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1. Sports Ministry suspends all activities of Wrestling Federation of India (Jan. 22, 2023)

The **Sports Ministry** has suspended all activities of the **Wrestling Federation of India** till the appointment of a monitoring committee to oversee the functioning of the Wrestling Federation of India on 21 January.

An overview of the news

- These include suspension of ranking events and refund of entry fees collected from participants.
- The government has already suspended **Vinod Tomar**, assistant secretary of the federation.
- The Monitoring Committee will investigate the allegations levelled against the Executive Committee of the Federation and ensure efficient management of the Federation.
- Wrestling Federation of India President **Brij Bhushan Singh** was accused by the wrestlers of running the union arbitrarily and sexually abusing women players.

2. Dhaka Marathon: Kenyan Stanley Bett Champion in male category, Bangriya Bharatsinh from India wins in South Asian category (Jan. 21, 2023)

The **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Dhaka Marathon** 2023 was held in the capital city **Dhaka** on 20th January.

An overview of the news

- The marathon was inaugurated by Bangladesh Home Minister **Asaduzzaman Khan.**
- Among the elite runners, 21 men and 17 women participated in the full and half marathon.
- **Kenyan runner Stanley Kiprotich Bett** became the **champion of the marathon** with a timing of 2 hours 8 minutes and 10 seconds.
- He was followed by another Kenyan runner, **Joseph Kayengo Muniwoki**, who finished second with a timing of 2 hours 8 minutes and 50 seconds.
- In the women's sprint category, **Bashanke Imoshe Billo (Ethiopia)** emerged **champion** with a timing of 2:35:25 while **Tekla Kirongo of Kenya** came **second** in 2:35:29.

Indian performance

- Indian marathon runner **Bangaria Vikram Bharatsingh** clocked 2:18:28 in the **South Asian men's section.**
- He was followed by **Anil Kumar Singh (India)** with a timing of 2 hours 20 minutes and 30 seconds.
- In the **South Asian female marathon** runner category **Pushpa Bhandari** from **Nepal** came on top with a timing of 2 hours 48 minutes and 2 seconds while **Mahamarakkalage Sujani Piumika Madumali Perera** from **Sri Lanka** came **second** with 2 hours 48 minutes and 22 seconds.

Full marathon, half marathon

• Runners cover a distance of **42.19 kilometres** for a **full marathon** while a distance of **21.09 kilometres** is required to be completed for the **half marathon**.

3. Shubman Gill becomes 5th Indian to score double century in ODIs (Jan. 19, 2023)

India's young batsman Shubman Gill has become the 5th Indian to score a double century in ODIs against New Zealand.

An overview of the news

- In the match played at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad, Shubman Gill scored 208 runs in 149 balls with the help of 19 fours and 9 sixes.
- Shubman Gill completed his double century by hitting Lockie Ferguson for three consecutive sixes during the match, becoming the first batsman in the world to do so.
- With this, Shubman has also become the youngest player in the world to score a double century in ODIs.
- Shubman Gill has become the fastest Indian batsman to score 1000 ODI runs in 19 innings.
- Shubman Gill has joined an exclusive club of five Indian batsmen to score a double century along with Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Rohit Sharma, Ishan Kishan.
- India's Sachin Tendulkar is the first batsman to score a double century in ODI format. He achieved this feat in 2010 by scoring 200 runs against South Africa.
- India's Rohit Sharma is the batsman with most 3 double centuries in ODI cricket.

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second phase of Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 (Jan. 18, 2023)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the second phase of Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 organised in Basti (Uttar Pradesh) district through conferencing on 18 January 2023.

- Sansad Khel Mahakumbh is being organised from the year 2021 by Mr. Harish Dwivedi, Lok Sabha MP from Basti.
- The first phase of Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 was organised from December 10 to December 16, 2022 and the second phase will be organised from January 18 to January 28, 2023.
- Both indoor and outdoor sports events like Wrestling, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Volleyball, Handball, Chess, Carrom, Badminton, Table Tennis etc. are organised during Sansad Khel Mahakumbh.
- Apart from this, competitions for essay writing, painting, making Rangoli etc. are also organised.
- The objective of this unique initiative is to provide an opportunity and platform to the youth of Basti district and surrounding areas to showcase their sporting talent and also motivate them to take up sports as a career option.
- Through this, efforts are also being made to inculcate discipline, team spirit, healthy competition, self-confidence and sense of nationalism among the youth of the region.

5. Barcelona won the Spanish Super Cup for the 14th time (Jan. 17, 2023)

Barcelona won the Spanish Super Cup Barcelona beat Real Madrid 3-1 in Riyadh to win their 14th Spanish Super Cup title.

- Gavi (33rd minute), Robert Lewandowski (45th minute) and Padry (69th minute) scored for Barcelona in the final match played at the King Fahd Stadium in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Karim Benzema (90+3) scored the only goal for Real Madrid.
- Barcelona has won the Supercup for the first time since 2018 and for the 14th time overall.
- Real Madrid has won the Supercup 12 times so far.
- The Supercopa de España or Spanish Super Cup is a super cup tournament in Spanish football.
- This competition is being played since 1982.
- The Super Cup was previously played between the winner of the Spanish league and the champion team of the Copa del Rey. From the year 2020, now the runner-up teams of both the competitions also take part in it.

