor of India.
- This victory marks **India's second title in the Intercontinental Cup**, with their first win occurring during the **inaugural edition in 2018**.
- **Korea won the tournament in 2019**.
- The Indian team maintained their unbeaten streak in the competition, having previously drawn against Lebanon and won against **Vanuatu and Mongolia**.
- Sunil Chhetri's goal in this match marked his 87th international goal in **137 appearances** for the Indian national team.
- Chhetri continues to hold the distinction of being the third highest goal-scorer among active players in international football, trailing behind **Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal and Lionel Messi of Argentina**.

5. Indian men's senior football team beat Lebanon 2-0 (June 19, 2023)

The **Indian men's senior football team** emerged victorious in the **Intercontinental Cup** by defeating **Lebanon 2-0** in the final held at **Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar** on 18th June.

An overview of the news

- The first half of the match ended without any goals being scored.
- In the second half, the Indian team took the lead with a goal from their captain, **Sunil Chhetri**, in the 46th minute, making it 1-0.

- **Lallianzuala Chhangte** extended the lead with a goal in the 65th minute, resulting in a final score of 2-0 in favor of India.
- This victory marks **India's second title in the Intercontinental Cup**, with their first win occurring during the **inaugural edition in 2018**.
- **Korea won the tournament in 2019**.
- The Indian team maintained their unbeaten streak in the competition, having previously drawn against Lebanon and won against **Vanuatu and Mongolia**.
- Sunil Chhetri's goal in this match marked his 87th international goal in **137 appearances** for the Indian national team.
- Chhetri continues to hold the distinction of being the third highest goal-scorer among active players in international football, trailing behind **Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal and Lionel Messi of Argentina**.

6. Goa CM Pramod Sawant launches mascot for upcoming 37th National Games (June 19, 2023)

Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant

Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant launched the **mascot** for the upcoming **37th National Games on 18th June**.

An overview of the news

- The ceremony took place at the **Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium** in Taleigao and was organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and the **Sports Authority of Goa**.
- The launch event coincided with the celebration of **Goa Revolution Day**.
- Prominent figures present at the ceremony included the Sports Minister of Goa, **Govind Gaude**, the President of the Indian Olympic Association, **Dr. P.T Usha**, and Olympic medalist **MC Mary Kom**.
- During the ceremony, the Chief Minister expressed that similar to the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), the National Games would also be hosted in Goa.

About National Games

- The objective of the National Games is to **identify sporting talents** who are capable of representing the country at the Olympics.
- The organization of the National Games was led by **Dorabji Tata**, a prominent Indian businessman, **Harry Crowe Buck**, founder of the YMCA College of Physical Education in Chennai (then Madras), and **Dr. A. G. Nohren**, the director of the college.
- **After the 1920 Olympics**, Dorabji Tata suggested a national level body to promote Olympic sports.

- After the meeting of the selection committee for the Olympics, the **All India Olympic Committee** was established.

7. Goa CM Pramod Sawant launches mascot for upcoming 37th National Games (June 19, 2023)

Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant

Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant launched the **mascot** for the upcoming **37th National Games on 18th June**.

An overview of the news

- The ceremony took place at the **Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium** in Taleigao and was organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and the **Sports Authority of Goa**.
- The launch event coincided with the celebration of **Goa Revolution Day**.
- Prominent figures present at the ceremony included the Sports Minister of Goa, **Govind Gaude**, the President of the Indian Olympic Association, **Dr. P.T Usha**, and Olympic medalist **MC Mary Kom**.
- During the ceremony, the Chief Minister expressed that similar to the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), the National Games would also be hosted in Goa.

About National Games

- The objective of the National Games is to **identify sporting talents** who are capable of representing the country at the Olympics.
- The organization of the National Games was led by **Dorabji Tata**, a prominent Indian businessman, **Harry Crowe Buck**, founder of the YMCA College of Physical Education in Chennai (then Madras), and **Dr. A. G. Nohren**, the director of the college.
- **After the 1920 Olympics**, Dorabji Tata suggested a national level body to promote Olympic sports.
- After the meeting of the selection committee for the Olympics, the **All India Olympic Committee** was established.

8. Egypt won the World Squash Championship (June 18, 2023)

Egypt emerged victorious in the World Squash Championship, defeating **Malaysia** 2-1 in the final held in **Chennai** on 17th June.

An overview of the news

- Malaysia secured the **silver medal** in the championship.
- The **third place** in the championship was shared between the host country, **India, and Japan**.

- Malaysia defeated India with a score of 3-0 in the **semi-final** held the previous day.
- The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, **M.K.Stalin**, awarded the winning team with the **golden cup**, while the Sports Minister, **Udhayanidhi Stalin**, presented medals to the victorious players.
- The state of Tamil Nadu has gained recognition in international sports by successfully organizing the Chess Olympiad within a remarkable four-month timeframe.
- A total of **eight countries** participated in the championship, which commenced on **June 13**.

9. Egypt won the World Squash Championship (June 18, 2023)

Egypt emerged victorious in the World Squash Championship, defeating **Malaysia** 2-1 in the final held in **Chennai** on 17th June.

An overview of the news

- Malaysia secured the **silver medal** in the championship.
- The **third place** in the championship was shared between the host country, **India, and Japan**.
- Malaysia defeated India with a score of 3-0 in the **semi-final** held the previous day.
- The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, **M.K.Stalin**, awarded the winning team with the **golden cup**, while the Sports Minister, **Udhayanidhi Stalin**, presented medals to the victorious players.
- The state of Tamil Nadu has gained recognition in international sports by successfully organizing the Chess Olympiad within a remarkable four-month timeframe.
- A total of **eight countries** participated in the championship, which commenced on **June 13**.

10. Mission Olympic Cell approves Mirabai Chanu, Bindaryani Devi's proposal to train in USA (June 15, 2023)

Mission-Olympic-Cell-approves-Mirabai-Chanu

The Mission Olympic Cell of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** approved **Mirabai Chanu** and **Bindaryani Devi's** proposal for an overseas training camp.

An Overview of the News

- Target Olympic Podium Scheme athletes **Mirabai Chanu and Bindaryani Devi** will train under the guidance of **Dr. Aaron Horschig at Squat University in St. Louis, USA**.
- The aim of the training camp is to focus on rehabilitation and strength training for the upcoming Asian Games.

- Mirabai Chanu, Bindayarani Devi, Indian head coach **Vijay Sharma and**
- **physiotherapist Tesnim Zayed** will be part of the camp and it will run for 65 days.
 - The government will bear various expenses including air travel, boarding and lodging, medical insurance, local transport, gym fees and doctor's consultation.

About Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):

- **Launch:** Tops was launched in September 2014 and got a facelift in April 2018.
- **Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to provide support and assistance to athletes for Olympic Games/ Paralympic Games and other major international tournaments to win medals.
- **Support Services:** TOPS provides financial support, training support, coaching, scientific and technical support, sports equipment and access to facilities.
- **Collaboration:** TOPS promotes coordination between sports federations, NSDF, SAI and other organisations.
- **Goal:** TOPS aims to help athletes excel in international competitions and bring glory to the nation.