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1. Asia Cup Stage 2 Archery: India Claim 14 Medals (May 6, 2023)

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India has **bagged 14 medals** at the **Asia Cup Stage 2 World Ranking Tournament** to top the event in **Tashkent** on 5th May.

An overview of the news

- In **14 medals seven were gold, five were silver and two bronze.**
- **India won gold medals in all the categories** except women's individual recurve and mixed recurve and won silver medals in these two categories.
- The Indian trio of **Mrinal Chauhan, Partha Salunkhe and Juyel Sarkar** defeated Bangladesh 5-1 in the final of the **men's recurve team event to win the gold medal.**
- The women's recurve team of **Avni, Bhajan Kaur and Lakshmi Hembrom** beat Bangladesh 5-4 in the **gold medal decider** in their final match.

List of Indian medal winners

- **Women's Team Compound** - Gold (Sakshi Chowdhary, Preneet Kaur and Aditi Gopichand Swami)
- **Men's Team Compound** - Gold (Rishabh Yadav, Prathamesh Phuge and Prathamesh Javkar)
- **Mixed Team Compound** - Gold (Prathmesh Phuge and Preneet Kaur)
- **Men's Individual Compound** - Prathamesh Phuge (Gold); Rishabh Yadav (Silver); Javkar Solutions (Bronze)
- **Women's Individual Compound** - Sakshi Chowdhary (Gold); Preneet Kaur (Silver)
- **Women's Team Recurve** - Gold (Avni, Bhajan Kaur and Lakshmi Hembrom)
- **Men's Team Recurve** - Gold (Mrunal Chauhan, Partha Salunkhe and Juyel Sarkar)
- **Mixed Team Recurve** - Silver (Parth Salunkhe & Bhajan Kaur)
- **Men's Individual Recurve** - Mrinal Chauhan (Gold); Parth Salunke (Bronze)
- **Women's Individual Recurve** - Bhajan Kaur (Silver)

2. Former Karnataka HC Justice P Krishna Bhat appointed as administrator of BFI (May 6, 2023)

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The Delhi High Court has appointed former **Karnataka High Court Justice P Krishna Bhat** as the Administrator of the **Basketball Federation of India (BFI)**.

An Overview of the News:

- The appointment has been made to conduct elections in the organisation, and it came into force with immediate effect.
- The Administrator will continue to act until a newly elected body takes over the BFI.
- The court has directed the administrator to ensure that the election process is completed as soon as possible in accordance with the Sports Code.
- The decision was taken in response to several petitions regarding the election of office bearers and members of the executive committee for the period 2023-2027.

Basketball Federation of India (BFI)

- It is the governing body for basketball in India.
- It is responsible for promoting and developing basketball at all levels through tournaments, grassroots programs and training opportunities.
- President - **K. Govindraj**
- Establishment - **1950**
- Headquarters - New Delhi
- Men's coach - **Veselin Matic**

3. Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinches Doha Diamond League title (May 6, 2023)

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India's Neeraj Chopra has started the 2023 season on a bright note by **winning the javelin throw title** at the **ongoing Diamond League in Doha**.

An overview of the news

- The **25-year-old Chopra**, who **won the 2022 Diamond League Final trophy in Switzerland** last September, won with a best throw of **88.67m**.
- Chopra struck his straps on his first attempt with a world-leading **throw of 88.67 metres**, which was the **fourth best of his career**.
- He maintained the lead till the end to win the event in his **second appearance at the Qatar Sports Club**.
- **Czech Republic's Vadlejch** finished **second** and **Grenada's Peters** finished **third**.
- With this victory, Neeraj has also achieved the world lead.

Top three in Javelin Throw

- Neeraj Chopra (**88.67m**)
- Jakub Vadlejch (**88.63m**)

Anderson Peters (**85.88m**)

4. Olympic silver medalist Nigel Amos banned (May 5, 2023)

Olympic silver medalist Nigel Amos banned

Nigel Amos, the Olympic silver medalist in the men's 800 metres at the 2012 Olympics, received a three-year ban for doping by the Athletics Integrity Unit.

