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1. Virat Kohli Equals Sir Don Bradman's Record By Playing 500th International Match (July 24, 2023)

Virat-Kohli-Equals-Sir-Don-Bradman's-Record-By-Playing-500th-International-Match
Star Indian cricketer Virat Kohli achieved a significant milestone by playing his 500th international match against the West Indies in Port of Spain.

An Overview of the News

- During this crucial game, Kohli displayed his exceptional batting prowess by scoring his 76th century across all formats, a remarkable feat for an Indian batsman.
- On the second day of the Test match at the Queen's Park Oval, Kohli joined the distinguished company of Sir Don Bradman to complete his 29th Test century.
- The Indian skipper's hundred came after waiting for an overseas Test century for almost five years, making it all the more special for him.
- Kohli's unbeaten innings on the first day saw him steadily inching towards his hundred and finally achieved the feat off the second ball of the 91st over with a four off Jomel Warrican.
- His innings of 121 was built on a solid foundation, facing 206 balls and hitting 11 fours, demonstrating his class and determination at the crease.
- Kohli's partnership with world No. 1 Test all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja played a key role in helping India recover from a mid-innings defeat and post a challenging 438 in the first innings.
- By equalling Sir Don Bradman's record of 29 Test centuries, Virat Kohli has further cemented his position as one of the greats of modern times in the world of cricket.

2. Shah Rukh Khan roped in as brand ambassador for ICC World Cup 2023 (July 22, 2023)

brand-ambassador-for-ICC-World-Cup-2023
Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has been roped in as the brand ambassador for the ICC World Cup 2023.

An Overview of the News

- Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan launched the World Cup 2023 campaign 'It Takes One Day' with his iconic voiceover.
- The ICC World Cup 2023 is scheduled to be held in India from 5 October to 19 November 2023.
- India's first match will be against Australia on October 8 and it will face Pakistan on October 15 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- A total of 10 teams will participate in the tournament, with India, Afghanistan, Australia, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa qualifying directly based on their performance in the 2020-2023 ICC Cricket World Cup Super League.

- The remaining two teams will be determined through the ongoing World Cup qualifiers in
- Zimbabwe.

About International Cricket Council (ICC)

- It is the global governing body for cricket.
- It was founded in 1909 as the Imperial Cricket Conference by representatives from England, Australia and South Africa.
- In 1989, its name was changed to International Cricket Council (ICC).
- Representing 108 members, it regulates and administers the game of cricket and works with members to develop the game.
- It presides over the ICC Code of Conduct, playing conditions, the Decision Review System and other ICC regulations.
- Headquarters - Dubai, United Arab Emirates

3. Stuart Broad, the second fast bowler to take 600 wickets in Test cricket (July 21, 2023)

Stuart-Broad,-the-second-fast-bowler-to-take-600-wickets-in-Test-cricket
England's Stuart Broad became the second fast bowler to achieve the feat of 600 wickets in Test cricket.

An Overview of the News

- Broad achieved this feat during the fourth Ashes Test against Australia at Old Trafford.
- He took the crucial wicket of Travis Head to reach the 600 wicket mark on the first day of the match.
- The only other fast bowler to achieve this remarkable feat is Broad's England teammate James Anderson.
- Currently, Stuart Broad is fifth in the all-time list of highest wicket-takers in Test cricket, while James Anderson is third.

- **The top spots in the list are occupied by spinners:**

1. Muttiah Muralitharan
2. Shane Warne
3. James Anderson
4. Anil Kumble
5. Stuart Broad

- Stuart Broad made his Test debut in 2007 against Sri Lanka in Colombo.

- He has played 166 Test matches so far and has been a part of four Ashes winning teams for England.

4. India wins silver medal in ISSF Junior World Championships skeet mixed team event (July 21, 2023)

India-wins-silver-medal-in-ISSF-Junior-World-Championships

On July 20, 2023 India won the Silver Medal in Shooting during the ISSF Junior World Championships held at Changwon, Korea.

An Overview of the News

- The silver medal in the skeet mixed team event was won by the Indian pair of Harmehar Singh Lali and Sanjana Sood.
- Harmehar and Sanjana won 26-24 in a challenging 52-shot shoot-off to reach the final.
- In the final, the Indian pair faced the Italian team of Andrea Gallardini and Sara Bongini, in which the Indian pair lost by a score of 38-43.
- With this **silver medal, India's total medal tally reached four gold, four silver and three bronze medals**, taking it to the **second spot on the leaderboard**.
- China retained its position at the top of the medal tally with six gold, eight silver and four bronze medals.
- Italy finished third with two gold, one silver and three bronze medals.

ISSF Junior World Championship:

- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) introduced the ISSF Junior World Championship in 2017.
- The championship comprises a diverse range of shooting events in both Olympic and non-Olympic categories.
- The ISSF Junior World Championships comprises competitions in the rifle, pistol and shotgun disciplines.
- Participants get the opportunity to participate in both individual and team events.

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

- It is the governing body for both Olympic shooting events and non-Olympic shooting sports.
- The primary role of the ISSF is to regulate the sport of shooting, ensuring adherence to rules and standards at all levels of competition.

Establishment - **1907**

Headquarters - **Munich, Germany**

President - **Luciano Rossi**

Secretary - **Willie Grill (General Secretary)**

5. Ajit Singh won gold medal in Para Athletics Championship in Paris (July 18, 2023)

Ajit-Singh-won-gold-medal-in-Para-Athletics-Championship-in-Paris

Indian athlete Ajit Singh won the gold medal in the final of men's javelin throw F46 at the Para Athletics Championships in Paris.

