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1. China's President inaugurates the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games 2023 (Sept. 25, 2023)

Chinese President Xi Jinping officially opened the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China on September 23, 2023.

An Overview of the News

- The Games take place every four years but were postponed from 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions in China.
- The last 18th Asian Games were hosted in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2018.

China hosting for the third time

- China has hosted the Asian Games twice before, in 1990 (Beijing) and 2010 (Guangzhou).
- The 19th Hangzhou Asian Games will be held from 23 September to 8 October 2023.

Opening Ceremony

- The opening ceremony was held at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center Stadium, also known as the Big Lotus.

Hangzhou Games mascot and slogan

- During the flag-raising ceremony, the mascots of the Hangzhou Games, Chenchen, Congcong and Lianlian, were introduced. They are a trio of robots.
- On the game's official website, these robots are called "Memories of Jiangnan", taking their name from a Chinese poem.
- The slogan of the Games is 'Heart to Heart, @Future.'

Participating teams and events

- Nearly 12,500 athletes from 45 countries and territories in Asia are competing in 61 disciplines across 40 sports.
- India has sent a strong delegation of 665 members to these games.
- During the opening ceremony, the Indian team flag was raised by Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh and Olympic bronze medalist in boxing Lovlina Borgohain.
- India will compete in 41 out of 61 disciplines, with both men's and women's cricket teams participating for the first time.

New Games Launched

- E-sports, breakdancing and sport climbing have been introduced for the first time in the Asian Games.

Next Asian Games

- The inaugural Asian Games were held in New Delhi in 1951.
- The 2026 Asian Games will be hosted in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, while the 2030 Games are scheduled for Doha, Qatar.
- Similar to the Olympics, the right to host the Asian Games is awarded to a city rather than a country.

2. Indian cricket creates history: No. 1 ranking in all formats (Sept. 24, 2023)

The Indian men's cricket team achieved a feat by becoming the top-ranked team in all international cricket formats: Test, One Day International (ODI) and T20 International.

An Overview of the News

- Ahead of the three-match India-Australia ODI series in September 2023, India was already the No. 1 ranked team in T20 International and Test cricket.
- In the first match of the series held in Mohali, Punjab on 22 September 2023, India, under the captaincy of KL Rahul, defeated Australia by 5 wickets.
- India's win in this match took them to the No. 1 spot in the MRF Tires Men's ODI Team Rankings, overtaking Pakistan.
- India has 116 rating points, while Pakistan is in second place with 115 rating points, and Australia is in third place with 111 rating points.
- Pakistan had an unsuccessful Asia Cup 2023 campaign as they failed to qualify for the finals. In contrast, India gained valuable ranking points by winning their 8th Asia Cup title.
- This is the second instance in men's cricket history when a team has achieved the No. 1 ranking across all formats. Earlier only South Africa had achieved this feat in August 2012.
- Notably, four Indian players currently hold the No.1 ranking in their respective formats in the ICC Rankings: Suryakumar Yadav in T20 Internationals, Mohammed Siraj in ODIs, R. Ashwin in Test Cricket as a bowler, and Ravindra Jadeja in Test Cricket as an all-rounder.

The top five ranked men's cricket teams across all formats are:

Rank	T20 International	One Day International	Test
1.	India	India	India
2.	England	Pakistan	Australia

3.	Pakistan	Australia	England
4.	New Zeland	South Africa	South Africa
5	South Africa	England	New Zeland

3. Antim Panghal wins bronze medal at World Championships (Sept. 22, 2023)

Young Indian wrestler Antim Panghal won a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia.

An Overview of the News

- Panghal's victory also secured a quota for India in the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- In the bronze medal match, Panghal defeated two-time European champion Emma Jonna Denise Malmgren by a score of 16-6, India's first medal in the ongoing edition of the World Championships.
- This achievement added India's total medal tally at the World Championships to 23, which includes one gold, five silver, and 17 bronze medals.

Antim Panghal's Remarkable Journey to Bronze Medal:

- She started by defeating the 2022 world champion, Dominique Olivia Parrish of the United States, in the opening round by a score of 3-2.
- Panghal continued her winning streak by defeating Roxana Marta Zasina of Poland in the round of 16.
- In the quarterfinals, she had a remarkable win over Natalia Malysheva of Russia with a score of 9-6.
- Panghal lost 5-4 to Belarus's Vanessa Kaladzinskaya in the women's 53kg freestyle semi-finals.

