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1. 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**

2. First Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav (June 16, 2023)

First-Janjatiya-Khel-Mahotsav

Recently, the **first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav** was organized at the **Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar**, in a collaborative effort between the **Ministry of Culture, the Odisha Government, and KIIT University.**

An overview of the news

- The event brought together **5,000 tribal athletes and 1,000 officials** from **26 states**, showcasing the diversity and richness of indigenous sports in India.
- By organizing such events and supporting the promotion of indigenous sports, the government aims to preserve and revive these traditional games, ensuring their continued relevance and encouraging the younger generation to participate and excel in them.

About Indigenous Sports

- The promotion and development of indigenous sports primarily lie with the respective **State/Union Territory Governments**, as **'Sports' is a state subject**.
- However, the Union Government supports their efforts through initiatives such as the **'Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports'** Scheme.
- This scheme includes a specific component dedicated to the development and promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games across the country.
- It provided an opportunity for athletes from different states to come together, compete, and exchange their experiences, thereby promoting cultural exchange and unity.
- Under this scheme, certain indigenous games have been identified for promotion, such as **Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana, and Silambam**.

3. 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' as a 'God Bharai' ceremony in Rajasthan (June 13, 2023)

'Pradhan-Mantri-Matru-Vandana-Yojana'-

According to **Jaskaur Meena**, MP from Dausa, Rajasthan, people in Dausa, Rajasthan celebrate **'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana'** as a **'God Bharai' (Baby Shower)** ceremony.

An Overview of the News:

- In this ceremony all the pregnant women of the area come together and they are provided with 'nutritional kits' for the health of their babies.
- According to MP Jaskaur Meena, about 3.5 lakh women have benefited from this scheme during 2022-23 only in Rajasthan.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated the new initiative of celebrating 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' as a 'baby shower' ceremony in Dausa, Rajasthan.
- This unique initiative of Dausa will give new energy to 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana'. This initiative will ensure the health security of not only the mothers but also the babies.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY):

- PMMVY was launched on January 1, 2017 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- This scheme, run by the Union Ministry of Child Development, was done for the welfare of pregnant and lactating women across the country.

- Under this, cash benefits are provided to pregnant women directly into their bank accounts to meet increased nutritional requirements and partially compensate for wage loss.
- All pregnant women and lactating mothers who are in regular employment under the Central Government or State Governments or Public Undertakings or who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law.
- Under this, **five thousand rupees** are given to all the eligible beneficiaries in three installments and the remaining amount of one thousand rupees is given after institutional delivery as per the conditions of maternity benefit under **Janani Suraksha Yojana**.
- Thus on an average a woman is given **Rs.6000**.

Rajasthan:

- Capital: **Jaipur**
- Governor: **Kalraj Mishra**
- Chief Minister: **Ashok Gehlot**
- Number of seats in the Legislative Assembly: **200**
- Number of seats in Lok Sabha: **25**
- Number of seats in Rajya Sabha: **10**

4. Prannoy wins BWF World Tour title for the first time (June 1, 2023)

Prannoy won his **maiden BWF World Tour title on 28 May 2023** by emerging victorious at the **Malaysia Masters Super 500 tournament held in Kuala Lumpur**.

An Overview of the News

- After six years, Prannoy captured the championship title by defeating **Weng Hong Yang of China** in a thrilling men's singles final.
- Prannoy is ranked 34th in the world and had **earlier won a bronze medal at the 2022 Asian Championships**.
- The win ensured India's first singles title of the year.