- An Overview of the News
- Nigel Amos, from Botswana, tested positive for the banned substance GW1516 in the lead-up to last year's track world championships, which is known to cause cancer in rodent tests.
- The ban has been reverted to his provisional suspension in July 2020 and will last until 2025, meaning he will not be able to participate in the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU):

- It was established in April 2017 by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- The primary objective of the AIU is to prevent, detect and investigate doping in athletics.
- The AIU operates independently of the IAAF to ensure fairness and transparency in its work.
- The AIU is responsible for enforcing the World Anti-Doping Code in Athletics and has the authority to ban athletes who violate the code.

About Botswana

It is a landlocked country located in Southern Africa.

The country is defined by two distinctive landscapes: the Kalahari Desert and the Okavango Delta.

Capital and largest city - Gaborone

President - Mokgweetsi Masisi

Vice President - Slumber Tsogwane

Establishment (Constitution) - 30 September 1966

5. Dubai to host inaugural edition of Global Chess League (May 5, 2023)

Dubai to host inaugural edition of Global Chess League

The **Global Chess League (GCL)** announced **Dubai** as the inaugural edition of the **world's largest and first franchise-based chess league.**

An Overview of the News

- The league is a joint venture between **FIDE and Tech Mahindra**, and will be organised in association with the **Dubai Sports Council** as the host partner.
- The vision of the league is to bring the game of chess to new audiences and create an ecosystem for the game, providing a platform for champions from around the world to showcase their chess potential.
- The announcement was made in the presence of key dignitaries including Consul General of India in Dubai **Dr. Aman Puri**, five-time World Chess Champion and FIDE Vice President **Viswanathan Anand** and several members of the Global Chess League Board.

About United Arab Emirates (UAE)

- **Location:** It is located in **Western Asia**.
- **Geographical Boundaries:** It shares borders with **Oman and Saudi Arabia**.
- **Maritime Borders:** It also has **maritime borders** with **Qatar and Iran** in the **Persian Gulf**.
- **Religion:** Islam is the dominant religion in the UAE, with the majority of the population being Sunni Muslim.

Capital - Abu Dhabi

Official language - Arabic

Government - Federal Islamic parliamentary elective semi-constitutional monarchy

President/Crown Prince - Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Prime Minister - Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Vice President - Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan

6. Olympic and world title winning star athlete 'Tori Bowie' passes away (May 5, 2023)

Olympic and world title winning star athlete 'Tori Bowie' passes away

Star athlete **Tori Bowie's** management company informed on 3 May 2023 that the **US sprinter and long jumper**, who won three **Olympic medals and two world titles**, died at the age of 32.

An Overview of the News

- For the past few days neither Tory was seen anywhere in public nor there was any news of her. Later, when police officers went to his **Orlando (Florida) residence** to inquire about her news, Bowie was found dead.
- The sheriff's department informed that Bowie's death was not being investigated as a suspicious death. That is, the officials are considering Tori's death as a natural death.

Career of Tori Bowie

- Bowie was raised by her grandmother in the rural environment of **Mississippi (USA)**. She **switched to long jump in 2014** and became the fastest woman in the world that year.
- Bowie also took silver in the **100m, bronze in the 4x100m relay and gold in the 200m at the 2016 Rio Olympics**.
- Bowie became **world champion in 2017** by winning the **world 100m title in London**.
- She finished fourth at the **2019 World Long Jump Championships in Doha**, her last major competition.
- President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC): **Thomas Bach**.

7. Sports Minister launches logo, mascot of Khelo India University Games 2022 (May 5, 2023)

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Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Thakur** launched the **Logo, jersey, mascot, torch and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2022** (KIUG 2022) in Lucknow 5th May.

An overview of the news

- The **3rd edition of the Khelo India University Games** will take place from **May 23 to June 3**.
- The opening ceremony is scheduled on May 25 at the **Babu Banarasi Das University in Lucknow**.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath**, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports **Nisith Pramanik** and Sports Minister of Uttar Pradesh **Girish Chandra Yadav** were present at the launch ceremony.
- The upcoming edition of the KIUG is expected to have participation of more than 4700 athletes from more than 200 universities across the country, with total participation reaching to over 7000.