Medals in Women's Wrestling 53 kg category:

- Japan's Fujinami Akari won the gold medal.
- Vanessa Kaladzinskaya earned a silver medal representing the individual neutral athletes.
- Ecuador's Lucia Yepez and United World Wrestling's Antim Panghal both won bronze medals.

4. ICC releases Men's Cricket World Cup official anthem 'Dil Jashn Bole' (Sept. 21, 2023)

The International Cricket Council (ICC) recently released 'Dil Jashan Bole', the official anthem for the upcoming Men's Cricket World Cup, which will begin on the 5th of next month.

An Overview of the News

- It features popular Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh as well as many famous social media influencers.
- The ICC made the announcement via a tweet on its official social media accounts, inviting fans to experience the anthem on "Platform 2023" and join in the excitement of the One Day Express, marking the upcoming event as the biggest cricket event in the world. It was said that it was a celebration.
- The music of this anthem is composed by Pritam, and the vocals are performed by talented artists including Pritam, Nakash Aziz, Shriram Chandra, Amit Mishra, Jonita Gandhi, Akasa, and Charan.

Upcoming Cricket World Cup:-

- After a gap of 12 years, the Cricket World Cup is returning to India and will be held in 10 different cities.
- The opening match on October 5 will be between England and New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- India's first match will be against Australia in Chennai.

About the International Cricket Council (ICC)

- It is the global governing body for cricket.
- It was founded in 1909 as the Imperial Cricket Conference by representatives of England, Australia, and South Africa.
- In 1989 its name was changed to the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Established - **15 June 1909**

Headquarters - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Chairman - **Greg Barclay**

CEO - **Geoff Allardyce**

General Manager - **Wasim Khan**

Assistant - **Asian Cricket Council**

ICC General Manager of Marketing and Communications - **Claire Furlong**

5. Elavenil Valarivan wins gold medal at ISSF World Cup 2023 (Sept. 20, 2023)

Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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- In the final round, Elavenil Valarivan displayed exceptional skill by scoring 252.2 points in 24 shots and defeating Osianne Muller of France by a narrow margin.
- A total of eight shooters among the competitors were successful in qualifying for the final competition.
- The win gave Elavenil Valarivan his second individual ISSF World Cup medal, demonstrating his consistent excellence in the sport.
- During the qualification round, **Valarivan finished 9th with 630.5 points.**
- The ISSF World Cup 2023 in Rio de Janeiro is the last rifle and pistol event of the year, with the finals scheduled to be held in Doha, Qatar from 18 to 27 November.
- India was well represented at the event, sending a contingent of 16 athletes to participate in the ISSF World Cup.

6. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz wins 2023 Singapore Grand Prix (Sept. 18, 2023)

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz ended Max Verstappen's 10-win streak and prevented Red Bull from remaining unbeaten at the 2023 Singapore Grand Prix.

An Overview of the News

- Lando Norris of McLaren took second place in the race.
- Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton took third place on the podium.
- It was the first time since the Brazilian Grand Prix in November last year that Red Bull failed to achieve a podium finish.
- The 2023 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix attracted 264,108 spectators over the race weekend, exceeding expectations. However, it fell short of last year's record attendance of 302,000 and the 2019 edition's figure of 268,000. The Singapore Grand Prix was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

List of Previous Race Winners:-

- Italian Grand Prix 2023: Max Verstappen
- Dutch Grand Prix 2023: Max Verstappen
- Hungarian Grand Prix 2023: Max Verstappen
- British Grand Prix 2023: Max Verstappen
- Canadian Grand Prix: Max Verstappen
- Spanish Grand Prix 2023: Max Verstappen
- Monaco Grand Prix 2023: Max Verstappen
- Bahrain Grand Prix 2023: Max Verstappen

- Saudi Arabia Grand Prix 2023: Sergio Pérez
- Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023: Sergio Pérez

7. Indian archer Prathamesh Jawkar wins silver medal in 2023 Archery World Cup debut (Sept. 11, 2023)

Indian compound archer Prathamesh Jawkar won a silver medal in his first appearance at the 2023 Archery World Cup Final in Hermosillo, Mexico.

