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1. MS Dhoni became the first wicketkeeper in the world to take 300 wickets in T20 cricket (April 2, 2024)

Indian cricket icon Mahendra Singh Dhoni achieved a significant feat in T20 cricket at the Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam, becoming the first wicketkeeper in the world to take 300 wickets in the format.

An Overview of the News:

- Dhoni took the catch of Prithvi Shaw during the match against Delhi Capitals in IPL 2024, which was his 300th wicket behind the stumps in T20 cricket.
- Ahead of IPL 2024, Dhoni left his captaincy role at Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and handed over the reins to Ruturaj Gaikwad.
- Dhoni's tally includes 213 catches and 87 stumpings, taking him to a total of 300 wickets in his illustrious T20 career.
- After Dhoni, former Pakistani keeper Kamran Akmal is at the second position with 274 dismissals (172 catches and 102 stumpings), while Dinesh Karthik is at the third position with 274 dismissals (207 catches and 67 stumpings).
- **Top five keepers:** Quinton de Kock is fourth with 270 dismissals (221 catches and 49 stumpings), while Jos Buttler is fifth with 209 dismissals (168 catches and 41 stumpings).

2. Hardik Singh and Salima Tete win top honors at Hockey India Awards 2023 (April 1, 2024)

Hardik Singh and Salima Tete were named male and female players of the year respectively at the Hockey India Awards 2023 in New Delhi.

An Overview of the News

- Indian men's team vice-captain Hardik Singh was part of the hockey team that won the bronze medal at the Tokyo 2023 Olympics and the gold medal at the Asian Games 2023.
- Salima Tete, an Olympian, was in the women's team that won a bronze medal at the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou.
- Hardik Singh also won the Midfielder of the Year award.
- Salima Tete was selected as the winner of the Asian Hockey Federation's Emerging Player of the Year Award in 2023.
- Munich 1972 Olympic bronze medalist Ashok Kumar was honored with the Hockey India Lifetime Achievement Award, named after his father Dhyani Chand, for his contribution to the sport.
- Ashok Kumar scored the winning goal in the 1975 World Cup final in Kuala Lumpur.

Personal Honors:

- PR Sreejesh received the Hockey India Baljeet Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year.
- Manpreet Singh was celebrated for completing 350 international caps for the Indian men's hockey team.
- Savita Punia and Harmanpreet Singh were celebrated for achieving the milestone of 250 and 200 international caps respectively for India.
- Harmanpreet Singh also won the Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year.
- Abhishek won the Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year.
- The Hangzhou Asian Games gold medal-winning Indian men's team and the bronze medal-winning Indian women's hockey team were felicitated.

Hockey India Awards 2023 winners

- Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award recipient: Ashok Kumar
- Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year (Men): Hardik Singh
- Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year (Women): Salima Tete
- Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year recipient: PR Sreejesh
- Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year recipient: Harmanpreet Singh
- Hockey India Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year recipient: Hardik Singh
- Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year recipient: Abhishek
- Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Women – Under 21): Deepika Soreng
- Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Men – Under 21): Araijeet Singh Hundal

3. Carlos Sainz wins Australian Grand Prix (March 27, 2024)

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz made a remarkable comeback just two weeks after appendicitis surgery to win the Australian Grand Prix.

An Overview of the News

- The race also included the unexpected retirement of Red Bull's reigning world champion Max Verstappen, his first comeback in two years.
- Sainz faced off competition from Ferrari teammate Charles Leclerc to take victory.

Podium Finisher

- McLaren's Lando Norris finished third, scoring his first podium of the season.

- Norris' teammate Oscar Piastri finished an impressive fourth, while Red Bull's Sergio Pérez finished fifth.

Championship Standings

- Despite his retirement, Max Verstappen remains at the top of the championship standings, four points ahead of Charles Leclerc.
- Leclerc earned an extra point for setting the fastest lap, with Sergio Pérez finishing one point behind him in third.
- Sainz is 11 points behind Verstappen in fourth.

4. Virat Kohli created history by becoming the first Indian to score 12,000 T20 runs (March 27, 2024)

Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli etched his name in history by becoming the first Indian cricketer to score 12,000 runs in the T20 format.

An Overview of the News

- Kohli achieved the remarkable feat during the opening match of the 2024 Indian Premier League (IPL) between Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) at the MA Chidambaram Stadium.
- Kohli holds many records in the IPL, including the most runs with 7,284 runs in 239 matches and 230 innings.
- His IPL batting average is 37.24, with a strike rate of 130.02.
- Kohli's highest individual score in the IPL is 113, scoring seven centuries and 50 half-centuries in the tournament.

Details of Kohli's T20 runs

- Kohli's 12,000 runs include his scores for RCB in the IPL and the now-defunct Champions League, for Delhi in domestic Twenty-over cricket, and for India in T20 Internationals.
- Rohit Sharma is the second-highest run-scorer in T20 cricket for India with a total of 11,156 runs.

