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1. India tops U-23 Asian Wrestling Championships in Jordan (July 2, 2024)

India emerged as the top-performing nation at the Under 23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 in Amman, Jordan.

An Overview of the News

- Indian wrestlers secured a total of eight medals in freestyle wrestling: **four gold, two silver, and two bronze.**
- This achievement marks India's best-ever performance at the prestigious event, with **Kazakhstan** and **Kyrgyzstan securing second and third places respectively.**

Indian Medal Tally

• Gold Medalists:

- Abhimanyu (70 kg)
- Jointy Kumar (92 kg)
- Sahil Jaglan (97 kg)
- Anirudh Kumar (125 kg)

• Silver Medalists:

- Rohit (65 kg)
- Jaideep (74 kg)

• Bronze Medalists:

- Shubham (57 kg)
- Amit (79 kg)

About Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2024

- Location: Amman, Jordan
- Dates: June 22-24, 2024
- **Medal Tally: 11 medals in total**
 - **Gold Medals:** Dipanshi (46 kg), Muskan (53 kg), Rajnita (61 kg), Mansi Lather (69 kg)
 - **Silver Medals:** Raja Bala (40 kg), Samarth Gajanan Mhakave (55 kg)
 - **Bronze Medals:** Akash (65 kg), Sachin Kumar (71 kg), Bikash Kacchap (48 kg), Tushar Tukaram Patil (60 kg), Ronak (110 kg)

India at U23 & U17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2023:

- Medals: India clinched 44 medals - 13 gold, 13 silver, and 18 bronze.
- Participants: 60 Indian wrestlers competed across men's freestyle, women's freestyle, and men's Greco-Roman categories.
- Event Details: Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from June 10 to 18, 2023.
- Categories: Each age group (U23 & U17) featured 10 weight divisions in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling.

2. India Wins ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024 (June 30, 2024)

India ended their 11-year wait for a global trophy as Rohit Sharma led Team India to victory in the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024.

An Overview of the News

- India defeated South Africa by seven runs in a thrilling final at the Kensington Oval on June 29.

Match Highlights

- **India's Innings:**
 - Opted to bat first, India scored 176 for 7 in 20 overs.
 - Virat Kohli scored 76 runs.
 - Axar Patel contributed 47 runs.
 - This is the highest score by any team in a men's T20 World Cup final.
- **South Africa's Innings:**
 - Chasing a target of 177, South Africa managed 169 runs for 8 wickets.
 - Heinrich Klaasen scored 52 runs.
 - Hardik Pandya took three wickets.
 - Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh took two wickets each.

Awards and Recognitions

- Player of the Match:
 - Virat Kohli for his innings of 76 runs.
- Player of the Tournament:
 - Jasprit Bumrah for picking up 15 wickets in eight games with an economy rate below six.

Milestones and Retirements

- India's Achievements:
 - This is India's second T20 World Cup victory, the first being in 2007.
 - It is also the first global trophy since winning the Champions Trophy in 2013.
- Retirements:
 - Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma announced their retirement from T20 Internationals after the win.
 - Kohli announced his retirement minutes after the triumph.
 - Rohit Sharma announced his retirement during the post-match press conference.

3. Indian Table Tennis Stars Shine with 9 Medals at WTT Contender Lagos 2024 (June 27, 2024)

Indian contingents secured a total of 9 medals (3 gold, 1 silver, and 5 bronze) at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender Lagos 2024, held from June 19th to 23rd at Sir Molade Okoya Thomas Indoor Sports Hall, Lagos, Nigeria.

An Overview of the News

- Sreeja Akula of India achieved a historic milestone by winning the 2024 WTT Women's Singles title.
- She defeated China's Yijie Ding in the finals, becoming the **first Indian player to claim a Women's Singles title in the WTT Contender.**
- Germany's Dimitrij Ovtcharov emerged victorious in the Men's Singles category, securing **his second WTT Series Singles title by defeating compatriot Ricardo Walther in the finals.**

Winners & Runners-up at WTT Contender Lagos 2024:

- **Women's Singles:**
 - Champion (Gold): **Sreeja Akula (India)**
 - Runner-up (Silver): Yijie Ding (China)
- **Men's Singles:**
 - Champion (Gold): Dimitrij Ovtcharov (Germany)
 - Runner-up (Silver): Ricardo Walther (Germany)
- **Women's Doubles:**
 - Champions (Gold): **Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath (India)**
 - Runners-up (Silver): **Yashaswini Ghorpade and Diya Chitale (India)**

Men's Doubles:

- Champions (Gold): **Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar (India)**
- Runners-up (Silver): Olajide Omotayo and Azeez Solanke (Nigeria)

Noteworthy Achievements:

- **Sreeja Akula made history as the first Indian player to clinch the Women's Singles title at a WTT Contender event.**
- Dimitrij Ovtcharov added another WTT Series Singles title to his resume with this victory.

