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### **1. Satwiksairaj and Chirag Shetty won men's doubles at the Badminton Asia Championships gold medal ( May 1, 2023 )**

On 30 April, **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** created history by becoming the **first Indian men's doubles pair to win a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Championships.**

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

- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** defeated **Malaysian pair of Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yee in a three-game match.**
- This historic achievement is only the **second gold medal** India has won at the **Badminton Asia Championships**, the first gold medal being won by **Dinesh Khanna in 1965 in the men's singles category.**
- He won the **Commonwealth Games gold medal in 2022** and was part of the historic **Thomas Cup winning team.**

#### **Badminton Association of India (BAI):**

- It serves as the governing body for **badminton in India.**
- BAI is registered as an association under the **Societies Act.**
- **Since 1936**, BAI has been responsible for organising and hosting national level badminton tournaments in India.

Establishment - **1934**

Headquarters - **New Delhi**

President - **Himanta Biswa Sarma**

#### **Badminton Asia Championship:**

- It is an **annual badminton tournament organised by the governing body Badminton Asia**
- The tournament has been held **since 1962** and has been an annual event since 1991.

### **2. Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023, won by Sergio Perez ( May 1, 2023 )**

**Sergio Pérez won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix**, the fourth round of the **2023 Formula 1 World Championship** held in Baku.

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

- **Pérez won the race beating Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen.**

- The Azerbaijan Grand Prix is a **Formula One race held annually since 2017** at the **Baku City Circuit in the capital city of Azerbaijan.**
- Azerbaijan is a country located in both **Asia and Europe, bordered by the Caspian Sea and the Caucasus Mountains.**
- The country's **capital is Baku**, known for its mediaeval walled Inner City.
- The Palace of the **Shirvanshahs** is located within the inner city of Baku. It was built in the **15th century as a royal residence.**

## **About Azerbaijan**

Capital - **Baku**

Currency - **Azerbaijani manat**

Official language - **Azerbaijani**

Government - **Republic, Unitary State, Presidential System, Constitutional Republic, Semi-Presidential System**

Continent - **Europe, Asia**

President - **Ilham Aliyev**

Vice President - **Mehriban Aliyeva**

Prime Minister - **Ali Asadov**

National Assembly Speaker - **Sahiba Gafarova**

## **3. Pankaj Singh elected president of Indian Cycling Federation ( April 27, 2023 )**

**BJP MLA from Noida** and son of Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, **Pankaj Singh** was elected as the **President of the Cycling Federation of India (CFI).**

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

- The election was held during the **Annual General Body meeting in Nainital**, and Pankaj Singh was elected unopposed.
- **Maninder Pal Singh was elected general secretary** for the second time in a row.
- **Sudesh Kumar from Kerala was elected as the treasurer.**
- **Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Kerala and Telangana** elected two members each to the Executive Council.
- **Chandigarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar** elected one member each to the Executive Council.

### **About Cycling Federation of India (CFI)**

- It is the **national governing body** for **cycling in India and was established in 1946.**
- It is recognized by the **Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI)**, the world governing body for the sport of cycling.
- The main responsibilities of the CFI include **promoting, developing and regulating cycling activities in India.**
- The CFI organises various national and international cycling events including **road races, track cycling, mountain biking and BMX events.**
- It also oversees the selection and training of Indian cyclists for major international competitions such as the **Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and World Championships.**

### **4. Mahavir Singh Phogat appointed as President of MMA-1 Federation ( April 26, 2023 )**

**Renowned wrestler and coach Mahavir Singh Phogat** was appointed as the **President of MMA-1 Federation.**

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

- Phogat's appointment as the President of the MMA-1 Federation is **aimed at developing and promoting MMA in India.**
- Phogat's role as president will primarily involve identifying and nurturing young talent in the sport of MMA in India.

### **About Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)**

- It is a full-contact combat sport involving **striking, grappling and ground fighting.**
- It incorporates techniques from various **combat sports around the world.**
- The term "**mixed martial arts**" was first used in **1993 by a television critic reviewing UFC 1.**
- **Valle Tudo** in Brazil and interstylistic competition in Asia were **precursors to modern MMA.**
- The Gracie family brought **Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu to America in the 1990s**, which led to the founding of the UFC in 1993.

