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1. ICC historic decision for women's cricket (July 14, 2023)

ICC-historic-decision-for-women's-cricket

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has taken a historic decision regarding women cricketers in its annual meeting on 13 July 2023.

An Overview of the news:

- Meeting in **Durban, South Africa**, the ICC announced that **equal prize money will now be given to women and men cricketers**.
- According to ICC Chairman Greg Barclay, it is an important moment in the history of our game that male and female cricketers competing in ICC's global competitions will now be rewarded equally.

ICC working in this direction since 2017:

- Since 2017, the ICC has been working towards equal prize money.
- Prize money has been increased in women's competitions every year.
- From now on, this decision of ICC will be applicable in all formats of cricket, whether it is **Cricket World Cup, T20 World Cup or Under-19 World Cup tournament**, the same prize money will be given as ICC male cricketers.

Difference in prize money of male and female cricketers:

- In the **2019 Men's Cricket World Cup, Champions England got 28.4 crores** while **runners-up New Zealand got 14.2 crores**.
- In comparison, the **Women's ODI World Cup winning team got \$1.5 million (Rs 12.30 crore) from the 2017 tournament in England**.

Amount paid to the winning team in the last Women's World Cup:

- The prize money for the **ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2022 was also \$3.5 million (Rs 28.71 crore)**.
- The winner and runner-up were given the same prize money in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 and 2023. Over the years the winning team received one million dollars (Rs 8.2 crore) and five lakh dollars (Rs 4.1 crore), five times the amount given in 2018.

To be implemented in 2030:

- This ensures that the ICC Board has met its commitment to bring about parity in prize money by 2030, well ahead of schedule.

There will be equality in match fees as well:

- The ICC has announced that teams will now receive equal prize money for finishing in the same positions in relatively similar events, as well as winning matches in those events.

2. Wanindu Hasaranga and Ashley Gardner awarded ICC 'Player of the Month' for June (July 12, 2023)

The ICC (International Cricket Council) honoured Sri Lankan spinner Wanindu Hasaranga and Australian women's team all-rounder Ashley Gardner with the 'Player of the Month' awards in June for their exceptional performances.

An Overview of the News

- Wanindu Hasaranga received the prestigious accolade for his remarkable achievements during the World Cup qualifier matches held in Zimbabwe.
- **Ashley Gardner became the first player to win the Player of the Month award three times.** She was recognized for her outstanding contribution during the Women's Ashes series.
- The ICC honoured both the players during the month of June for their remarkable skill, performance and impact on their respective teams.

About ICC

- Established - **15 June 1909**
- Headquarters - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**
- Chairman - **Greg Barclay**

3. India Tops Medals Tally in 34th International Biology Olympiad, Secures Four Gold Medals (July 11, 2023)

India-Tops-Medals-Tally-in-34th-International-Biology-Olympiad

India emerged as the top country in the 34th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) by securing the highest number of medals.

An Overview of the News

- This year, India achieved a remarkable feat by winning four gold medals, marking the first time it has achieved an all-gold performance and topped the medal tally in IBO.
- The winners from India are:

1. Megh Chhabda from Maharashtra's Jalna district,
2. Dhruv Advani from Bengaluru in Karnataka,
3. Ishan Pednekar from Kota, Rajasthan
4. Rahit Panda from Risali, Chhattisgarh.

IBO Details

- The IBO took place in Al Ain, UAE, from July 3 to 11.

A total of 293 students from 76 different countries participated in the IBO.

Singapore's Achievement

- Singapore, along with India, also secured four gold medals, making it the only other country to achieve this feat.

Overall Gold Medals

- In the 34th IBO, a total of 29 gold medals were awarded to the participants from various countries.

4. Lakshya Sen won the Canada Open 2023 (July 11, 2023)

Lakshya-Sen-won-the-Canada-Open-2023

Lakshya Sen has won the **men's singles title in Canada Open 2023** by defeating world number-10 player **Li Shi Feng of China** in straight sets 21-18, 22-20.

