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### **1. India won total 14 medals in Asian Wrestling Championship 2023 ( April 18, 2023 )**

India participated in the **36th edition of Asian Wrestling Championship to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan** from 9th to 14th April 2023. The event was originally planned to be held in New Delhi, India.

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

- A total of **331 wrestlers from 22 countries** participated in this competition, out of which **30 wrestlers were from India.**
- Indian wrestlers were successful in winning a total of **14 medals in the championship. This includes one gold, three silver and ten bronze medals.**
- With these achievements, India secured the **7th position in the medal tally.**
- The top three nations in the medal table based on gold medals were **Kazakhstan, Japan and Iran.**
- The previous edition of the Asian Wrestling Championships, the **35th edition, was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia** from April 19 to April 24 in 2022.

#### **Medal Winner for India**

1. **Aman Sehrawat** (Men's 57kg Freestyle) - **Gold**
2. **Rupin** (Greco-Roman 55 kg) - **Silver**
3. **Antim Panghal** (Women's 53kg Freestyle) - **Silver**
4. **Nisha Dahiya** (Women's 68 kg Freestyle) - **Silver**
5. **Anirudh Kumar** (Men's 125kg Freestyle) - **Bronze**
6. **Deepak** (Men's 79 kg Freestyle) - **Bronze**
7. **Neeraj Chikara** (Greco-Roman 63kg) - **Bronze**
8. **Sunil Kumar** (Greco-Roman 87kg) - **Bronze**
9. **Vikas** (Greco-Roman 72 kg) - **Bronze**
10. **Anshu Malik** (Women's 57kg Freestyle) - **Bronze**
11. **Sonam Malik** (Women's 62kg Freestyle) - **Bronze**
12. **Manisha** (Women's 65kg Freestyle) - **Bronze**
13. **Ritika Hooda** (Women's 72kg Freestyle) - **Bronze**
14. **Priya** (Women's 76kg Freestyle) - **Bronze**

## **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. It is a modern city known for its futuristic architecture.

## **2. Indian wrestler Nisha Dahiya won silver medal in Asian Wrestling Championship ( April 14, 2023 )**

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Indian wrestler **Nisha Dahiya won the silver medal** at the **Asian Wrestling Championships** on **April 13, 2023** in **Astana, Kazakhstan**.

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

- In the women's **68 kg category**, Nisha **lost the final match** to **Japan's Ami Ishii** by a **scoreline of 10-0**.
- **Nisha defeated Feng Zhou of China** by a **score of 7-6** in the **semi-finals**.
- Indian wrestler, **Priya Malik won the bronze medal** in the **76 kg category** of the tournament against **Japan's Mizuki Nagashima** in the **repechage round**.
- The Asian Wrestling Championships is **an annual wrestling competition organised by the Asian Wrestling Federation (AWF)**.
- The championships consist of **men's freestyle, men's Greco-Roman and women's freestyle wrestling events**.
- The **first Asian Wrestling Championship** was held in **1979** in **Tehran, Iran**.

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- **Almaty is the largest city in Kazakhstan** and an important cultural and economic centre. It was the **capital of Kazakhstan until 1997 when the government was moved to Astana**.

### **3. Sports Authority of India integrates Khelo India games certificates with DigiLocker ( April 9, 2023 )**

Khelo India Games certificates with DigiLocker

**Sports Authority of India** has integrated **Khelo India Games certificates with DigiLocker** for the first time.

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

- **Athletes, support staff, technical officers, mission heads, competition managers**, etc. can access their **Khelo India certificates** through the digital platform.
- Athletes and other stakeholders participating in the Khelo India Games will now be able to **collect their certificates of qualification** and participation from the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 in Madhya Pradesh.
- It aims to '**digitally empower**' citizens.

#### **What is Khelo India Games Certificate?**

- It is a **document that is provided to the athletes participating in the Khelo India Games.**
- The certificate recognizes the **athlete's participation in the Games** and serves as proof of their achievement.

#### **What is DigiLocker?**

- It is a flagship initiative of the **Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).**
- It is a secure cloud-based platform for storage, which enables **easy sharing and verification of documents and certificates.**
- It aims to '**Digitally Empower**' citizens by enabling them to access digital document wallets for authentic digital documents.

#### **Sports Authority of India (SAI)**

- It was **established in 1982** as a registered society under the **Societies Act, 1860.**
- It **aims to promote sports and achieve sporting excellence at national and international levels.**
- It has played a significant role in shaping India's sports development by operating several schemes for the identification and development of young talent, as well as providing training to elite athletes.

#### **4. Aleksander Ceferin re-elected UEFA president until 2027 ( April 7, 2023 )**

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**Aleksandar Ceferin** was re-elected as the **President of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)** on 6 April 2023.