Global T20 Run-Scorer

- The list of highest T20 run scorers is topped by former West Indies opener Chris Gayle, former Pakistan captain Shoaib Malik and West Indies player Kieron Pollard.

T20I Contribution

- Kohli has scored 4037 runs in T20 Internationals representing India, including one century.

5. Sharath Kamal Named Indian Flagbearer for Paris Olympics 2024 (March 23, 2024)

On March 21, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) named Sharath Kamal as the flag bearer for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

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Achievements of Sharath Kamal

- Kamal, who is ranked 88th in the world rankings, has a record 10 national table tennis championship titles.
- Won 13 medals including seven gold in the Commonwealth Games.
- Earned two medals in Asian Games and three bronze medals in World Championships.

Chef de Mission appointed: MC Mary Kom

- MC Mary Kom, the first woman boxer to win six world titles, has been appointed as the Chef de Mission for Paris 2024.
- Mary Kom won a gold medal at the 2014 Asian Games, becoming the first female boxer from India to do so, and won a bronze medal at the London 2012 Olympics.
- Mary Kom's illustrious career began at the age of 18, when she showcased her talent at the inaugural World Competition in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Gagan Narang will Supervise the Shooting Village Operations

- Gagan Narang, bronze medalist in the 10 meter air rifle event at the London 2012 Olympics, was given the responsibility of operating the shooting village.
- Shooting, which has been important for India since the Beijing 2008 Olympics, aims to achieve success in Paris.

Paris Olympics Program

- The Paris Olympics are scheduled to take place from July 26 to August 11.

6. Nayana James excels in Indian Open jump competition (March 23, 2024)

Kerala's Nayana James won the gold medal in the women's long jump event at the 3rd Indian Open Jump Competition.

An Overview of the News

- Nayana James achieved a personal best mark of 6.67 m, a significant improvement from her previous best of 6.55 m seven years ago.
- National jump coach Denis Kapustin described Nayana's result as **"the best jump result"** in recent memory.

- Despite her impressive jump, Nayana Anju fell 16 cm short of Bobby George's national record and 19 cm short of the Paris mark.

Men's events:

- High Jump: Karnataka's **JC Sandesh** topped the list with a height of 2.20 metres.
- Long Jump: **Muhammad Anees Yahiya**, representing Kerala, emerged victorious with a jump of 7.94 metres.
- Pole Vault: Tamil Nadu's **M. Gautam** stood first with a height of 5.10 metres.

Women's events:

- High Jump: Kerala's **Athira Somraj** won the gold medal by clearing a height of 1.76 meters.
- Triple Jump: Maharashtra's **Purva Hitesh Sawant** topped the list with a jump of 13.31 metres.

7. India's Ayush Shetty wins bronze medal at BWF World Junior Championships 2023 (Oct. 11, 2023)

India's Ayush Shetty won a bronze medal at the BWF World Junior Championships held in Spokane, USA.

An Overview of the News

- The 23rd edition of the BWF World Junior Championships was held from September 25 to October 8, 2023, in Spokane, United States of America (USA).
- Indonesia's Alvi Farhan won the BWF World Junior Championships gold medal.
- Ayush Shetty won the bronze medal in the competition, losing to Alvi Farhan.
- Another semi-finalist, France's Alex Lanier, also won a bronze medal.
- India has won 11 medals at the BWF World Junior Championships since 1992, including 1 gold, 4 silver and 6 bronze medals.
- Saina Nehwal's gold medal win in 2008 remains India's best achievement at the BWF World Junior Championships, and she also earned a silver medal in 2006. At the 2022 Championships in Spain, India's Shankar Muthusamy Subramanian won the silver medal.

BWF World Junior Championships:

- The World Junior Badminton Championships, also known as the World Junior Badminton Championships, is an event organized by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) to determine the top junior badminton players worldwide.
- This championship consists of two separate competitions: first, the mixed team championship known as the Suhandinata Cup, and later, the individual championship, known as the I Level Cup.

- The predecessor of this prestigious competition was the Bimantara World Junior Invitational, which took place in Indonesia from 1987 to 1991.
- In 1992, the International Badminton Federation, the former name of the Badminton World Federation, held the inaugural IBF World Junior Championships in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- In a significant development, the BWF decided to change the championship from a biennial event to an annual event, starting from the 2007 edition.

8. India finished the 19th Asian Games with 107 Medals (Oct. 9, 2023)

India finished the 19th Asian Games with a total of 107 medals: 28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze.

An Overview of the News

- This achievement surpassed her previous record of 70 medals at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games.
- The first medal for India was gold, won by the men's 10m air rifle shooting team of Divyansh Panwar, Rudraksh Patil, and Aishwarya Pratap.
- The men's chess team won the 106th medal.
- The 107th medal was won by the women's chess team, comprising Koneru Humpy, Vaishali Rameshbabu, Vantika Agarwal, Savita Sri B and Harika Dronavalli.

