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### **1. Gukesh overtakes Anand in FIDE rankings ( Aug. 4, 2023 )**

D. Gukesh surpasses Viswanathan Anand to become India's highest ranked chess player.

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

- The feat was achieved through victory in the second round of the FIDE World Cup.
- Gukesh's live rating has reached 2755.9 and he has secured 9th position in the world and Viswanathan Anand's rating is 2754.0 which has made him 10th
- This is the second time since 1986 that Anand has been removed from the top post in India.

#### **Gukesh's recent rating increase**

- Gukesh gained 2.5 rating points and reached a live rating of 2755.9.
- He is the youngest player to reach a live rating of 2750.

#### **Top 10 Chess Players in FIDE Ranking**

1. Magnus Carlsen - 2838 (Norway)
2. Fabiano Caruana - 2786 (United States)
3. Hikaru Nakamura - 2781 (United States)
4. Ding Liren - 2780 (China)
5. Ian Nepomniachtchi - 2779 (Russia)
6. Alireza Firouzja - 2777 (France)
7. Anish Giri - 2764 (Netherlands)
8. Wesley So - 2764 (United States)
9. Gukesh D - 2756 (India)
10. Viswanathan Anand - 2754 (India)

#### **Anand's Chess Legacy**

- Anand held the top position in India's chess rankings since January 1987.
- He has been one of India's most prominent players since July 1991.

### **2. Indian women's hockey team won the Torneo del Centenario 2023 title ( Aug. 1, 2023 )**

The Indian women's hockey team emerged victorious by defeating hosts Spain 3-0 in the Torneo del Centenario 2023 tournament at Terrassa, Barcelona on 30 July.

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

- Vandana Katariya (22'), Monika (48'), and Udit (58') were the scorers as **India remained unbeaten in the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation International Tournament 2023.**
- The tournament started with a 1-1 draw against England followed by a 2-2 stalemate against Spain.
- A hat-trick from A Lalremsiami saw India top the standings with a 3-0 win over England.
- India secured the top spot with eight points from four matches, while both Spain and England finished with four points each.
- The Indian women's hockey team will compete in the Asian Games 2023 to be held in **Hangzhou, People's Republic of China from 23 September to 8 October.**

### **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**

### **3. Indian medal winners list in FISU World University Games 2023 ( July 31, 2023 )**

India bagged a total of 17 medals including nine gold, three silver and five bronze medals at the FISU World University Games 2023 in Chengdu, China. Due to which he is second in the medal table.

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

For a detailed list of Indian medal winners including respective events and categories, see the complete table below:

Event	Sport	Athlete	Medal
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Women's 10m air pistol	Shooting	Manu Bhaker	Gold
Women's 10m air rifle	Shooting	Elavenil Valarivan	Gold
Women's 10m air pistol team	Shooting	Manu Bhaker, Abhidnya Ashok Patil and Yashaswini Singh Deswal	Gold
Men's 50m rifle 3P	Shooting	Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar	Gold
Compound mixed team	Archery	Aman Saini and Pragati	Gold
Compound women's	Archery	Avneet Kaur	Gold
Compound men's	Archery	Sangampreet Singh Bisla	Gold
Men's 10m air rifle	Shooting	Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar	Gold
Men's 10m air rifle team	Shooting	Arjun Babuta, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Divyansh Singh Panwar	Gold
Compound women's team	Archery	Avneet Kaur, Purvasha and Pragati	Silver
Men's 25m pistol rapid fire team	Shooting	Vijayveer Sidhu, Udhayveer Sidhu and Adarsh Singh	Silver
Men's 10m air rifle	Shooting	Divyansh Singh Panwar	Silver
Compound men's team	Archery	Aman Saini , Rishab Yadav and Sangampreet Singh Bisla	Bronze
Recurve women's team	Archery	Reeta Sawaiyan, Sangeeta and Tanisha Verma	Bronze
Men's 50m rifle 3P team	Shooting	Sartaj Singh Tiwana, Surya Pratap Singh and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar	Bronze
Women's 57kg	Judo	Yamini Mourya	Bronze
Compound men's	Archery	Aman Saini	Bronze

**Ranking of countries in the medal table of FISU World University Games 2023:**

1. China topped the medal tally with a total of 22 medals including 13 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze medals.