An Overview of the news:

- Commonwealth Games gold medalist **Lakshya Sen** has clinched the men's singles title at the Canada Open 2023 by defeating the current **All England champion Li Shi Feng of China**.
- This is Lakshya's second BWF World Tour title this season.
- He has already won the India Open title in January 2022.
- Lakshya's current world ranking in men's singles is 19.
- He defeated world number four Kunlavut Witidsarn in the round of 32. Lakshya then got a win over world number 11 Kento Nishimoto of Japan in the semi-finals.

5. Sheikh Talal Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah elected as OCA President (July 11, 2023)

Sheikh-Talal-Fahad-Al-Ahmad-Al-Sabah-elected-as-OCA-President

Sheikh Talal Fahd Al Ahmad Al Sabah of Kuwait has been elected as the new President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

An Overview of the News

- Sheikh Talal was succeeded by his brother Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahd al-Sabah.
- Sheikh Talal succeeded his elder brother, Sheikh Ahmed Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, who led the OCA until 2021.
- Sheikh Ahmed was forced to step down after being found guilty of forgery and sentenced to at least 13 months in prison.
- Sheikh Talal defeated Kuwaiti Hussein Al-Musallam, OCA Director General and World Aquatics President, at the OCA General Assembly in Bangkok.

Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)

- The OCA was founded in 1982 by Sheikh Talal's father, Fahad Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.
- It serves as the governing body of the Games in Asia and currently consists of 45 member National Olympic Committees.
- The International Olympic Committee recognized the OCA the same year it was founded in 1982.

Established: **16 November 1982, New Delhi**

Headquarters: **Kuwait City, Kuwait**

Chairman: **Talal Fahd Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah**

Membership: **45 National Olympic Committees**

Motto: **Ever Onward**

"Road to Asian Games" campaign launched

- OCA in partnership with Asian Sports Federation (AESF) announced the "Road to Asian Games" campaign for the upcoming 2022 Asian Games.
- The campaign aims to bring the Olympic spirit to eSports and includes an education program for eSports athletes participating in the Asian Games.

6. India bags maximum 11 medals in World Archery Youth Championships, 2023 (July 11, 2023)

World-Archery-Youth-Championship

In the '**World Archery Youth Championship**', 2023 held in **Ireland**, India has secured the **second position** in the championship by winning the maximum number of **11 medals**.

An Overview of the news:

- The '**World Archery Youth Championships**', 2023 is scheduled to be held from 3 to 9 July 2023.

India finished second in the championship:

- India finished with its highest ever medal tally of 11 medals in this championship. Despite this, India finished second behind Korea in this championship.

Korea topped with 10 medals:

- Korea finished first with a total of 10 medals including six gold and four silver while India finished second with a total of 11 medals including six gold, one silver and four bronze.

First male archer to win gold medal in recurve category:

- 19-year-old Parth Salunkhe from Satara, Maharashtra won the gold medal by defeating a Korean in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final on 9 July. Parth Salunkhe has become the first male archer to win a gold medal in the 'recurve category'.
- Salunkhe, who topped the ranking round, defeated seventh seed Song Injun in a hard-fought five-set match.
- India also won a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual event when **Bhaja Kaur** defeated **Su Hsien-yu** of **Chinese Taipei**.
- The outstanding performance of the Indian archers in the **World Archery Youth Championships, 2023**, their achievements, augur well for the future of archery in India which will inspire many budding archers.

7. Parth Salunkhe became the first male archer to win a gold medal in the recurve event (July 10, 2023)

Parth Salunkhe has become the **first male archer** to win a gold medal in the recurve event at the **World Youth Archery Championships** to be held in **Ireland** from 3 to 9 July 2023. India finished with its **highest ever medal tally of 11 medals** in this championship.

An Overview of the news:

- The 19-year-old from **Satara in Maharashtra** won the gold medal on July 9 after defeating a **Korean** in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final.
- Salunkhe, who topped the ranking round, defeated seventh seed Song Injun 7-3 in a hard-fought five-set match.
- India also won a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual event when **Bhaja Kaur** defeated Su Hsien-yu of Chinese Taipei 7-1.