Malaysia:

- It is a **South East Asian country**.
- It occupies parts of the **Malay Peninsula and the island of Borneo**.
- Capital - **Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur**
- Prime Minister - **Anwar Ibrahim**
- Official language - **Malay**

5. US court approved extradition of 26/11 attack accused Tahawwur Rana to India (May 18, 2023)

A **US court** has **approved the extradition of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack** accused **Pakistani-origin Canadian Tahawwur Rana to India.**

An overview of the news

- California District Court Judge **Jacqueline Chooljian** has approved the Indian government's request for Rana's extradition.
- **Rana was arrested in the US** on an extradition request by India for his role in the **2008 Mumbai terror attacks**, which killed over 160 people, including six Americans.
- India has charged Rana with offenses including **conspiracy to commit terrorist acts, waging war, murder and forgery.**
- Rana was **convicted in Chicago in 2011** of providing material support to the **Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba**, which planned the Mumbai terror attacks.
- **India's National Investigation Agency (NIA)** is probing his role in the 26/11 attacks carried out by Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists in 2008.

What is Extradition?

- Extradition is the **formal process of surrendering a person from one state to another.**
- The purpose of this process is the prosecution or punishment for offences committed by a person within the jurisdiction of the requesting country.
- The extradition of a fugitive criminal to India is regulated under the **Indian Extradition Act, 1962.**
- The Consular, **Passport and Visa (CPV) Division, Ministry of External Affairs** is the central/nodal authority to administer the Extradition Act.
- Extradition process can be initiated in case of under-investigation, under-trial and convicted criminals.

6. Orleans Masters 2023: Priyanshu Rajawat wins men's singles title (April 10, 2023)

Orleans Masters 2023: Priyanshu Rajawat wins men's singles title

Indian men's singles badminton player **Priyanshu Rajawat** won the **Orleans Masters 2023 men's singles title** on 9th April, 2023.

An Overview of the News

- Rajawat won his first Tour title by defeating **Magnus Johansson** of **Denmark** in the final match of the tournament.
- Orleans Masters 2023 was held in **France** and is considered a **Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 300 event**.
- It is a significant achievement for Rajawat as it is his first BWF Super 300 title.
- Priyanshu Rajawat was also a part of the Indian badminton team that won the historic 2022 **Thomas Cup in Bangkok**.

About Badminton World Federation (BWF)

- It is the international governing body for badminton recognized by the **International Olympic Committee**.
- It was founded in 1934 as the **International Badminton Federation** with nine member countries.
- The BWF sets the rules and standards for badminton, including equipment regulations, player eligibility criteria and tournament formats.
- BWF hosts major international badminton tournaments such as the World Championships and the Olympic Badminton Tournament.
- The BWF promotes ethics and fair play in badminton and punishes players and officials who violate its code of conduct.

Establishment - **5 July 1934**

President - **Paul-Erik Hoyer Larsen**

Headquarters - **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Membership - **194 member associations**

7. JP Nadda launches book 'Modi: Shaping a Global order in flux' (Feb. 23, 2023)

BJP national president **J P Nadda** on 22 February launched a book "**Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux**" in Chanakyapuri, Delhi.

An overview of the news

- In this book, an attempt has been made to tell how PM Modi has taken such decisions which have changed the image of India around the world.
- It is important to understand what was the image of India before Modiji came to power.
- The book has been forwarded by Union External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar**.
- The editors are **Sujan Chinoy, Vijay Chauthaiwala and Uttam Kumar Sinha**.

8. MEA's annual flagship event Asia Economic Dialogue begins in Pune (Feb. 23, 2023)

External Affairs Ministry's annual flagship event on Geoeconomics, **Asia Economic Dialogue** began on 23 February in **Pune, Maharashtra**.

An overview of the news

- It is being hosted in association with the **Pune International Center** from February 23-25.
- The main theme of the dialogue is '**Asia and the Emerging World Order**'.
- The dialogue will also discuss topics such as **Global Growth Prospects, How the Global South Will Shape the G20 Agenda and the Metaverse**.
- The inaugural session began with talks between External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar**, **H.E. Leonpo Namgye Tshering**, Minister of Finance, Royal Government of Bhutan and **H.E. Ibrahim Ameer**, Minister of Finance of Maldives.
- More than 44 speakers from different countries including **Brazil, USA, UK, South Africa, Bhutan, Maldives, Switzerland, Singapore and Mexico** are participating in this dialogue.