- India and Japan both tied for second place, winning a total of 17 medals. India won 9 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze medals, while Japan secured an equal number of gold, silver and bronze medals.
3. South Korea secured the third position with a total of 18 medals including 8 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals.
  4. Hungary won a total of 5 medals, including 2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze.
  5. Indonesia won a total of 4 medals including 2 gold and 2 silver medals.
  6. Chinese Taipei won a total of 11 medals, including 1 gold, 4 silver and 6 bronze medals.
  7. Macau won a total of 6 medals with 1 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals.
  8. Ukraine won a total of 3 medals including 1 gold and 2 silver medals.
  9. Hong Kong won a total of 4 medals, including 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.
  10. Iran won a total of 7 medals including 1 gold and 6 bronze medals.

#### **4. Indian shooter Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar wins gold at FISU World University Games in Chengdu, China ( July 31, 2023 )**

Shooter Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar won the gold medal for India at the FISU World University Games in Chengdu, China on the second day of the event.

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

- Competing in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions, Tomar shot a total of 461.7 in the final to secure the top podium position.
- With Tomar's win, India now has gold, silver and bronze medals in shooting at the Games.
- The Indian men's 25m pistol rapid fire team, consisting of Vijayveer Sidhu, Udayveer Sidhu and Adarsh Singh, won the silver medal.
- The mixed compound archery team of Aman Saini and Pragati also won gold in the competition.
- India has won a total of 17 medals including nine gold, three silver and five bronze at the Games, placing it second in the medals tally.

##### **FISU World University Games:**

- The Universiade, formerly known as the Universiade, is an international multi-sport event organised by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) for university athletes.
- In July 2020, FISU introduced a new branding system, officially renaming the event as the FISU World University Games.

#### **5. India won 14 medals including 9 gold in Sri Lanka Athletics National Championships ( July 31, 2023 )**

India registered a remarkable success at the Sri Lanka Athletics National Championships, bagging a total of 14 medals including nine gold, four silver and one bronze.

**An Overview of the News**

- On the final day of the event at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo, Indian athletes added six medals to their tally.

**Gold Medalist:**

1. 4x400m Mixed Team Relay - Amoj Jacob, Aishwarya Mishra, Muhammad Anas, Himanshi Malik
2. 4x400m Women's Relay - Sonia Vaish, Aishwarya Mishra, Subha V, Himanshi Malik
3. 4x400m Men's Relay - Amoj Jacob, Muhammad Anas, Rajesh Ramesh, Muhammad Ajmal
4. Women's 3000m Steeplechase - Preeti
5. Men's 3000m Steeplechase - Bal Kishan
6. Women's 400m - Sonia Vaish
7. Men's Javelin Throw - Kishore Kumar Jena
8. Women's 10,000 Metres - Boundary
9. Men's 400m Hurdles - T Santosh Kumar

**Silver Medalist:**

1. Men's pole vault - Shiva Subramani
2. Men's javelin throw - Shivpal Singh
3. Women's 400m - Jisna Mathew
4. 4x400m Mixed Team Relay - Nihal Joel William, Subha Venkatesan, Mizo Chacko Kurien, Vithya Ramraj

**Bronze Medalist:**

1. 4x400m Women's Relay - Vithya Ramaraj, Jisna Mathew, WS Himaya Fernando (Sri Lanka), K. Shanika Lakshani (Sri Lanka)

**India's gold medalist javelin thrower Kishore Kumar Jena received the coveted Best Male Thrower trophy.**

**6. Sumit Nagal wins 4th ATP Challenger title with win at Tampere Open 2023 ( July 29, 2023 )**

Sumit-Nagal-wins-4th-ATP-Challenger-title-with-win-at-Tampere-Open-2023

25-year-old Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal won the Tampere Open 2023 ATP Challenger men's singles title, his fourth ATP Challenger Tour title, on 23 July in Finland.