An Overview of the News

- Ajit Singh topped the event with a throw of 65.41.
- He broke the previous championship record of 61.89 held by Chunliang Guo of China.
- Rinku, another Indian athlete, won the silver medal with a best throw of 65.38.
- Sri Lanka's Dinesh Priyanta Herath and Rinku finished joint second in the event.
- Sundar Singh Gujjar, representing India, finished fourth with a throw of 61.81.

About World Para Athletics Championships

- Prior to 2017 it was known as the IPC Athletics World Championships, is held every two years and focuses on Paralympic athletics.
- These championships are organised by World Para Athletics, a subcommittee of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).
- Competition includes a variety of athletics events specifically designed for athletes with physical and intellectual disabilities.
- The IPC Athletics World Championships were held for the first time in 1994 in Berlin, Germany.

6. Carlos Alcaraz wins first Wimbledon title (July 17, 2023)

Carlos-Alcaraz-wins-first-Wimbledon-title

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz won the Wimbledon title 2023 by defeating four-time defending champion Novak Djokovic in the men's singles category.

An Overview of the News

- Alcaraz won the match with a score of 1-6, 7-6(6), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 to secure his first Wimbledon title.
- The match was played on the Center Court of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London, England.
- Alcaraz is the third Spanish man to win Wimbledon after Manuel Santana (1966) and Rafael Nadal (2008,2010).

Wimbledon Championships 2023 Winners:

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Women's Singles	Marketa Vondrousova	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Strýcová & Hsieh Su-wei	Elise Mertens & Storm Sanders
Men's Doubles	Wesley Koolhof & Neal Skupski	Horacio Zeballos & Marcel Granollers
Mixed Doubles	Mate Pavić & Lyudmyla Kichenok	Xu Yifan & Joran Vliegen category

7. India third with 27 medals in Asian Athletics Championships 2023 (July 17, 2023)

Bangkok-Asian-Athletics-Championships-2023

In the **Asian Athletics Championships 2023** held in **Bangkok, Thailand**, India won a total of **27 medals** and secured the **third position** in the competition.

An Overview of the news:

- In the **five-day** (July 12 to 16) Asian Athletics Championships 2023 held in Bangkok, India finished third with a total of 27 medals, including **six gold, twelve silver and nine bronze medals**, in the second best ever performance.

Jyoti Yaraji's two medals:

- Athlete **Jyoti Yaraji** won India's first gold medal in women's **100m race and silver medal in women's 200m race** in this championship.

India bagged 13 medals on the last day:

- Indian athletes won a total of 13 medals including 8 silver and 5 bronze medals on the last day of competition in Bangkok Athletics Championships 2023 on July 16.

Second Best Performance:

- India's Bangkok campaign was India's best performance at the Asian Championships since Bhubaneswar 2017. In Bhubaneswar also, Indian athletes won a total of 27 medals including 9 gold, 6 silver and 12 bronze medals.

Top five countries in the medal tally:**Rank Country Gold Silver Bronze Total Medals**

1. Japan: 16 11 10 37
2. China: 8 8 6 22
3. India: 9 6 12 27
4. Sri Lanka: 3 2 3 8
5. Qatar: 2 1 1 4

8. Wimbledon 2023: Marketa Vondrousova defeats Ons Jabeur for first Slam title (July 16, 2023)

Marketa Vondrousova became the first unseeded player in the Open Era to win the women's singles championship at Wimbledon 2023.

An Overview of the News

- In the final, Marketa Vondrousova defeated Ons Jabeur, who had been runner-up in the previous year's tournament.
- Marketa Vondrousova is a Czech tennis player who achieved her career-highest career ranking of world No. 14 according to the Women's Tennis Association (WTA).

About Wimbledon Championships

- It is the oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament.
- It has been held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London since 1877, played on grass courts.
- Wimbledon is one of the four Grand Slam tournaments, along with the Australian Open, the French Open and the US Open.
- The tournament takes place over two weeks in late June and early July, culminating in a singles final.

9. Nishad Kumar won silver medal in Para Athletics World Championships in Paris (July 14, 2023)

Nishad-Kumar-won-silver-medal-in-Para-Athletics

Indian athlete Nishad Kumar won the silver medal in the men's high jump event at the 2023 Para-Athletics World Championships in Paris.

An Overview of the News

- Nishad achieved this medal in the High Jump T47 event. With this win, Nishad has become the second athlete to win a medal in this event.
- The 2023 World Para Athletics Championships determine qualification for the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris.

- The top four athletes in each individual medal event at the 2023 Championships secure their places at the 2024 Paralympic Games.

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10. India won six medals in the Asian Athletics Championships (July 14, 2023)

India-won-six-medals-in-the-Asian-Athletics-Championships

India won three gold and three bronze medals at the Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok city of Thailand.

An Overview of the News

- India's **Jyoti Yaraji** won the gold medal in the 100m hurdles.
- **Abdullah Abubakar** won the gold medal in the men's triple jump category.
- In the men's 1500m race, **Ajay Kumar Saroj** emerged victorious and secured another gold medal for India.
- **Tejaswin Shankar** put up a stellar performance, winning bronze in the long jump and 400m events.
- **Abhishek Pal and Aishwarya Kailash Mishra** also won bronze medals in men's 10,000m and women's 400m respectively.

Asian Championships 2023

- The 25th edition of the Asian Athletics Championships, known as the 2023 Asian Championships, will take place from July 12 to July 16, 2023.
- The host city of the event is Bangkok, Thailand and it is Thailand's first time hosting since 1973.
- The competition is being held at the National Stadium in Bangkok, specifically the Supachalasai National Stadium.
- There will be a total of 43 events during the championship.

About Thailand

- Capital and largest city - **Bangkok**
- Official Language - **Thai**
- Emperor - **Vajiralongkorn (Rama X)**
- Prime Minister - **Prayut Chan-o-cha**