### **About Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)**

- UFC is a major **American mixed martial arts (MMA) promotion company** and is **owned and operated by Zuffa**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Endeavor Group Holdings.

- As of 2022, the UFC is the **world's largest MMA promotion by events held globally.**
- The company follows the **unified rules of mixed martial arts** and has 12 weight classes, including eight for men and four for women.
- Dana White** has been the president of the UFC since 2001 and has been instrumental in its success.

Established - **1993**

Founders - **Art Dewey, Bob Meyerowitz, Ryan Troutsdale, Campbell McLaren, David Isaacs, John Milius, and Rorian Gracie**

Headquarters - **Las Vegas, Nevada, US**

MMA-1 Federation President - **Mohammed Ali Budhwani**

### **5. Carlos Alcaraz wins second consecutive Barcelona title ( April 25, 2023 )**

**Carlos Alcaraz** won his **second consecutive Barcelona title** on 23 April, defeating **Stefanos Tsitsipas in straight sets.**

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

- Alcaraz has **won his third trophy of 2023** and **ninth of his career** after victories in **Buenos Aires and Indian Wells.**
- It was **Alcaraz's fourth win in four meetings with Tsitsipas.**

#### **Football Club Barcelona:**

- It is a professional football club based in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.**
- Barcelona is one of the **most successful clubs in Spanish football history.**
- The club was **founded in 1899** by a group of **Swiss, Spanish and English footballers.**
- Barcelona is also known for their **youth academy, La Masia**, which has produced many of the club's greats such as **Lionel Messi, Xavi and Andrés Iniesta.**

President - **Joan Laporta**

### **6. Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project ( April 24, 2023 )**

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project

Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** launched the '**One Panchayat, One Playground**' project in **Kallikkad** on 19 April 2023 with the goal of reviving the sports culture in the state.

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

- The project aims to establish **high-quality playgrounds in every panchayat**, a local self-government in India, to promote community gatherings and social interaction.
- The playgrounds will be **constructed within three years**, with **113 panchayats identified for the initial phase of the project**.
- Each playground is expected to cost around **Rs one crore**, with the sports department covering half of the cost and the remaining funds raised from various sources such as **legislative and local body funds, corporate social responsibility (CSR) and public-private partnerships**.
- Lack of quality playgrounds in about **450 local bodies across the state** is a major issue that the '**One Panchayat, One Playground**' project aims to address.

### **About Kerala**

Capital - **Thiruvananthapuram**

Official Bird - **Great Hornbill**

Governor - **Arif Mohammad Khan**

Chief Minister - **Pinarayi Vijayan**

### **Origin of rivers in Kerala**

- Periyar River
- Bharathapuzha River
- Pamba River
- Chaliyar River
- Chalakudy River

India's longest lake - **Vembanad, Kerala**

## **7. Kiptom wins London Marathon in 2nd fastest time ( April 24, 2023 )**

Kiptom wins London Marathon in 2nd fastest time

**Kelvin Kiptum**, a 23-year-old **Kenyan athlete**, won the **London Marathon** and set the **second fastest time in history for the distance**.

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

- **Kiptum finished the race with a time of 2 hours, 1 minute and 25 seconds, breaking the course record but only 16 seconds short of Eliud Kipchoge's world record.**
- Kiptum finished behind elite runners **Amos Kipruto, Tamirat Tola and Mo Farah**, who finished ninth at age 40 with a time of 2 hours 10 minutes and 28 seconds.

### **About the London Marathon**

- It is an annual long distance running competition that takes place in **London, UK**. It was **first organised in 1981**.
- The event attracts elite athletes and amateur runners from around the world. **Participants walk 26.2 miles (42.2 km) through the streets of London**, passing famous landmarks such as **Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge**.
- In addition to elite men's and women's races, there are also **wheelchair races** and mass participation events for amateur runners.

### **London:**

- It is the **capital of England** and the **United Kingdom** and is a city with a **rich history that dates back to Roman times**.
- The iconic '**Big Ben**' clock tower is home to **Westminster Abbey** in the centre of London as well as the site of the **British Monarchy's coronation**.
- **Across the River Thames** from the centre of **London is the London Eye observation wheel**, which provides panoramic views of the **South Bank cultural precinct and the entire city**.