Games Description:

- The 19th Asian Games, initially scheduled for 2022, were postponed due to COVID-19 and took place from September 23 to October 8, 2023.
- The 20th Asian Games are scheduled to be held in Aichi, Japan in 2026.

Historical Achievements:

- India won more than 100 medals for the first time in a single edition of the Asian Games, joining China, Japan and South Korea in the feat.
- The women's Kabaddi team won the 100th gold medal for India.

Gold Medals by Category:

- India won the highest number of gold medals in shooting, a total of 7.
- Athletics came second, with India winning 6 gold medals.
- In archery compound teams, both men's and women's teams won all 5 gold medals.
- India won gold in badminton at the Asian Games for the first time, with Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy winning the men's doubles event.

- Gold medals were won in both men's and women's javelin throw events. Neeraj Chopra won in the men's category while Annu Rani won in the women's category.
- India was victorious in both men's and women's cricket.

Age Records:

- Sanjana Bathula became the youngest Indian to win a medal at the Asian Games at the age of 15 years, 3 months and 11 days, earning a bronze medal in women's speed skating.
- Jaggi Shivdasani became the oldest Indian Asian Games medalist at the age of 65 years, 7 months and 20 days as part of the silver medal-winning men's bridge team.

Athletics Records:

- Vithya Ramraj equaled PT Usha's national record and won a bronze medal in the women's 400m hurdles.
- Avinash Sable creates an Asian Games record by winning a gold medal in men's 3000m steeplechase.

Shooting Records:

- Sift Kaur Samra sets world record and earns a gold medal in women's 50m rifle 3 positions final.
- The men's 10m air rifle team of Rudranksh Patil, Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar and Divyansh Singh created a world record by winning gold.
- In the men's 50-meter rifle 3 positions, the team of Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, Swapnil Kusale and Akhil Sheoran also created a world record by winning the gold medal.
- Manu Bhaker, Isha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan created a world record and won gold medals in the women's 25m pistol.
- Palak Gulia created an Asian Games record by winning a gold medal in women's 10-meter air pistol.
- The men's trap team of Kinan Chenai, Zorawar Singh Sandhu, and Prithviraj Toindaman set an Asian Games record by earning gold.

Archery Records:

- Aditi Gopichand Swami created the Asian Games record by winning a gold medal in women's compound archery.
- Jyoti Surekha Vennam equaled the Asian Games record by winning the gold medal in women's compound archery.

Final medal tally at the Hangzhou Asian Games:

Rank	1	2	3	4	5
Country	China	Japan	South Korea	India	Uzbekistan
Gold Medal	201	52	42	28	22
Silver Medal	111	67	59	38	18
Bronze Medal	71	69	89	41	31
Total	383	188	190	107	71

9. The Indian men's hockey team won the gold medal in the 19th Asian Games (Oct. 6, 2023)

Under the leadership of Harmanpreet Singh, the Indian men's hockey team won the gold medal.

An Overview of the News

- The Indian men's hockey team achieved this victory by defeating Japan 5-1 in the final match of the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China on October 6, 2023.
- This is India's fourth gold medal in men's hockey at the Asian Games, having previously won it in 1966 (Bangkok), 1998 (Bangkok) and 2014 (Incheon).

Overall medal tally:

- India added 9 medals to its tally on the 13th day of the 19th Asian Games.
- These medals included 1 gold, 2 silver, and 6 bronze.
- As of October 6, 2023, India's total medal tally at the Asian Games 2023 was 95 medals, including 22 gold, 34 silver and 39 bronze.

Indian medal winners on Day 13:

- Gold Medal Winner: Indian Men's Hockey Team.
- Silver medalists: Indian men's bridge team and Indian men's archery team (recurve team event).
- Bronze medalists: Kiran Bishnoi (women's freestyle wrestling 76 kg), Aman Sehrawat (men's freestyle wrestling 57 kg), Sonam Malik (women's freestyle wrestling 63 kg), India women's Sepkatkara team, HS Prannoy (badminton singles), and India women's archery Team (recurve event).

10. Team Europe wins the 2023 Ryder Cup in Rome (Oct. 4, 2023)

The European men's golf team defeated their American opponents to win the 2023 Ryder Cup.

An Overview of the News

- The 44th Ryder Cup took place at the Marco Simone Golf & Country Club in Guidonia, Rome, Italy.
- The European team was led by English golfer Luke Campbell Donald, and the American team was led by Zachary Johnson.
- The victory marked the 14th Ryder Cup title for the European team, while the United States team has won 27 Ryder Cup titles.
- The 2025 Ryder Cup is scheduled to be held in New York, United States.

About Ryder Cup

- The Ryder Cup is a biennial men's golf competition between Europe and the United States.
- It features the 24 best players from Europe and the United States competing for the Ryder Cup trophy.
- The tournament is named after English businessman Samuel Ryder, who donated the trophy.
- The Ryder Cup began in 1927 and was initially hosted by the United States.