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

- It was re-elected during **UEFA's Ordinary Congress held in Lisbon, Portugal**, and Ceferin was elected unopposed, meaning that there were no other candidates for the position.
- He was first time elected as the **seventh president of UEFA in 2016, succeeding Michel Platini.**
- Ceferin's new term will last for **another four years (2027).**
- The **Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)** is responsible for governing association football, futsal and beach soccer in Europe.
- **UEFA is one of the six continental governing bodies** in the world of football.
- Apart from European countries, UEFA also regulates football in transcontinental countries such as **Turkey, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan.**
- Some Asian countries such as Israel, Cyprus and Armenia also come under the rule of UEFA.

Establishment - **15 June 1954**

Headquarters - **Nyon, Switzerland**

Speaker - **Aleksander Ceferin**

Parent organisation - **FIFA**

Subsidiary - **UEFA Media Technologies SA**

#### **5. Argentina becomes number one football team in the world in FIFA rankings 2023 ( April 7, 2023 )**

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On 6th April 2023 The **(FIFA)** released the latest rankings of international football teams and **Argentina topped the FIFA rankings for the first time in six years.**

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

- The top five teams in the **FIFA rankings 2023** are **Argentina, France, Brazil, Belgium and England.**
- The next FIFA World Rankings will be published on **20 July 2023.**

- FIFA is the governing body for association football, beach soccer and futsal at the international level.
- It was **established in 1904** to oversee international competition between the national federations of several European countries, including Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.
- FIFA is headquartered in **Zurich, Switzerland**, and is responsible for organising major international tournaments such as the World Cup, the **Women's World Cup and the Club World Cup**.
- The organisation also maintains the Laws of the Game, which are the rules governing how football is played around the world.
- **FIFA has 211 member associations**, making it one of the largest international organisations in the world.
- The current President of FIFA is **Gianni Infantino**, who was elected to the position in 2016.

### **About Argentina**

- It is a **South American country** bordered by Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay and the South Atlantic Ocean.
- It is the **second largest country in South America**, the **fourth largest in the Americas** and the eighth largest in the world.
- The country has a diverse geography, including the **Andes Mountains, the Pampas grasslands, and the Patagonian desert**.
- Argentina gained independence from **Spain in 1816**.
- Argentina claims sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, Georgia and the Sandwich Islands.

President - **Alberto Fernandez**

Capital - **Buenos Aires**

Currency - **Argentine peso**

Official language - **Spanish**

### **6. MS Dhoni among five indian cricketers to get MCC Life Membership ( April 6, 2023 )**

MS Dhoni among five indian cricketers to get MCC Life Membership

The prestigious **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**, based at **cricket's mecca Lord's**, on April 5 conferred its **Honorary Life Membership to five Indian cricketers**, including former India captain **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**.

**An overview of the news**

- Apart from Dhoni, **Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami** have been given this honour.
- MCC CEO Guy Levander gave this membership to a **total of 19 cricketers** keeping in mind their contribution to international cricket.
- **South Africa's Dale Steyn, England's Kevin Pietersen, Morgan, Pakistan's Mohammad Hafeez, Bangladesh's Mashrafe Mortaza and New Zealand's Ross Taylor** are among those who got membership.
- As captain, Dhoni won the **T20 World Cup in 2007, the World Cup in 2011 and the Champions Trophy in 2013.**
- The former keeper-batsman played **538 international games across all formats, scoring over 17,000 runs** during the same period.
- **Yuvraj Singh** was also an integral part of the Indian team that won the first **T20 World Cup in 2007 and the home World Cup in 2011.**

**7. New Zealand's Kim Cotton becomes first woman on-field umpire in full-member men's T20s ( April 6, 2023 )**

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**New Zealand's Kim Cotton** on 5th April **became the first woman on-field umpire** in a full-member **men's T20I during New Zealand's second match against Sri Lanka in Dunedin.**

**An overview of the news**

- The 48-year-old Cotton has officiated as both **on-field and TV umpire since 2018**, in addition to **24 women's ODIs and 54 women's T20Is.**
- Cotton first made an appearance in the **men's game in 2020 as a TV umpire** for the tied match between India and New Zealand in Hamilton.
- Cotton has also officiated in **three T20 World Cups and an ODI World Cup since 2018, including the finals in 2020, 2022 and 2023.**
- Previously, **Australia's Claire Polosak** had become the **first female match official in a men's Test match** when she donned the fourth umpire's role during the 2021-22 Border Gavaskar Trophy Test between India and Australia in Sydney.