Highest ever medal tally of 11 in India Championship:

- India finished with **six gold, one silver and four bronze** medals, the highest in terms of total medal tally.
- In terms of rankings, they were **second** only to **Korea**, which took the pole position with **six gold and four silver medals**.

About Ireland:

- Capital: **Dublin**
- Currency: **Euro**
- President: **Michael D. Higgins**
- Prime Minister: **Leo Varadkar (Indian origin)**
- At present, three countries in Europe have Prime Ministers of Indian origin – **Rishi Sunak** (Britain), **Antonio Costa** (Portugal) and **Leo Varadkar** (Ireland).

8. Aadhav Arjuna Elected as President of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) (July 6, 2023)

Basketball-Federation-of-India-(BFI)

Aadhav Arjuna, the president of the Tamil Nadu Basketball Association (TNBA), emerged victorious in the election held at Nehru Stadium and secured the position of president of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI).

An Overview of the News

- Aadhav received an impressive 38 out of the 39 votes, **defeating the incumbent president, K Govindaraj.**
- Kulvinder Singh Gill, a former player and the president of the Madhya Pradesh Basketball Association, was elected as the secretary general.

The Basketball Federation of India (BFI)

- It was **established in 1950** and is the governing body for basketball in India. It holds affiliation with FIBA Asia and the Indian Olympic Association.
- Basketball in India has its roots dating back to the early **1900s, introduced by Christian missionaries and YMCAs.**
- The first national basketball championships took place in 1934, and **India joined FIBA in 1936.**
- The BFI's primary responsibility is to foster the development and promotion of basketball in India.
- This includes organising national and international tournaments and providing training and support to players and coaches.

9. Ajit Agarkar Appointed Chairman of Senior Men's Selection Committee (July 6, 2023)

Ajit-Agarkar-Appointed-Chairman-of-Senior-Men's-Selection-Committee

The Board of Control of Cricket (BCCI) has appointed Ajit Agarkar as the chairman of the Senior Men's Cricket Selection Committee.

An Overview of the News

- The decision was made by the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), consisting of Sulakshana Naik, Ashok Malhotra, and Jatin Paranjape.
- After conducting interviews with several applicants, the CAC unanimously selected Ajit Agarkar for the position of chairman.

Composition of the Selection Committee:

- The Senior Men's Selection Committee now consists of Ajit Agarkar as the chairperson.
- Other members of the committee include Shiv Sundar Das, Subroto Banerjee, Salil Ankola, and Sridharan Sharath.

- This committee will play a crucial role in selecting players for various international matches and tournaments.

Agarkar's Cricketing Career:

- Ajit Agarkar is a former India all-rounder, known for his contributions to Indian cricket.
- He represented the country in 26 Tests, 191 ODIs, and four T20Is.
- Agarkar also has an impressive record in domestic cricket, having played 110 first-class matches, 270 List A matches, and 62 T20 matches.

About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

- It is the national governing body of cricket in India.
- The headquarters of the BCCI is located at the Cricket Center near the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
- The BCCI is responsible for the administration and organisation of cricket activities in India at both the national and international levels.

Establishment - **December 1928**

President - **Roger Binny**

CEO - **Hemang Amin**

Vice President - **Rajeev Shukla**

Men's Coach - **Rahul Dravid**

10. Shreyanka Patil becomes the first Indian cricketer to be a part of WCPL (July 5, 2023)

Shreyanka-Patil-becomes-the-first-Indian-cricketer

Shreyanka Patil became the first Indian cricketer to be signed for the Women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL).

An Overview of the News

- She is the first Indian player to get a contract in a foreign league before making her international debut.
- He has been selected to represent the **Guyana Amazon Warriors in the WCPL, which will take place from 31 August to 10 September.**
- Shreyanka Patil was awarded the title of '**Player of the Tournament**' in the **Women's Emerging Asia Cup held in Hong Kong.**
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) allowed Indian women cricketers to participate in overseas cricket leagues.

- Senior players like **Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma and Richa Ghosh** have played in leagues like the **Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) and The Hundred**.
- On 14 March 2022, Cricket West Indies announced the first ever women's Caribbean Premier League to be held alongside the men's tournament.

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