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1. Shirgaonkar elected as India Taekwondo Chief (May 24, 2023)

Namdev Shirgaonkar was elected unopposed as the **President of the executive committee of India Taekwondo** on 23 May.

An overview of the news

- The election was held at **2 Hotel Sun City Residency, Andheri (East)** in which 25 affiliated State Associations duly participated.
- With all the office bearers being elected unopposed, the entire election process was completed without any hitch.
- **Sharad D Madakare** (retd. Deputy Charity Commissioner) along with **Bhagwatrao Gaikwad (retd. Judge)** served as the Returning Officer.
- **Namdev Shirgaonkar**, President, India Taekwondo, who holds a **black belt in Taekwondo**, has accepted to be elected unopposed as the head of India Taekwondo.
- **Kiyarash Bahri** (Coordinator - World Taekwondo - WT) and **Wanyoung Lee** (Observer - Asian Taekwondo Union - ATU) and **Prashant Desai** (Observer - Paralympic Committee of India - PCI) moderated the election process.

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- 15 teams representing different universities are participating in the Kabaddi competition.
- The matches will be held at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Stadium in Gautam Budh Nagar district.
- The official opening ceremony of the Khelo India University Games will take place on May 25 in Lucknow and will continue till June 3.
- The Khelo India University Games will be held in four cities: Gautam Buddha Nagar, Lucknow, Gorakhpur and Varanasi and the closing ceremony of the Games will be held in Varanasi.
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An overview of the news

- **She finished third** in the **women's long jump** with a creditable effort of **6.65m**.
- Shelly's first round jump of 6.65 m was the best ever at a **World Athletics Continental Tour Gold level event**, although it was 11 cm below her personal best.
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- **Maryse Luzolo** of Germany took the gold with a jump of 6.79m, while **Brooke Buschkuel of Australia was second** with an effort of 6.77m.
- Shelly won the **silver medal** in the 2021 **World Under-20 Athletics Championships** with a jump of 6.59 meters.
- In April, Shelly had a jump of 6.76 meters, the **second highest long jump** after **Anju Bobby George**, who had won the gold medal at the Indian Grand Prix.
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10. Italian Open: Daniil Medvedev defeats Rune, wins maiden clay court title (May 22, 2023)

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In the **Italian Open final**, world number three tennis star **Daniil Medvedev** defeated **Holger Rune** on 21 May to win his **first claycourt title**.

An overview of the news

- In the men's singles final, the **Russian player defeated the 20-year-old Danish player 7-5, 7-5**.
- This is **Medvedev's fifth title of 2023** and the win has lifted him above Novak Djokovic to the **second spot in the world rankings**.
- He won his **20th career title**. He will also be seeded second in the French Open, which begins on 28th of this month at Roland Garros.
- **Hugo Nieves and Jan Zielinski** have captured the **men's doubles title in Rome**. The Monegasque-Polish pair won their first ATP Masters 1000 title by defeating **Robin Haase and Bottic van de Zandschulp** 7-5, 6-1 in the men's doubles final.
- The **Australian-Belgian pair of Storm Hunter and Elise Mertens** defeated top-seeded Americans Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula 6-4 6-4 to become the **women's doubles champions**.
- Earlier, Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina won her fourth WTA title with a win in the **women's singles final**.

About Italian Open

- The Italian Open has a rich history dating back to its **inception in 1930**.
- It is one of the **most prestigious events on the tennis calendar**.
- It consists of five main draw events: **Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles**.
- The tournament is held at the **Foro Italico sports complex in Rome**.
- The Italian Open hosts both **ATP** (Association of Tennis Professionals) and **WTA** (Women's Tennis Association) tournaments simultaneously.