6. Viacom18 gets 'WIPL' media rights for Rs 951 crore (Jan. 17, 2023)

Viacom18 gets

On January 16, 2023, BCCI Secretary **Jai Shah** tweeted that **Viacom 18** has acquired the media rights of the **Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL)**, which is going to start from **March-April 2023.**

An Overview of the news

- Viacom18 has bought the media rights of the women's IPL for five years from 2023 to 2027 for Rs 951 crore.
- Viacom18 gets this deal for the next 5 years (2023-27) at Rs 7.09 crore per match, which is quite attractive. Because the per match price of PSL (Pakistan Super League) organised by Pakistan is Rs 2.44 crores.
- It is worth mentioning in this context that the per match value of **Indian Premier League (IPL) is Rs 107.5 crore.**
- The auction process for the media rights of the WIPL took place on January 16,
 2023. Disney+ Hotstar, Sony-Zee and Viacom18 were the frontrunners in the race for the media rights of the league, which was finally bagged by Viacom18.

Five franchises in WIPL

- Five of the 10 IPL franchises have confirmed to The Times of India that they are keen on buying a **women's team.**
- Their names are Chennai Super Kings, Rajasthan Royals, Delhi Capitals, Kolkata Knight Riders and Punjab Kings. All are showing interest in investing in a team in WIPL.

7. Victor and Akane won the Malaysia Open Badminton title (Jan. 17, 2023)

Badminton title

On 15th January, Two-time world champion and defending Olympic champion Victor Axelsen (Denmark) and world champion Akane Yamaguchi (Japan) have won the men's and women's singles titles respectively in Malaysia Open Badminton 2023.

An Overview of the news

- Viktor Axelsen of Denmark won the tournament for the second time in a row by defeating Kodai Naraoka of Japan in the men's singles final.
- Japan's Akane, on the other hand, defeated world number four Ahn Se-young of South Korea, 20, to win the title.
- Now these players will also present the title claim in the **India Open** to be held from the last week of January 2023.

8. India registers biggest win in ODI history against Sri Lanka (Jan. 16, 2023)

India beat Sri Lanka by 317 runs in the third ODI at the Greenfield International Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram to register the biggest win by runs in ODI history.

- Batting first in this match, India scored 390 runs in 50 overs losing five wickets. In response, the Sri Lankan team could only manage 73 runs in 22 overs.
- India also made a clean sweep of Sri Lanka 3-0 in the 3-match series.
- Earlier this record was in the name of New Zealand who defeated Ireland by 290 runs in 2008.
- Earlier, the biggest win of the Indian team was 257 runs, which they achieved against Bermuda in 2007.

ODI history top-5 biggest win

Team	Difference	Against	Year
India	317	Sri lanka	2023
New Zealand	290	Ireland	2008
Australia	275	Afghanistan	2015
South Africa	272	Zimbabwe	2010
South Africa	258	Sri Lanka	2012

9. Virat Kohli became the fifth highest run scorer in ODI cricket (Jan. 16, 2023)

During the third match of the series played against Sri Lanka, India's legendary batsman Virat Kohli has overtaken Mahela Jayawardene to become the fifth highest run-getter in ODI cricket.

- In the third ODI, Virat surpassed Mahela Jayawardene in the matter of scoring the most runs in ODI cricket as soon as he touched the figure of 62 runs.
- In the third ODI against Sri Lanka, Kohli scored an unbeaten 166 off 110 balls, in which many records were in his name.
- In ODI format, Kohli has scored 12754 runs in 268 matches, in which he has scored 46 centuries and 64 half-centuries.
- Top-5 players who scored the most runs in ODI cricket
- Sachin Tendulkar 463 matches, 18426 runs
- Kumar Sangakkara 404 matches, 14234 runs

- Ricky Ponting 375 matches, 13704 runs
- Sanath Jayasuriya 445 matches, 13430 runs
- Virat Kohli 268 matches, 12754 runs
- Virat's other achievements -
- Kohli Kohli has become the player with the most number of centuries against a single team in the history of ODI cricket. He has scored 10 centuries against Sri Lanka.
- Virat Kohli has become the player with the highest number of centuries in ODIs on his home soil. Virat Kohli left Sachin Tendulkar behind in this matter, whose name has recorded a total of 20 centuries on Indian soil.
- Virat Kohli has come third in the list of batsmen who have scored the most runs at home in ODI cricket. He left behind Kallis of South Africa in this matter. In this case only Ricky Ponting and Sachin Tendulkar are ahead of Kohli.

10. India's Anahat Singh Wins Girls' U-15 Title in British Junior Open (Jan. 16, 2023)

India's Anahat Singh Wins Girls

India's **Anahat Singh** won the **Girls Under-15 squash title** at one of the most prestigious tournaments of the season, the **British Junior Open, in Birmingham, UK.**

An overview of the news

- Delhi's Anahat Singh defeated **Egypt's Sohela Hazem** 3-1 in the final.
- The British Junior Open is held every year in January in the UK where all the best players from around the world compete to win the coveted title.
- The win makes Anahat the **most successful Indian player** in the British Junior Open.
- It was her third final in the world's most prestigious squash tournament.
- Anahat, who represented India at the **Commonwealth Games** in August 2022, has reached the finals in all three of her appearances at the **British Junior Open.**
- She has won two **gold medals and one silver** in three appearances which is the highest medal tally by any Indian in the British Junior Open across all categories.
- She has also won the **Scottish Junior Open** to be held in **Edinburgh, Scotland** from December 28-30, 2022 in **Girls Under-17** categories.