About Khelo India

- Khelo India, which translates to '**Let's Play India**', was proposed by the Government of India **in 2017**.
- It aims to **revive the sporting culture of India** by connecting with children at the grassroots level.
- Under this, Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG), **Khelo India University Games (KIUG) and Khelo India Winter Games** were established as annual national sports competitions.
- Top sprinter **Dutee Chand** and archers **Parth Salunkhe** and **Komalika Bari** are some of the big names participating in these events.
- The initiative started with the Khelo India School Games **in 2018** held in **New Delhi**.

8. Ding Liren becomes China's first world chess champion (May 3, 2023)

Ding Liren becomes China's first world chess champion

Ding Liren became **China's first world chess champion** after defeating **Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker**.

An Overview of the News

- Ding Liren has become the **17th World Chess Champion**.
- He took over from **Magnus Carlsen of Norway as the winner of the World Chess Championship**.
- The first stage of the **World Chess Championship in Astana, Kazakhstan** ended with Ding Liren and Nepomniachtchi with seven points, with three wins and eight draws.
- The match was held from **9 April to 30 April 2023**, lasting a total of 21 days.

History of the World Chess Championship

- The first recognized world championship match in chess was **played in 1886 between Wilhelm Steinitz and Johannes Zukertort**, with **Steinitz** emerging as the first world champion.
- **From 1886 to 1946**, the world champion set the terms of the competition, requiring challengers to raise a significant stake and defeat the champion in a match to claim the title.
- After the death of **world champion Alexander Alekhine in 1946**, the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** took over the administration of the World Championship and held a series of tournaments every three years until 1993 to choose a new challenger.

About Kazakhstan

- It is a **Central Asian country** that was once a **part of the Soviet Union**. It became an **independent nation in 1991** after the **dissolution of the Soviet Union**.
- The country is the **ninth largest country** in the world by land area, stretching from the **Caspian Sea** in the west to the **Altai Mountains** in the east.
- The **capital of Kazakhstan is Nur-Sultan**, which was renamed from **Astana in 2019**. Almaty is the largest city in Kazakhstan and it was the **capital of Kazakhstan until 1997** when the government was moved to Astana.

9. India surpasses Australia to become No. one Test team (May 3, 2023)

India surpasses Australia to become No. one Test team

Rohit Sharma-led India on May 2 **overtook Australia to become the number one Test team** in the latest rankings released by the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**.

An overview of the news

- Australia's reign at the top of the men's Test rankings ended after 15 months, with India surpassing the Aussies ahead of next month's **ICC World Test Championship (WTC) final**.
- **India are currently on top with 121 points**, while **Australia are second with 116 points**.
- Earlier this year, India registered a 2-1 series win against Australia to retain the Border-Gavaskar trophy for the fourth time in a row.
- **England (116 points), South Africa (104) and defending champions New Zealand (100)** occupy the **third, fourth and fifth places** respectively in the rankings.

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, decision review system and other ICC regulations**.
- Headquarter - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

10. Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon win Gold for India in ISSF Shotgun World Cup (May 2, 2023)

Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon win Gold for India in ISSF Shotgun World Cup

Shooters **Mairaj Ahmad Khan** and **Ganemat Sekhon** won **India its first medal in the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shotgun World Cup** in Cairo, Egypt on 30th April.

An overview of the news

- They won the gold medal by **defeating Mexicans Luis Raul Gallardo Oliveros and Gabriela Rodriguez 6-0 in the skeet mixed team event.**
- Italy took bronze through their crack pair of two-time world championship **silver medallist Simona Scocchetti and Rio Olympic champion Gabrielle Rossetti.**
- **Olympian Meraj Ahmad Khan shot 74/75** in the qualifying round to win his **5th Senior ISSF World Cup medal.**
- The Indian pair combined for a **score of 143 out of 150, equal to Mexico's score.**