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

- In the final, Nagal defeated Dalibor Svracina of the Czech Republic by a score of 6-4, 7-5 to win his **second ATP Challenger event of the year**. His previous win came at the **Garden Open in Rome, ending a four-year title drought**.
- Prior to this, Sumit Nagal had won two other ATP Challenger titles: **Buenos Aires Challenger in 2019 and Bengaluru Challenger in 2017**.
- **Nagal's win in Tampere and his win in Rome made him the first Indian tennis player to claim two ATP Challenger titles on European soil**.
- In his journey to the final, Sumit Nagal defeated notable players such as Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic, JL Reis da Silva of Brazil and Mohammed Aziz Dougauz of Tunisia.
- In the semi-finals, Nagal faced Spain's Daniel Rincon and won the hard-fought match with a scoreline of 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

### **7. Tripura's Asmita Dey won gold medal in Junior Asian Judo Championship 2023 in Macau, China ( July 29, 2023 )**

Junior-Asian-Judo-Championship-2023

Asmita De, who hails from Tripura, achieved a significant feat by winning the gold medal in the Junior Asian Judo Championship 2023 held in Macau, China.

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

- Competing in the 48 kg category, Asmita faced stiff opposition from judokas representing 27 different countries including Korea, Bhutan, Iraq and the US.
- During the preliminary round in Group D, Asmita displayed exceptional skills and pulled off a stunning win against Hong Kong's Suet Yiu Tang.
- Advancing to the semi-finals, 20-year-old Indian judoka Asmita Dey continued her impressive run by defeating Australia's Ashlyn Doe.
- In the final match, Asmita once again showed her strength and finally won the gold medal by defeating Annaliese Fielder of Australia.
- The win adds to Asmita Dey's already impressive record as she has earlier **won a silver medal at the Asian Open 2023 in Kuwait City and a bronze at the Asian Junior Championships in 2022**.

### **India participated in the Macau Junior Asia Cup Judo Competition and won a total of five medals: three gold, one silver and one bronze:**

- **Unnati** put up an exceptional performance to win the final against Rylee Rametta of Australia and earn the gold medal.
- In the final, **Arun** defeated Kohsei Toyoshima of Australia to win the gold medal.

- Competing in the over 100 kg category, **Yash Ghangas** put up a tough fight against Mongolia's Khangarid Gantulga in the final but settled for a silver medal for India.
- **Shraddha Kadubal Chopra** won the bronze medal by defeating Australia's Kelly Bannister in the 52 kg category.

**President of the International Judo Federation: Marius Vizer****8. India's Kamaljit wins gold in ISSF Junior Shooting World Championship ( July 27, 2023 )****ISSF-Junior-Shooting-World-Championship**

Indian shooter Kamaljeet won the gold medal in the men's individual 50m pistol event at the ISSF Junior Shooting World Championships 2023.

**An Overview of the News**

- The championship took place on 24 July 2023 at the Changwon Shooting Range in Korea.
- Over 550 shooters representing 44 countries participated in the event.
- Team India with a contingent of 90 shooters put up a remarkable performance.
- India's final medal tally stood at 17, including 6 gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze.
- The ISSF Junior Shooting World Championship provided a platform to young shooters to showcase their exceptional talent and skills on an international platform.

