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1. India bags maximum 11 medals in World Archery Youth Championships, 2023 (July 11, 2023)

World-Archery-Youth-Championship

In the '**World Archery Youth Championship**', 2023 held in **Ireland**, India has secured the **second position** in the championship by winning the maximum number of **11 medals**.

An Overview of the news:

- The '**World Archery Youth Championships**', 2023 is scheduled to be held from 3 to 9 July 2023.

India finished second in the championship:

- India finished with its highest ever medal tally of 11 medals in this championship. Despite this, India finished second behind Korea in this championship.

Korea topped with 10 medals:

- Korea finished first with a total of 10 medals including six gold and four silver while India finished second with a total of 11 medals including six gold, one silver and four bronze.

First male archer to win gold medal in recurve category:

- 19-year-old Parth Salunkhe from Satara, Maharashtra won the gold medal by defeating a Korean in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final on 9 July. Parth Salunkhe has become the first male archer to win a gold medal in the 'recurve category'.
- Salunkhe, who topped the ranking round, defeated seventh seed Song Injun in a hard-fought five-set match.
- India also won a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual event when **Bhaja Kaur** defeated **Su Hsien-yu** of **Chinese Taipei**.
- The outstanding performance of the Indian archers in the **World Archery Youth Championships, 2023**, their achievements, augur well for the future of archery in India which will inspire many budding archers.

2. Parth Salunkhe became the first male archer to win a gold medal in the recurve event (July 10, 2023)

Parth Salunkhe has become the **first male archer** to win a gold medal in the recurve event at the **World Youth Archery Championships** to be held in **Ireland** from 3 to 9 July 2023. India finished with its **highest ever medal tally of 11 medals** in this championship.

An Overview of the news:

- The 19-year-old from **Satara in Maharashtra** won the gold medal on July 9 after defeating a **Korean** in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final.

- Salunkhe, who topped the ranking round, defeated seventh seed Song Injun 7-3 in a hard-fought five-set match.
- India also won a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual event when **Bhaja Kaur** defeated Su Hsien-yu of Chinese Taipei 7-1.

Highest ever medal tally of 11 in India Championship:

- India finished with **six gold, one silver and four bronze** medals, the highest in terms of total medal tally.
- In terms of rankings, they were **second** only to **Korea**, which took the pole position with **six gold and four silver medals**.

About Ireland:

- Capital: **Dublin**
- Currency: **Euro**
- President: **Michael D. Higgins**
- Prime Minister: **Leo Varadkar (Indian origin)**
- At present, three countries in Europe have Prime Ministers of Indian origin – **Rishi Sunak** (Britain), **Antonio Costa** (Portugal) and **Leo Varadkar** (Ireland).

3. Aadhav Arjuna Elected as President of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) (July 6, 2023)

Basketball-Federation-of-India-(BFI)

Aadhav Arjuna, the president of the Tamil Nadu Basketball Association (TNBA), emerged victorious in the election held at Nehru Stadium and secured the position of president of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI).

An Overview of the News

- Aadhav received an impressive 38 out of the 39 votes, **defeating the incumbent president, K Govindaraj**.
- Kulvinder Singh Gill, a former player and the president of the Madhya Pradesh Basketball Association, was elected as the secretary general.

The Basketball Federation of India (BFI)

- It was **established in 1950** and is the governing body for basketball in India. It holds affiliation with FIBA Asia and the Indian Olympic Association.
- Basketball in India has its roots dating back to the early **1900s, introduced by Christian missionaries and YMCAs**.
- The first national basketball championships took place in 1934, and **India joined FIBA in 1936**.
- The BFI's primary responsibility is to foster the development and promotion of basketball in India.

- This includes organising national and international tournaments and providing training and support to players and coaches.

4. Ajit Agarkar Appointed Chairman of Senior Men's Selection Committee (July 6, 2023)

Ajit-Agarkar-Appointed-Chairman-of-Senior-Men's-Selection-Committee

The Board of Control of Cricket (BCCI) has appointed Ajit Agarkar as the chairman of the Senior Men's Cricket Selection Committee.

An Overview of the News

- The decision was made by the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), consisting of Sulakshana Naik, Ashok Malhotra, and Jatin Paranjape.
- After conducting interviews with several applicants, the CAC unanimously selected Ajit Agarkar for the position of chairman.

