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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**