## **8. Archery World Cup 2023: India won four medals in Antalya ( April 24, 2023 )**

Atanu Das, Dheeraj Bommadevra and Tarundeep Rai won the silver medal

Indian men's recurve team comprising **Atanu Das, Dheeraj Bommadevra and Tarundeep Rai won the silver medal** at the **Archery World Cup 2023 Stage 1 held in Antalya, Turkey on 23 April**.

### **An overview of the news**

- The Indian trio lost 4-5 to **China's Li Zhongyuan, Qi Jiangshuo and Wei Shaoxuan in the final**.
- While India lost the first two sets, they soon came back to win the next two sets to level the **scores at 4-4**.
- But in the **deciding fifth set**, the two teams were **tied 28-28, leading to a shoot-off, which was won by the Chinese team**.

- Earlier, the **fourth seeded Indian men's recurve archery team had defeated Italy, Japan, Chinese Taipei and Netherlands** on their way to the final.
- On the same day, **Dheeraj Bommadevra defeated Ilfat Abdullin of Kazakhstan 7-3 to win the bronze medal** in the men's individual recurve event.
- Thus with two medals on 23 April, **India ended the competition with four medals, including two gold, one silver and one bronze.**

#### **Name of medal winners of India**

- **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** - Women's Individual Compound - **Gold Medal**
- **Jyoti Surekha Vennam and Ojas Praveen Deotale** - Compound Mixed Team - **Gold Medal**
- **Atanu Das, Dhiraj Bommadevra and Tarundeep Rai** - Men's Recurve Team - **Silver Medal**
- **Dheeraj Bommadevra** - Men's Individual Recurve - **Bronze Medal**

#### **9. Shaili Singh qualifies for Asian Games ( April 21, 2023 )**

Shaili Singh qualifies for Asian Games

**Shaili Singh won the women's long jump event at the Indian Grand Prix-4 held in Bengaluru** on 19 April.

#### **An overview of the news**

- Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** has congratulated Shaili on her victory.
- With a **personal best of 6.76m**, she is now the **second highest long jumper in the history of India** and has qualified for the Asian Games.
- Shelly became the **second highest female long jumper after her idol and mentor Anju Bobby George.**
- Shelly's win in **Indian Grand Prix IV** is a huge milestone and will have a significant impact on the future of Indian sports.
- Athlete Shelly has been training hard at **NCOE Bangalore** under the **Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme** and her dedication and commitment towards the sport is truly inspiring.

#### **10. Construction of multi-purpose indoor stadium started in Shillong ( April 21, 2023 )**

Construction of multi-purpose indoor stadium started in Shillong

Presently the construction of **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at Polo in Shillong** started and it is the largest stadium of its kind in the **North Eastern region**.

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

- It will be a **multi-purpose indoor stadium** which will provide state-of-the-art facilities for various disciplines such as **basketball, squash, badminton, table tennis, volleyball** and many more.
- The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at Polo Ground in Shillong is being renovated, upgraded and expanded to include a football field with natural grass turf and a state-of-the-art facility to host track and field events.
- The stadium is being constructed to high-quality standards, ensuring it will be fit to **host international sporting events**.

### **About Meghalaya**

- It is a state located in **Northeast India**.
- It was formed on **January 21, 1972** by carving out two districts from the state of Assam: **United Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills and Garo Hills**.
- **Shillong** is the capital and largest city of Meghalaya.
- Meghalaya is home to several indigenous tribes including the **Khasis, Garos and Jaintias**, each with their own distinct culture, traditions and languages.

Governor - **Fagu Chauhan**

Chief Minister - **Conrad Sangma (NPP)**

Official language - **English**

Legislative Assembly - **Meghalaya Legislative Assembly (60 seats)**

Rajya Sabha - **1 seat**

Lok Sabha - **2 seats**

Lake - **Umiam Lake**

River - **Kopili**

Festival - **Nongkrem Dance, Wangala Festival, Ahiya**

National Parks - **Balpakram National Park, Nokrek National Park**

Wildlife Sanctuaries - **Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuary, Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary, Siju Bird Sanctuary**