Asia Economic Dialogue (AED)

- The **Asia Economic Dialogue (AED)** is the External Affairs ministry's annual event and is hosted in collaboration with the Pune International Centre.
- It is the flagship **geo-economics conference**.
- The dialogue focuses on the dynamics of trade and finance in Asia and its neighbouring countries.

9. University of Auckland, Tata Memorial Hospital sign MoU for cancer care (Feb. 22, 2023)

Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH), Mumbai and Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on 22 February to engage in long-term **cooperation in cancer care**.

An overview of the news

- Tata Memorial Hospital is the **largest and the most renowned cancer care hospital** and research centre in India.
- The University's Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Professor **Frank Bloomfield** met TMH representatives led by TMH Director **Dr Rajendra Badwe and Professor Dr Vanita Noronha**.
- The MoU aims to explore ways to enhance **cancer care using digital health**.
- The two countries have a long history of cooperation in healthcare and this partnership builds on an already strong relationship.

- The University of Auckland is strongly committed to finding solutions to some of the most pressing global health issues in partnership with leading institutions.

10. Sansad Ratna award, 2023 (Feb. 22, 2023)

names for the **Sansad Ratna Awards 2023** were released on 21 February.

An overview of the news

- A total of **thirteen Members of Parliament and two Parliamentary Committees** have been honoured with this award.
- The Jury Committee of eminent Parliamentarians and civil society, chaired by **Arjun Ram Meghwal** (State Minister of Parliamentary Affairs) and Co-Chaired by **T S Krishnamurthy** (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India) has nominated eight MPs from Lok Sabha and five from Rajya Sabha for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2023.
- Prominent CPI-M leader **T K Rangarajan** nominated for the lifetime achievement award.
- These nominations are based on cumulative performance in questions, private members' bills and members' debates from the beginning of the **17th Lok Sabha** till the end of the Winter Session 2022.

Sansad Ratna Awards 2023 from Lok Sabha

1. Bidyut Baran Mahato (BJP, Jharkhand),
2. Dr. Sukanta Majumdar (BJP, West Bengal),
3. Kuldeep Rai Sharma (INC, Andaman Nicobar Islands),
4. Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit (BJP, Maharashtra),
5. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (INC, West Bengal),
6. Gopal Chinayya Shetty (BJP, Maharashtra),
7. Sudhir Gupta (BJP, Madhya Pradesh) and
8. Dr. Amol Ramsing Kolhe (NCP, Maharashtra)

Sansad Ratna Awards 2023 from Rajya Sabha

- Dr. John Brittas (CPI-M, Kerala),
- Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha (RJD, Bihar),
- Smt Fauzia Tahseen Ahmed Khan (NCP, Maharashtra) Vishambhar Prasad Nishad (Samajwadi Party, UP) and
- Smt Chhaya Verma (INC, Chhattisgarh)

Two Parliamentary Committees of Lok Sabha nominated for Sansad Ratna Award 2023

1. Lok Sabha's Parliamentary Committee on Finance, chaired by **Jayant Sinha**
2. Rajya Sabha's Standing Committee on Tourism, Transport, and Culture, chaired by **Vijay Sai Reddy**

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award - **T K Rangarajan**, (Former Rajya Sabha MP for two terms and a Senior CPIM Leader).

About Sansad Ratna Award

- Sansad Ratna Awards were instituted on the suggestion of **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam** to honour top performing Parliamentarians.
- He himself inaugurated the first edition of the award ceremony in **2010 in Chennai**.
- So far, 90 top performing parliamentarians have been honoured and all of them have received the award individually.
- The **13th edition of the award** ceremony will be held on 25 March 2023 in New Delhi.
- **K. Srinivasan** is the Founder Chairman of the Sansad Ratna Award Committee and **Ms. Priyadarshini Rahul** is the Chairman.