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## 1. Manu Bhaker won a bronze medal in the 25m pistol event at the 2023 ISSF World Cup (March 28, 2023)

Olympian shooter Manu Bhaker won the bronze medal in the 25m pistol event at the ISSF Pistol/Rifle World Cup

On March 26, 2023, Renowned **Olympian shooter Manu Bhaker won the bronze medal in the 25m pistol event at the ISSF Pistol/Rifle World Cup** held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

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

- In the **Bhopal World Cup**, China secured the first position by securing a total of **10** medals including six gold, two silver and two bronze medals.
- Host nation **India finished second** in the medals tally with one gold, one silver and four bronze medals.
- Sarabjot Singh won the gold medal for India in the men's 10m air pistol event.

## **About International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)**

- The **ISSF introduced the ISSF World Cup in 1986** to establish a uniform qualification system for **Olympic shooting competitions**.
- ISSF World Cup events are held four times per year for each Olympic shooting event.
- It is still used as a qualifying event for the Olympic shooting competitions.

# 2. Indian weightlifters Dhanush and Jyoshna won bronze medals at the IWF World Youth Championships (March 27, 2023)

IWF World Youth Championships in Durres, Albania.

Indian weightlifters Dhanush Loganathan and Jyoshna Sabar won bronze medals in their respective categories at the IWF World Youth Championships in Durres, Albania.

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

- 14-year-old Jyoshna won bronze in the women's 40kg category with a combined lift of 115kg
- 16-year-old **Dhanush** lifted 200 kg in the men's 49 kg category to beat Filipino weightlifter Prince K. Finished third behind Delos Santos and Aaron Boreas and also won the silver medal in the snatch category.

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## **About IWF World Youth Championships:**

- The IWF World Youth Championships is an **international weightlifting competition** for athletes aged 13 to 17.
- The competition is organised by the **International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)** and takes place every year.
- Participants compete in two lifts: the snatch and the clean and jerk.
- The competition is judged by a panel of referees who assess the technical proficiency of the lifts and determine winners based on the combination of the heaviest successful lifts in each category.

## **About International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)**

- It is the international governing body for the sport of weightlifting, founded in 1905 and headquartered in Budapest, Hungary.
- The organisation is responsible for **organising and overseeing international weightlifting competitions**, including the Olympic weightlifting events.
- The IWF sets rules and regulations for weightlifting competitions, such as **weight** classes, equipment requirements, and anti-doping policies.
- The IWF is a member of the **International Olympic Committee** and works closely with other international sports organisations to promote the sport of weightlifting and support its development around the world.

# 3. Mumbai Indians lift inaugural Women's Premier League trophy beating Delhi Capitals ( March 27, 2023 )

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on 26 March.

#### An overview of the news

- The team of Mumbai Indians defeated **Delhi Capitals** by seven wickets in the final.
- Delhi captain **Meg Lanning** won the toss and decided to bat first.
- Her team scored 131 runs for nine wickets in 20 overs.
- In response, Mumbai won the match by scoring **134 runs for three wickets in 19.3 overs.**

Nate Sciver-Brunt scored an unbeaten 60 off 55 balls, while skipper Harmanpreet Kaur
• scored 37 off 39 balls, helping Mumbai Indians win the match by scoring 134 for 3 in 19.3 overs.

#### **Brief Score**

- **Delhi Capitals**: 131 for 9 in 20 overs (Meg Lanning 35, Hayley Matthews 3/5, Issy Wong 3/42).
- **Mumbai Indians**: 134 for 3 in 19.3 overs (Nat Sciver-Brunt 60 not out, Harmanpreet kaur 37, Radha Yadav 1/24).

