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### **1. Union Minister Anurag Thakur flagged off "Bharat in Paris" campaign ( June 24, 2023 )**

Union Sports Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** flagged off the campaign with a short marathon at **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on 23 June.**

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

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has launched the "**Bharat in Paris**" campaign to create awareness and promote sports across India ahead of the Paris Olympics games.
- The 2024 Olympics will be held in **Paris, France**, from July 26 to August 11.

#### **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.**

### **2. Bhavani Devi creates history by winning India's first medal in Asian Fencing Championships ( June 20, 2023 )**

Asian-Fencing-Championships

Bhavani Devi won the bronze medal in the women's sabre event at the Asian Fencing Championships held in Wuxi, China.

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

- Bhavani **lost her semi-final** match **against Uzbekistan's Zainab Daybekova** with a score of 14-15.
- In the quarterfinals, **Bhavani defeated defending world champion Misaki Emura of Japan by a score of 15-10.**
- Bhavani registered his **first win against a Japanese swordsman.**
- Bhavani's next challenge will be the **World Championships to be held in Milan from July 22 to 30.**

#### **Asian Fencing Championships:**

- It is organized by the **Asian Fencing Confederation for the Asia-Oceania zone.**

- The first championships were held in **Tehran in 1973** but faced limited activity in the continent.
- The tournament resumed in **1989** and has been **held annually since 2007**.
- It is an important event for swordsmen in the Asia-Oceania region to showcase their skills.

### **About China**

- Capital - **Beijing**
- President - **Xi Jinping**
- Premier - **Li Qiang**
- Congress Chairman - **Zhao Leji**

### **3. Satwik-Chirag become men's doubles champions at Indonesia Open 2023 ( June 20, 2023 )**

Satwik-Chirag-become-men's-doubles-champions  
Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty became the first Indian pair to win the doubles title at a BWF Super 1000 event at the Indonesia Open 2023.

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

- They defeated the **Malaysian world champion pair of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the final**.
- The win made them the **first doubles team from India to win the Indonesia Open**.
- They also became **the first pair from India to win a Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 1000 title**.
- Indonesia Open 2023 took place at **Istora Gelora Bung Karno in Jakarta, Indonesia**.

### **Indonesia Open:**

- The Indonesia Open is an annual badminton tournament organised by the Badminton Association of Indonesia **since 1982**.
- It is classified as one of the premier tournaments in the **Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour**.
- It attracts top badminton players from around the world, promoting cultural exchange through the sport.

### **About Indonesia**

- President - **Joko Widodo**
- Capital - **Jakarta**
- Currency - **Indonesian Rupiah**

#### **4. Indian men's senior football team beat Lebanon 2-0 ( June 19, 2023 )**

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- This victory marks **India's second title in the Intercontinental Cup**, with their first win occurring during the **inaugural edition in 2018**.
- **Korea won the tournament in 2019**.
- The Indian team maintained their unbeaten streak in the competition, having previously drawn against Lebanon and won against **Vanuatu and Mongolia**.
- Sunil Chhetri's goal in this match marked his 87th international goal in **137 appearances** for the Indian national team.
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### **An overview of the news**

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- The launch event coincided with the celebration of **Goa Revolution Day**.
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## **10. Mission Olympic Cell approves Mirabai Chanu, Bindyarani Devi's proposal to train in USA ( June 15, 2023 )**

Mission-Olympic-Cell-approves-Mirabai-Chanu

The Mission Olympic Cell of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** approved **Mirabai Chanu** and **Bindyarani Devi's** proposal for an overseas training camp.

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

- Target Olympic Podium Scheme athletes **Mirabai Chanu and Bindyarani Devi** will train under the guidance of **Dr. Aaron Horschig at Squat University in St. Louis, USA**.
- The aim of the training camp is to focus on rehabilitation and strength training for the upcoming Asian Games.

- Mirabai Chanu, Bindayarani Devi, Indian head coach **Vijay Sharma and**
- **physiotherapist Tesnim Zayed** will be part of the camp and it will run for 65 days.
  - The government will bear various expenses including air travel, boarding and lodging, medical insurance, local transport, gym fees and doctor's consultation.

**About Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):**

- **Launch:** Tops was launched in September 2014 and got a facelift in April 2018.
- **Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to provide support and assistance to athletes for Olympic Games/ Paralympic Games and other major international tournaments to win medals.
- **Support Services:** TOPS provides financial support, training support, coaching, scientific and technical support, sports equipment and access to facilities.
- **Collaboration:** TOPS promotes coordination between sports federations, NSDF, SAI and other organisations.
- **Goal:** TOPS aims to help athletes excel in international competitions and bring glory to the nation.