**8. Weightlifter Sanjita Chanu banned for 4 years by NADA ( April 6, 2023 )**

Weightlifter Sanjita Chanu banned for 4 years by NADA

**Indian weightlifter and two-time Commonwealth Games winner Sanjita Chanu has been banned for four years by India's National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).**

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

- The ban was imposed after Chanu tested positive for the **anabolic-androgenic steroid Drostanolone**, banned by the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**, during the National Games to be held in **Gujarat in September-October 2022**.
- Chanu's provisional suspension was announced by NADA soon after the sample collection, and her four-year ban has now been formally announced.
- As a result of the ban, **Chanu would be stripped of her silver medal** from the National Games.
- Several other Indian athletes who qualified for the **Tokyo Olympics** last year including **Shivpal Singh, Kamalpreet Kaur, and Dhanalakshmi Sekar**, Commonwealth Games bronze medalist **Navjit Kaur Dhillon** and long jumper **Aishwarya Babu** have also been found to have violated anti-doping rules.
- **Drostanolone** is primarily used to treat advanced inoperable breast cancer in women, but is often abused by athletes as a performance-enhancing drug.

### **About National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)**

- It is the national **anti-doping organisation** of India and is responsible for ensuring that athletes in India compete in a **doping-free environment and the organisation was established in 2005** under the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- It is affiliated with the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)** and follows the **WADA Code for Anti-Doping Measures**.
- Its main functions include testing for prohibited substances, educating athletes and coaches about anti-doping measures, and sanctioning athletes who violate anti-doping rules.
- It has a team of trained **Doping Control Officers (DCOs)** who test athletes in various sporting events.
- The organisation also has a **Registered Testing Pool (RTP)** of elite athletes who are subject to testing at any time, both in competition and out of competition.

Headquarters - **New Delhi**

Establishment - **24 November 2005**

Affiliation - **Indian Olympic Association**

Chairman - **Sports Minister (India)**

official language - **English; Hindi**

Purpose - **Anti-doping in sports**

## **9. Sports Ministry approves financial assistance for 12 para shuttlers ( April 5, 2023 )**

Govt sanctions loans of more than 40,600 crore to over 1.8 lakh women entrepreneurs

Recently the **Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) of the Sports Ministry** has approved **financial assistance to 12 Para-Badminton players** including **Pramod Bhagat** and **Manasi Joshi** to participate in the upcoming **Brazil Para-Badminton International Tournament**.

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

- **Brazil Para-Badminton International tournament is a Level 2 event** and part of the **Paris Paralympics pathway for 2023**.
- The funding has been approved under the **Ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** and will provide financial assistance to athletes and their support staff.
- The funding will include an **out-of-pocket allowance (OPA)** for athletes and support staff for **travel, visas, insurance costs, boarding and lodging, their entry fees** for competition and other daily financial needs.

### **TOPS Para Shuttlers who will be covered under this**

- Pramod Bhagat
- Manasi Joshi
- Krishna Nagar
- Sukant Kadam
- Nitesh Kumar
- Manoj Sarkar
- Suhas Yathiraj
- Tarun Dhillon
- Mandeep Kaur
- Nithya Sre
- Parul Parmar
- Manisha Ramadass



## **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**

- It was created in **July 2014** under the auspices of the **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** with the objective of identifying and preparing potential medal prospects for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- It is a flagship program of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- The idea of the scheme is to look to the future and fund a developmental group of athletes who have the potential to bring medals to the **Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles in 2028**.

## **10. Former cricketer Salim Durani passes away at the age of 88 ( April 2, 2023 )**

Former cricketer Salim Durani passes away at the age of 88

Former India all-rounder cricketer **Salim Durani passed away** on 2 April after a prolonged illness. He was 88 years old.

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

- Salim Durrani was living in **Gujarat's Jamnagar** with his younger brother, Jahangir Durani.
- He was **born on 11 December 1934 in Kabul**, the capital of Afghanistan.
- Later Durrani's family **settled in Karachi**. During the India-Pakistan partition, **Durani's family had settled in India**.
- He was known as a **brilliant all-rounder**.
- He made a significant contribution in the series against **England in 1961-62**. In the last two Tests, Salim led India to victory.
- He took **8 wickets in Kolkata and 10 wickets in Chennai Test**. India won the 5 match test series 2-0.
- He was the **first cricketer to be honored with the Arjuna Award**. He was given this honor **in 1961**.
- He played the last Test match for India in **February 1973** against England at Brabourne Stadium Mumbai.
- After this he retired from cricket. After retirement, he also tried his hand in the film industry. He worked in the Bollywood film '**Charitra**'.
- Durani played **29 Tests for India and scored 1202 and took 75 wickets**.
- In **first-class cricket, Durani has 8545 runs and 484 wickets in 170 matches**.

