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## 1. Siddharth Chowdhary wins gold in men's shot put event at U-20 Asian Athletics Championships ( June 7, 2023 )

Siddharth Chowdhary, representing India, won the gold medal in the men's shot put event at the Under-20 Asian Athletics Championships held in Yecheon, South Korea.

#### **An Overview of the News**

- He achieved this feat by recording a personal best throw of **19.52 metres.**
- Indian athletes Sharuk Khan earned a silver medal in the 3000 meters steeplechase event, Shivam Lohakare a silver medal in the javelin throw and Sushmita a silver medal in the long jump event.
- Apart from this, **Shakeel** finished third in the 800 meter race by securing a bronze medal.
- The Indian mixed relay team also put up a commendable performance, bagging another bronze medal.
- India's total medal tally has gone up to nine at the **Under-20 Asian Athletics Championships in South Korea.**

## **Asian Athletics Championships**

- It is organised by the Asian Athletics Federation.
- It serves as an annual event for track and field athletes from Asian countries.
- Inauguration 1973

#### South Korea:

- It is an East Asian nation located in the southern part of the Korean Peninsula.
- It shares a heavily militarized border with **North Korea.**

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- Sarita Mor, a former Asian champion and 2021 world championships bronze medallist, clinched a bronze in women's 59kg.
- With the three medals from Indian women wrestlers, India's tally at the ongoing Ranking Series reached four. Greco-Roman wrestler Manjeet (55kg) won bronze earlier.
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- Angad Bir Singh and Arjit Hundal Singh scored for India, while Pakistan managed to score a goal through Basharat Ali.
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# 10. Mission Olympic Cell approved Neeraj Chopra's proposal to train in Kuortane, Finland ( June 2, 2023 )

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) on 28th May approved Olympic Gold Medallist Neeraj Chopra's proposal to train in Kuortane, Finland.

### An overview of the news

- Neeraj will train at the Kurtane Olympic Training Center in Finland.
- He is scheduled to compete in several **World Athletics events next month**.
- The MOC members also approved paddler **Payas Jain's** proposal for an advanced training camp in Taiwan.
- Proposals to get Indian table tennis stars Manika Batra and Sathiyan
  Gnanasekaran's personal trainers Aman Balgu and Raman Subramaniam for a number of events were also approved by the MOC.
- The ministry said that the financial assistance will cover air travel expenses of the players, camp expenses, boarding and lodging expenses, medical insurance and pocket money apart from other expenses.
- Neeraj, who recently became the first Indian Javelin thrower to become World Number One, followed a similar training plan in 2022 as well.