### **Awards of Women's Premier League (WPL)**

- Final Safari Powerful Striker of the Match: Radha Yadav (Delhi Capitals)
- Final Player of the Match: Natalie Sciver-Brunt (Mumbai Indians)
- Safari Powerful Striker of the Season: Sophie Devine (Royal Challengers Bangalore)
- Emerging Player of the Season: Yastika Bhatia (Mumbai Indians)
- Fairplay Award: Mumbai Indians & Delhi Capitals
- Catch of the Season: Harmanpreet Kaur (Mumbai Indians)
- Purple Cap Winner: Hayley Matthews (Mumbai Indians)
- Orange Cap Winner: Meg Lanning (Delhi Capitals)
- Most Valuable Award: Hayley Matthews (Mumbai Indians)
- Runners-Up: Delhi Capitals
- Champions: Mumbai Indians

#### Five teams participated in the inaugural edition of WPL

- Mumbai Indians (MI),
- Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB),
- Delhi Capitals (DC),
- UP Warriorz (UPW)
- Gujarat Giants (GG)

# 4. Lovlina Borgohain becomes champion in 75 kg category: India wins four gold (March 27, 2023)

gold in the World Championship for the first time.

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India's Lovlina Borgohain defeated Australia's Caitlin Parker in the 75kg final to win the gold medal at the World Women's Boxing Championship in New Delhi on 26 March.

#### An overview of the news

- Lovlina has been successful in winning **gold in the World Championship for the first time.**
- Lovlina defeated Caitlin Parker of Australia 4-3. She had earlier won bronze medals at the World Championships in 2018 and 2019.
- Lovlina had lost in the quarterfinals of the 66 to 70 kg (light middle weight) category at the Commonwealth Games last year. She was defeated 3-2 by Rosie Eccles of Wales.
- Lovlina, who won a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics, could not win any medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games as well.

### India gets four gold in World Boxing Championship

- India has got a total of **four gold medals** in the **Women's World Boxing Championship.**
- Indian boxers won gold medals in the 48, 50, 75 and 81 kg categories.
- Neetu Ghangash won the gold medal in the 45-48 kg category.
- Sweety Boora won the gold medal in the 75-81 kg category.
- Nikhat Zareen gave the country its third medal by winning gold in the 48-50 kg category.
- **Lovlina Borgohain** won the gold medal in the 70-75 kg category to give India its fourth gold medal.

#### **World Women's Boxing Championship Finals result**

- **50kg**: Nikhat Zareen (India) beatt Thi Tam Ngyuen (Vietnam) 5-0
- **54kg**: Hsiao-Wen Huang (Taiwan) beat Yeni Arias (Colombia) 5-0
- 60kg: Beatriz Ferreira (Brazil) beat Paola Valdez (Colombia) 5-0
- 66kg: Liu Yang (China) beat Janjaem Suwannapheng (Thailand) 5-0
- 75kg: Lovlina Borgohain (India) beat Caitlin Parker (Australia) 5-2
- +81kg: Khadija Mardi ( Morocco) beat Lazzat Kungiebayeva (Kazakhstan) 4-1.

#### **Best Boxer**

• **Beatriz Ferreira** (Brazil, 60kg)

## 5. Nikhat Zareen becomes world champion in 50kg category (March 27, 2023)

first Vietnamese boxer to reach the final of the World Championships.

Nikhat Zareen defeated Vietnam's Nguyen Thị Tam to become the world champion in the 50kg category at the World Women's Boxing Championship in New Delhi on 26 March.

#### An overview of the news

- The Indian boxer won against **Thi Tam**, who is the **first Vietnamese boxer to reach the final of the World Championships.**
- Earlier, Nikhat Zareen became only the second Indian woman boxer to win two gold medals.
- Defending world champion Nikhat dominated the bout from the start, landing accurate punches and using her quick footwork to dodge the Vietnamese's attacks.
- Nikhat, who **hails from Telangana**, put up a brilliant performance in the first round and was ahead with a **scoreline of 5-0**.
- In the final round, Nikhat kept her composure and put up an aggressive performance to prove that she is one of the best players in the game.
- With this win, Nikhat has come on par with India's legendary boxer MC Mary Kom.
- Mary Kom has also won **two consecutive golds in the World Championships**.

  Mary has won a record six gold medals in this global competition.

## 6. Women's World Boxing Championships: Nitu Ghanghas, Saweety Boora become world champions (March 26, 2023)

Neetu Ghanghas achieved a historic feat by winning the gold medal by defeating Mongolia's Lutsekhan Altantseg in the final of the 45-48kg category at the Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi on March 25.