Highlights of Indian Medal Winners at the WTT Contender Event

- Women's Singles: Ayhika Mukherjee and Suthirtha Mukherjee earned bronze medals after losing in the semifinals.
- Women's Doubles: Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath claimed the gold medal by defeating Yashaswini Ghorpade and Diya Chitale in the finals. Yashaswini Ghorpade and Diya Chitale secured the silver medal.
- Women's Singles Rankings: **Sreeja Akula climbed 19 spots to become India's highest-ranked player, reaching World No. 24.**
- Men's Doubles: Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar won the gold medal by defeating the Nigerian pair of Olajide Omotayo and Azeez Solanke. **They became the first Indian men's pair to win a WTT Contender title.**
- Mixed Doubles: Archana Kamath and Manav Thakkar, along with Manush Shah and Diya Chitale, secured bronze medals after losing in the semifinals.

4. Max Verstappen Secures Third Consecutive Victory at 2024 Spanish Grand Prix (June 27, 2024)

Max Verstappen, representing Red Bull, clinched victory at the 2024 Spanish Grand Prix on 23 June at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya in Montmeló, Barcelona, Spain.

An Overview of the News

- This win marks Verstappen's third consecutive title at the Spanish GP and his fourth overall at this track, having previously triumphed in 2016, 2022, and 2023.
- Lando Norris of McLaren secured the second position, while Lewis Hamilton from Mercedes finished third in the race.

Podium Finish:

1. Max Verstappen - Red Bull (25 points)
2. Lando Norris - McLaren (19 points)
3. Lewis Hamilton - Mercedes (15 points)

Key Performances:

- Lando Norris is the only driver to score points in all 10 races of the 2024 season.
- Lewis Hamilton achieved his first podium finish of the 2024 season.

Championship Standings:

- Max Verstappen leads with 219 points, followed by Lando Norris (150 points) and Charles Leclerc (148 points).
- Norris secures his first 2nd position in the drivers' championship.

Other Notable Points:

- Verstappen's 7th win of the season and 61st career win.
- Verstappen and Norris have finished 1-2 in 5 out of the last 6 races.

5. India Shines at Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships with 11 Medals, Including Four Golds (June 25, 2024)

The Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan, saw India's young contingent secure a total of 11 medals.

An Overview of the News

- The Under-17 championship took place from June 22 to June 24, 2024. Following its conclusion, the Under-23 championship commenced.
- The medal haul included four gold, two silver, and five bronze medals.
- Women wrestlers dominated with all four gold medals: Dipanshi (46 kg), Muskan (53 kg), Rajnita (61 kg), and Mansi Lather (69 kg).
- Raja Bala showed strong performance but settled for silver in the 40 kg category.
- In the men's category, Samarth Gajanan Mhakave won silver in the 55 kg division.
- Bronze medals were claimed by Akash (65 kg), Sachin Kumar (71 kg), Bikash Kacchap (48 kg), Tushar Tukaram Patil (60 kg), and Ronak (110 kg).

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6. Bhosale-Tian Duo Clinches ITF Women's Tour Title in Tauste (June 22, 2024)

Rutuja Bhosale of India and Fangran Tian of China won the ITF Women's World Tennis Tour in Tauste, Spain.

An Overview of the News

- They triumphed in the finals against the 3rd seeds, Alana Parnaby (Australia) and Victoria Rodriguez (Mexico).
- The Indo-Chinese pair secured a straight sets victory of 6-2, 6-4.
- The match concluded this afternoon with Bhosale and Tian claiming a convincing win.

ITF Women's World Tennis Tour Overview:

- Organization: Managed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).
- Purpose: Entry-level and mid-level tour for women's professional tennis.
- Pathway: Bridges the ITF Junior World Tennis Tour and the WTA Tour.
- Tournaments: Approximately 500 tournaments in 65 countries.
- Prize Money Levels: \$15,000, \$25,000, \$40,000, \$60,000, and \$100,000.

Impact of Political Events:

- Policy Change: Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in March 2022,
- Restrictions: Players from Belarus and Russia could participate but not under their respective national flags.

Support for Emerging Talent:

- Junior Integration: \$15,000 tournaments reserve spots for Top-100 ranked ITF Juniors.
- Financial Accessibility: Aims to reduce player costs and support more professionals.

Integration with WTA Rankings:

- Ranking System: Results contribute to the WTA rankings.
- Career Advancement: Facilitates progression to higher levels of professional tennis.