Composition of the Selection Committee:

- The Senior Men's Selection Committee now consists of Ajit Agarkar as the chairperson.
- Other members of the committee include Shiv Sundar Das, Subroto Banerjee, Salil Ankola, and Sridharan Sharath.
- This committee will play a crucial role in selecting players for various international matches and tournaments.

Agarkar's Cricketing Career:

- Ajit Agarkar is a former India all-rounder, known for his contributions to Indian cricket.
- He represented the country in 26 Tests, 191 ODIs, and four T20Is.
- Agarkar also has an impressive record in domestic cricket, having played 110 first-class matches, 270 List A matches, and 62 T20 matches.

About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

- It is the national governing body of cricket in India.
- The headquarters of the BCCI is located at the Cricket Center near the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
- The BCCI is responsible for the administration and organisation of cricket activities in India at both the national and international levels.

Establishment - **December 1928**

President - **Roger Binny**

CEO - **Hemang Amin**

Vice President - **Rajeev Shukla**

Men's Coach - **Rahul Dravid**

5. Shreyanka Patil becomes the first Indian cricketer to be a part of WCPL (July 5, 2023)

Shreyanka-Patil-becomes-the-first-Indian-cricketer

Shreyanka Patil became the first Indian cricketer to be signed for the Women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL).

An Overview of the News

- She is the first Indian player to get a contract in a foreign league before making her international debut.
- He has been selected to represent the **Guyana Amazon Warriors in the WCPL, which will take place from 31 August to 10 September.**
- Shreyanka Patil was awarded the title of '**Player of the Tournament**' in the **Women's Emerging Asia Cup held in Hong Kong.**
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) allowed Indian women cricketers to participate in overseas cricket leagues.
- Senior players like **Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma and Richa Ghosh** have played in leagues like the **Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) and The Hundred.**
- On 14 March 2022, Cricket West Indies announced the first ever women's Caribbean Premier League to be held alongside the men's tournament.

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6. India won the title of SAFF Championship 2023 (July 5, 2023)

South Asian Football Federation Championship (SAF) 2023

India won the final of the South Asian Football Federation Championship 2023.

An Overview of the News

- The Indian men's football team beat **Kuwait 5-4 in a thrilling penalty shootout.**
- The win secured India's **9th title in the SAFF Championship out of 14 editions.**
- The final took place at the **Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bangalore.**
- At that time **India's FIFA ranking was 100th.**
- This victory follows their previous victory in the Intercontinental Cup.

India's journey in SAFF Championship 2023

- India served as the host of the tournament.
- India remained undefeated throughout the championship.
- **Group Stage Performance:**
 - Defeated Pakistan and Nepal.
 - Draw against Kuwait.
- **Semifinals:**
 - Defeated Lebanon in the penalty shootout.
- **Final:**
 - Defeated Kuwait in a thrilling penalty shootout.

SAFF Championship 2023 Prize Winners:

- Fairplay Award: Nepal Football Team
- Best Goalkeeper: Anisur Rahman Zico
- Top goal scorer: Sunil Chhetri (6 goals)
- Most Valuable Player (MVP) Sunil Chhetri
- Runner-up: Kuwait football team

About SAFF (South Asian Football Federation Championship)

- The SAFF Football Championship is a biennial international football tournament in South Asia.
- It aims to promote and develop football in the region.
- The inaugural edition took place in **1993 in Lahore, Pakistan.**

- India became the champion by defeating Pakistan in the final.
- This tournament is **held every two years**.
- Participating countries include **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka**.
- Its primary objective is **to enhance the development of football in South Asia**.

7. Yuki Bhambri wins maiden ATP doubles title in Spain (July 4, 2023)

Yuki-Bhambri-wins-maiden-ATP-doubles-title-in-Spain

Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri won his maiden ATP doubles title at the Mallorca Championships in Spain.

An Overview of the News

- Yuki Bhambri stitched a partnership with **South African player Lloyd Harris to seal the victory in the final match**.
- The pair **won 6 - 3, 6 - 4** over the **Dutch-Austrian pair of Robin Hase and Philipp Oswald**.
- The tournament took place on **grass courts**.
- The 30-year-old Indian Bhambri, who has reached the **58th spot in the ATP doubles tennis rankings**.

Important Points

- Yuki Bhambri is the **first Indian to win the Junior Australian Open title**.
- **Lloyd Harris** is ranked **world number 31 in singles** by the **Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)**.
- **Andrea Gaudenzi**, an Italian former tennis player, is the **current president of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)**.