**ISSF Junior World Championships 2023: India's medal winners**

Event	Shooter	Medal
10m air pistol men	Shubham Bisla	Gold
10m air pistol women	Sainyam	Gold
10m air rifle mixed team	Abhinav Shaw and Gautami Bhanot	Gold
10m air rifle men's team	Abhinav Shaw, Srikanth Dhanush and Parth Rakesh Mane	Gold
50m pistol men	Kamaljeet	Gold
50m pistol women's team	Yashita Shokeen, Veerpal Kaur and Tiyaana	Gold
50m pistol men's team	Kamaljeet, Ankait Tomar and Sandeep Bishnoi	Gold

10m air pistol men's team	Shubham Bisla, Amit Sharma and Abhinav Choudhary	Silver
10m air rifle women's team	Uttam Sonam Maskar, Gautami Bhanot and Swati Chowdhury	Silver
Women's skeet	Raiza Dhillon	Silver
Mixed team skeet	Harmehar Singh Lally and Sanjana Sood	Silver
25m rapid fire pistol men's team	Sameer, Mahesh Anandakumar and Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu	Silver
Trap men team	Bakhtyaruddin Malek, Shardul Vihan and Arya Vansh Tyagi	Silver
10m air pistol mixed team	Abhinav Chaudhary and Sainyam	Bronze
10m air pistol women's team	Sainyam, Urva Chaudhary and Anjali Chaudhary	Bronze
10m air rifle men	Umamahesh Maddineni	Bronze
25m standard pistol men's team	Unish Holinder, Randeep Singh and Akshay Kumar	Bronze
25m standard pistol women's team	Yashita Shokeen, Prarthana Khanna and Tiyana	Bronze

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## 9. Shubhankar Sharma creates history with best ever performance by an Indian at 2023 Open Golf Championship ( July 25, 2023 )

Shubhankar Sharma achieved the best ever performance by an Indian golfer at the 2023 Open Golf Championship held at the **Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Merseyside, England.**

### An Overview of the News

- Showcasing remarkable skill and determination, Shubhankar Sharma tied for eighth place with Cameron Young of the United States.
- The hometown of Shubhankar Sharma is **Jhansi, which is located in the state of Uttar Pradesh.**
- **Brian Herman of the USA has won the 2023 Open Golf Championship.**



- Prior to Sharma's feat, Anirban Lahiri had the best Indian finish in a major tournament with a top-5 finish in 2015 and **Jeev Milkha Singh finished T-9 at the 2008 PGA Championship.**
- Previously, **Jyoti Randhawa held the record for the best finish by an Indian golfer at the Open in 2004 with a tied-27th place.**
- Prior to Shubhankar Sharma's achievement, the best finish by an **Indian golfer in a men's major was Anirban Lahiri's tied-fifth finish at the 2015 PGA Championship in Wisconsin, US.**

### **About The Open Championship**

- It is recognized as the British Open, the oldest and most prestigious golf tournament globally and one of the four major championships on the PGA Tour.
- The tournament's history dates back to 1860, and its inaugural winner was Willie Parks Sr., who was awarded the title of "Champion Golfer of the Year".

### **10. Satwik-Chirag clinch their fourth title of the year with thrilling win at Korea Open ( July 24, 2023 )**

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won their fourth men's doubles title of the year by winning the Korea Open badminton tournament.

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

- In a thrilling final of the Super 500 event, the Indian pair, ranked third in the world, defeated Indonesia's top-ranked pair, Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Riyan Ardianto, who are two-time World Championships bronze medallists.
- The match lasted 62 minutes and India came back from 17-21 down in the first set to win 21-13, 21-14.
- The win marked his first victory in a BWF World Tour Super 500 event, showcasing his exceptional performance in the tournament.

### **List of titles achieved by Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty in 2023:**

Date	Tournament	Level	Location
21 to 26 March 2023	Swiss Open	BWF World Tour Super 300	Basel, Switzerland
25 to 30 April 2023	Asia Championships	Equivalent to BWF World Tour Super 1000	Dubai, UAE
13 to 18 June 2023	Indonesia Open	BWF World Tour Super 1000	Jakarta, Indonesia

18 to 23 July 2023	Korea Open	BWF World Tour Super 500	Yeosu, South Korea
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