7. India's Compound Archery Team Clinches Gold Sweep at Antalya World Cup 2024 (June 22, 2024)

Jyoti Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Swami of India won gold in the compound team event at the Antalya Archery World Cup 2024 in Turkey.

An Overview of the News

- They secured victory by defeating Estonia 232–229 in the final match.
- This win marked India's sweep of all three World Cup Stage Gold medals in the compound team event this season.

Earlier in the season:

- India's women's compound archery team, ranked world No. 1, defeated Italy at Stage 1 in Shanghai.
- India also won the gold medal in the compound women's team event at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 in Yecheon, South Korea.

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. Neeraj Chopra Clinches Gold at World Athletics Continental Tour in Finland (June 19, 2024)

Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra won the Gold medal in the men's javelin throw at the World Athletics Continental Gold Tour.

An Overview of the News

- The event took place at the **Paavo Nurmi Stadium in Turku, Finland.**
- Chopra topped an **eight-man field** with a best effort of **85.97 meters.**
- Chopra began the competition with a throw of **83.62 meters.**
- Local favourite Oliver Helander briefly took the lead with an 83.96-meter throw in the second round.
- Chopra reclaimed the top spot with his best throw of 85.97 meters on his third attempt.

About Neeraj Chopra

- Neeraj secures second place at Doha Diamond League 2024
- He won the 2023 Doha Diamond League.
- He clinched a gold medal at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.
- He also claimed a gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest, Hungary.
- Neeraj Chopra was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in March 2022.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

- **Major medals won by Neeraj Chopra :**
 - 2022 Kuortane Games (Gold Medal)
 - 2022 Paavo Nurmi Games (Silver)
 - 2021 Tokyo Olympics (Gold Medal)
 - 2018 Commonwealth Games (Gold Medal)
 - 2017 Asian Athletics Championships (Gold Medal)
 - 2016 South Asian Games (Gold Medal)

World Athletics Continental Tour:

- The 2024 World Athletics Continental Tour, also known as the 2024 Continental Tour, is the 5th season of this annual series.
- These outdoor track and field meetings are organised by World Athletics.
- The Continental Tour was first held in 2020, replacing the IAAF World Challenge Series.
- It is the second tier of international one-day meetings after the 2024 Diamond League.

Paavo Nurmi Games:

- The Paavo Nurmi Games is an annual track and field event held at the Paavo Nurmi Stadium in Turku, Finland.
- The event was first held in 1957.
- Since 2017, the Paavo Nurmi Games have been part of the IAAF World Challenge Series.

9. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi Claims Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024 Crown (June 18, 2024)

Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi, India's top-rated chess player, clinched the Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024 title in Jermuk, Armenia.

An Overview of the News

- He secured victory with a round to spare by defeating Russian GM Volodar Murzin in 63 moves during the penultimate round.
- Arjun finished with six points from four wins and four draws, establishing a lead of 1.5 points over his nearest competitors in the 10-player field.

Upcoming Challenge

- In the final round, Arjun will compete against GM Manuel Petrosyan of Armenia.

Career-High Live Rating

- Following his victory, Arjun Erigaisi achieved his highest live rating to date, reaching the No. 4 position globally.

Recent Performance

- Throughout the year, Arjun has displayed exceptional performance:
 - Winner of the Menorca Open in April.
 - Runner-up in the TePe Sigeman Chess Tournament in May.
 - Joint-fifth place in the Sharjah Masters Open tournament.

10. India wins first medal at BRICS Games in Kazan (June 17, 2024)

India won its first medal in women's table tennis at the ongoing BRICS Games in Kazan, Russia.

An Overview of the News

- The women's table tennis team, consisting of Poymantee Baisya, Moumita Dutta, and Yashini Sivasankar, clinched a bronze medal.

Match Details:

- The Indian women's TT team lost 1-3 to China in the semi-final.
- Yashini Sivasankar won her game 11-7, 4-11, 11-8, 7-11, 11-2, contributing to India's bronze medal finish.
- China dominated the subsequent rubbers to advance to the final.

Men's Team Performance:

- The Indian men's team, comprising Anirban Ghosh, Jeet Chandra, and Snehit Suravajjula, secured fifth place.
- They defeated Bahrain 3-1 in their classification match.

About BRICS Games

- The BRICS Games is an annual multi-sport event hosted by BRICS nations.
- It began with an under-17 football tournament in Goa, 2016, followed by the first multi-sport event in Guangzhou, China, 2017.
- Sports include volleyball, wushu, and taolu.
- India hosted the BRICS Games in 2021 alongside the Khelo India Games.
- The host nation rotates annually based on the BRICS chairmanship.

Important Point

- India's Newly-appointed Sports Minister - **Mansukh Mandaviya**