#### An overview of the news

- Commonwealth Games 2022 gold medalist Neetu Ghanghas won the title in the 48kg category. On the other hand, experienced boxer Sweety Bura achieved success in the 81 kg weight category.
- The 22-year-old Neetu won the gold medal in the minimum weight category by defeating **Mongolia's Lutsaikhan Altansetseg 5-0** in the **final match.**
- The 30-year-old Sweety notched up a 4-3 victory over **China's Wang Lina** in the **light heavyweight category** to give India a double win.

With this victory, Nitu, a 2022 Strandja Memorial gold medallist, became the **sixth** 

• **Indian boxer** to be crowned world champion.

### Mary Kom became world champion a total of six times

- Six-time champion MC Mary Kom (2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2018), Sarita Devi (2006).
- Jenny RL (2006), Lekha KC (2006) and Nikhat Zareen (2022) are other boxers who have won world titles.

## **IBA World Boxing Championships**

- The IBA World Boxing Championships, and the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, are **biennial boxing competitions.**
- This is organised by the **International Boxing Association (IBA)**, which is the sport governing body.

## 7. Pankaj Advani won the Asian Billiards Championship title (March 23, 2023)

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#### An overview of the news

- On 19 March, Pankaj defeated the defending national champion **Brijesh Damani** (India) 5-1 to win the title for the **second time in a row and ninth overall.**
- After a 5–1 win over **Thailand's Praput Chaithanasakun** in the quarter-finals, Pankaj defeated **Myanmar's Pauk Sa** in the semi-finals.
- In the women's section, China's Bai Yulu won the title beating Panchaya Channoi of Thailand 3-0 in the final.
- Advani has won **gold medals in English Billiards singles** in the **2006 and 2010**Asian Games

# 8. Stadium named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman to get this honour ( March 22, 2023 )

Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after Rani Rampal, the star hockey player of the Indian team. She has become the first woman player from India to achieve this feat.

#### An overview of the news

- The name of the hockey stadium has been changed to 'Rani's Girls Hockey Turf' by MCF Rae Bareilly.
- Rani made a comeback to the Indian team during the tour of South Africa earlier this year, when she was included in the 22-man squad.
- Rani made a comeback to the squad after last featuring in the FIH Women's Hockey Pro League 2021-22 against Belgium, where she won her 250th cap for India.
- The 28-year-old Rani had been battling injuries since the Tokyo Olympics and was subsequently dropped from the 2022 World Cup and Commonwealth Games squads.
- Now she is returning to international hockey again. Rani has been included in the 22-member squad.

## 9. India's Sarabjot Singh wins gold in ISSF World Cup Shooting Championships (March 22, 2023)

In Madhya Pradesh, India's Sarabjot Singh bagged the first gold Medal of the ISSF World Cup Shooting Championship on March 22.

#### An overview of the news

- He won gold in the Men's 10m air pistol category.
- Sarabjot Singh completed a clean sweep in the gold medal match with a perfect score of 10.9.
- ISSF Shooting World Cup was inaugurated on March 21 in **Bhopal**, the capital of Madhya Pradesh.

## **ISSF World Championship**

- The championship is administered by the **International Shooting Sport Federation** (ISSF).
- These championships, including all shooting events of the ISSF, have been held **every four years since 1954.**

## 10. Nepali wicketkeeper-batsman Asif Sheikh wins 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award (March 21, 2023)

Nepali wicketkeeper-batsman Asif Sheikh wins 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award

Nepalese wicketkeeper-batsman Asif Sheikh will be officially presented with the 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award by the MCC and the BBC later this year.

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

- The award is presented annually by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), UK in association with the BBC.
- The award was **created in 2013 by the MCC and the BBC** in memory of former MCC President and BBC Test Match Special Commentator **Christopher Martin-Jenkins (CMJ)**, who was passionate about promoting the spirit of the game.
- Sheikh was awarded for his sportsmanship shown in the **men's T20 International between Nepal and Ireland in February 2022**.
- It is the first time in the award's history that the MCC and the BBC have invited public nominations for the award.
- Sheikh's conduct was declared the winning entry.
- Sheikh was also honoured with the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award in January 2022 for his works.

## **About Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**

Establishment - 1787

Founder - Thomas Lord

**About International Cricket Council (ICC)** 

Establishment - 15 June 1909

Chairman - **Greg Barclay** 

**CEO - Geoff Allardyce** 

Headquarters - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**