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1. 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.**

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

Rae Bareilly'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.**

3. 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**.

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

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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**

5. ISSF Shooting World Cup begins in Bhopal (March 21, 2023)

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ISSF Shooting World Cup was inaugurated on March 21 in **Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh**.

An overview of the news

- This is the **first ever to be held in India outside the national capital of New Delhi**.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** was the chief guest.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated the new final hall at the **Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy**.
- **Luciano Rossi**, President, the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), and **Raninder Singh**, President, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) were present in the opening ceremony.
- **India and China** have fielded the biggest teams for the championship.
- The ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol Championship will have a total of **10 finals over five consecutive days**.
- **Around 200 shooters from 30 countries** will participate in the ISSF Shooting World Cup.

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6. Rohan Bopanna becomes oldest tennis player to win ATP Masters 1000 title (March 19, 2023)

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India's **Rohan Bopanna** becomes the **oldest tennis player to win an ATP Masters 1000 title**.

An overview of the news

- **Rohan Bopanna, 43, and Matthew Ebden, 35**, defeated **Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands and Neil Skupski of Britain** 6-3, 2-6, 10-8 in the final in **California, United States**.
- .Before Bopanna, **Canadian Daniel Nestor** was the oldest player to win an **ATP Masters 1000 title** after he clinched the 2015 Cincinnati Masters at the age of 42.
- **Bopanna has so far won 24 ATP titles**, including **five ATP Masters 1000 titles**.
- It was his **second title this year after winning the Qatar Open with Ebden last month**.
- Earlier in the Indian Wells semi-finals, the unseeded pair of **Bopanna-Ebden defeated defending champions John Isner and Jack Sock of USA** 7(8)-6(6), 7(7)-6(2) in the hard court event.
- Bopanna, a **former world No. 3 in men's doubles**, was 15th in the ATP doubles rankings ahead of the tournament.
- The Indian Wells Masters win lifted him to **11th in the live doubles tennis rankings**.

7. Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated IBA Women's World Boxing Championships (March 15, 2023)

The **IBA Women's World Boxing Championships** began on 15 March in **New Delhi**.

An overview of the news

- Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated it at the **Indira Gandhi Sports Complex**.
- International Boxing Association (IBA) President **Umar Kremlev**, and Boxing Federation of India (BFI) President **Ajay Singh** were present on the occasion.
- BFI is hosting the **biggest boxing event till the 26th of March**.
- The Championship is taking place **in India for the third time after 2006 and 2018**, the most for any country.
- The tournament will witness the participation of more than **350 boxers from around 74 countries**.
- The Indian team of **12 boxers** for the event includes **2020 Tokyo Bronze medallist, Lovlina Borgohain** and the current world champion in the 50kg category, **Nikhat Zareen**.

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.

8. Prithviraj Tondaiman of India won bronze in trap shooting in Doha (March 13, 2023)

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Prithviraj Tondiman of India won the **bronze medal at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2023** on March 11, 2023 in **Doha, Qatar**.

News Overview

- Two-time world champion **Oguzhan Tuzun** of **Turkey won gold** with a score of 33/35, while Great Britain's **Matthew John** took **silver** with a score of 30/35.
- This was **India's first medal at the ISSF World Cup**, which is currently taking place.

About the ISSF

- The **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)** governs the Olympic shooting disciplines of rifle, pistol, and shotgun.
- Following Russia's invasion of **Ukraine in 2022**, the ISSF barred Russian and Belarussian athletes and officials from participating in its events.
- Headquarters - **Munich, Germany**

- Chairman - **Vladimir Lisin**
- Founded - **1907**
- General Secretary - **Willie Grill**

9. Khelo India Dus Ka Dum tournament begins (March 10, 2023)

The **Khelo India Dus Ka Dum** tournament began on 10 March in **New Delhi**.

An overview of the news

- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** was present at the opening ceremony at **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium** in New Delhi.
- As part of the International Women's Day 2023 celebrations, the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** is organizing the Khelo India Dus Ka Dum tournament from **March 10 to 31**.
- Around **15,000 women athletes** from more than **50 cities** in the country are participating in the competition. It includes 10 games.
- Competitions will be held across **10 different sports** - kho kho, wushu, weightlifting, fencing, archery, swimming, basketball, judo, athletics and yogasana.
- The tournament aims to provide a platform to women athletes who are unable to participate in national or state level competitions.
- It also aims to ensure that competitive sport reaches untapped geographical areas.

10. Karnataka won the Santosh Trophy after 54 years by defeating Meghalaya (March 5, 2023)

Karnataka won the **Santosh Trophy** for the **first time in 54 years** after sealing a commanding **3-2 win over Meghalaya** in the final at the **King Fahd International Stadium in the Saudi Arabia capital, Riyadh** on 5 March.

An overview of the news

- This is the first trophy for Karnataka, having previously won four times as the princely state of Mysore after a gap of **54 years (after 1968-69)**.
- **Meghalaya's team** reached the finals of this competition for the **first time**.
- Karnataka took the lead in the second minute of the game when **Sunil scored against Meghalaya after Robin's long throw**.
- But Meghalaya equalized in the eighth minute through a penalty.

- Karnataka again took the lead in the 19th minute. Jacob John scored a goal in the finishing line to make it 2-1.
- Just before half time, Robin Yadav made it 3-1 with a superb free-kick from just outside the box.
- In the play-off match before the final, **Services beat Punjab 2-0 to take the third place.**