About Spain

- It is located on the **Iberian Peninsula of Europe and consists of 17 autonomous regions**, each with its own geography and culture.
- The capital of Spain is **Madrid**, home to the **Royal Palace and the Prado Museum**.
- **Segovia, a city in Spain**, has a mediaeval palace called the **Alcázar and an intact Roman aqueduct**.
- **Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia in Spain**, is known for its modernist landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí. The Sagrada Familia Church is one of the most famous examples.
- Prime Minister - **Pedro Sánchez**

King - **Felipe VI of Spain**

8. Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix 2023 (July 3, 2023)

Max Verstappen took a stunning victory in the Austrian Grand Prix 2023.

An Overview of the News

- The Austrian Grand Prix victory marked Verstappen's fifth consecutive victory and seven from nine races in the current season.
- The previous year's winner at this circuit, Charles Leclerc, finished second at the Austrian Grand Prix, crossing the finish line 5.2 seconds behind Verstappen.
- Sergio Pérez, driving for the Red Bull team, finished third, 17.2 seconds behind the race leader.

List of Previous Race Winners:

1. Canadian Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
2. Spanish Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
3. Monaco Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
4. Bahrain Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
5. Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Sergio Perez
6. Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Sergio Perez

About Austria

- Chancellor - **Karl Nehammer**
- Capital - **Vienna**
- Currency - **Euro**

9. 132nd Durand Cup tournament organized in Kolkata (July 3, 2023)

132nd-Durand-Cup-tournamen

The "**Trophy Tour**" of the **132nd edition of Durand Cup**, India's oldest football tournament, was flagged off on 30 June 2023 at a function held at **Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt.**

Important Points:-

- It was flagged off by Chief of Army Staff **General Manoj Pandey**, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal **VR Chaudhary** and President of All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Kalyan Choubey**.

- This tournament will be organized from 03 August to 03 September 2023 in **Kolkata, Guwahati, Kokrajhar and Shillong**. While its final will be held in **Kolkata** on September 3.

Foreign teams in Durand Cup:

- 24 teams including teams from **Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh** will participate in the 132nd edition of the tournament.
- Foreign teams are participating in the tournament after a gap of **27 years**. The tournament is open to all club teams.
- It is organized by the Durand Football Tournament Society (DFTS) under the aegis of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- Basically the tournament has always been a symbol of excellence, sportsmanship and high point of competitiveness in the field of sports.

Durand Cup Tournament:

- The Durand Cup, the world's third oldest and Asia's oldest football tournament, was first held in the year **1888 at Dagshai** (Himachal Pradesh).
- It was named after **Mortimer Durand**, who was then the Foreign Secretary in charge of India.
- The tournament was initially held for British soldiers, but was later opened to civilians.
- **Mohun Bagan and East Bengal** are the most successful teams in the history of the Durand Cup having won it **sixteen times**.

10. India ranked 100th in FIFA men's football rankings (July 1, 2023)

'**World Men's Football Ranking**' released by '**FIFA**' in June 2023; In which FIFA World Cup 2022 winner **Argentina** (with 1843.73 points) has topped the list.

Important Points:

- **India** has been ranked **100th** (with a total score of 1204.90) in the 'World Men's Football Ranking' by 'FIFA'.

Top 10 teams in FIFA rankings:

- Argentina
- France
- Brazil
- England +1
- Belgium -1
- Croatia +1
- Netherlands -1
- Italy
- Portugal
- Spain (2023 UEFA Nations League Winner)

Indian men's football team in FIFA rankings:

- The Indian men's football team has leapfrogged teams like Lebanon and New Zealand to reach the 100th spot in the latest FIFA world rankings.
- It is after five years that the Indian men's football team entered the top 100 club after slipping from the 96th position in 2018.
- This is the fourth best ranking achieved by the Indian men's football team in history.
- The team's rank came from 94th rank in 1996, 99th rank in 1993 and 96th rank from 2017 to 2018.

South Asian football teams in FIFA rankings:

- Nepal 175
- Bangladesh 192
- Pakistan 201
- Sri Lanka 207

Record of SAF Games India:

- Since 1993, India has appeared in all the finals of the tournament at the SAFF Games except in 2003.
- The Indian men's football team has won the championship a record 8 times and has been performing exceptionally well in search of its 9th title.

Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA):

- It is also the international governing body of football, futsal and beach soccer.
- Establishment: **1904**
- Headquarters: **Zurich (Switzerland)**
- Currently **211 member countries**
- Qatar World Cup 2022 Winner: **Argentina (by defeating France)**