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- Jawkar defeated world number one Mike Schloesser for the second time in four months.
- In the final, Javkar faced Denmark's Mathias Fullerton, resulting in a 148-148 tie. Fullerton won the gold medal by the slimmest of margins.
- Another Indian archer Abhishek Verma lost to Mike Schloesser in the match (150-149).

About Archery World Cup

- It is an event organized by the **World Archery Federation**.
- It started in 2006 and has a unique competition format.
- Archers compete in four stages held in different countries.
- The top eight archers in each category (increased from four archers between 2006 and 2009) advance to the Archery World Cup Final.
- The World Cup has been broadcast live on Eurosport since 2013 and The event is sponsored by Kia and Longines.

8. Praggnanandhaa secures third place in Tata Steel Chess India 2023 Open Blitz (Sept. 11, 2023)

World Cup runner-up R Praggnanandhaa finished third at the Tata Steel Chess India 2023 Open Blitz tournament, as world champion Alexander Grischuk clinched the title.

An Overview of the News

- World Champion Alexander Grischuk clinched the **Open Blitz title of Tata Steel Chess India 2023 in Kolkata on 9 September 2023**.
- Praggnanandha initially led the competition by remaining unbeaten in four games.
- He suffered significant defeats against **Nodirbek Abdusattorov (13th round), Alexander Grishuk (15th round), and Vidit Gujrathi (16th round)**.

Notable Indian players

- **Arjun Erigaysi** was the second-best Indian participant, finishing **fourth overall with 10.5 points**.
- India's No. 1 chess player **D Gukesh finished eighth**.

Winners in Different Categories

- **Women's Rapid Winners:** 1. Divya Deshmukh, 2. Ju Wenjun
- **Women's Blitz Winners:** 1. Ju Wenjun, 2. Koneru Humpy
- **Open Rapid Winners:** 1. Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, 2. Teimour Radjabov
- **Open Blitz Winners:** 1. Alexander Grischuk, 2. Nodirbek Abdusattorov

9. Novak Djokovic wins 24th Grand Slam title at US Open 2023 (Sept. 11, 2023)

Novak Djokovic achieved a historic feat in tennis by winning his 24th Grand Slam title at the 2023 US Open.

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- **Serbian tennis star Djokovic** defeated **Russia's Daniil Medvedev** by 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 in the men's singles final at the **Arthur Ashe Stadium**.
- With this win, **36-year-old Novak Djokovic is now tied with Margaret Court** for the **most Grand Slam tennis titles in history, with 24 titles to her name**.
- Djokovic's achievement also marked him as the oldest singles champion in the pro era of the US Open, adding to his status as the oldest French Open singles champion.

Women's Doubles Final

- In the women's doubles event, the 16th-seeded pair of **Erin Routliff of New Zealand and Gabriela Dabrowski of Canada won the title**.
- They defeated the 12th-seeded pair of Germany's Laura Siegemund and Russia's Vera Zvonareva with a score of 7-6, 6-3.

Women's Singles Final

- In the women's singles final, **American teenage tennis sensation Coco Gauff secured her first women's singles title**.
- She achieved this feat by defeating Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus with the score of 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

10. Goa Governor launches the Mashaal (torch) for the 37th National Games (Sept. 9, 2023)

Goa Governor **P.S. Sreedharan Pillai** launches the **Mashaal for the 37th National Games**.

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- The launch took place at the **Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Donapaula**, in collaboration with the **Sports Authority of Goa** and the **Department of Sports and Youth Affairs**.

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Torch relay to ignite enthusiasm and unity

- Dr. Pramod Sawant announced **Goa's readiness to host the National Games**.
- The 'Mashal' will travel through Goa and other states for four days, especially in rural areas to encourage enthusiasm and participation.
- Sports Minister Govind Gode encouraged all Goans to participate and support the success of the Games.

National sports anthem with Amitabh Bachchan

- Governor Pillai presented the National Games anthem, sung by legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan.
- The anthem featured the traditional Goan instrument, the Ghumat, and featured a collaboration between Goan singers and other talented artists.

Important Points

- Joint CEO of National Sports Organizing Committee - **Dr. Geeta S. Nagvenkar**
- Sports Minister - **Govind Gode**
- Minister of State for Tourism - **Shripad Naik**
- Chief Minister of Goa - **Dr. Pramod Sawant**