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5. Lionel Messi wins Laureus sportsman of the year (May 11, 2023)

Argentina's World Cup-winning captain Lionel Messi was named **Laureus Sportsman of the Year** at an award ceremony in Paris on 8 May.

An overview of the news

- Messi also received an award on behalf of the Argentina men's soccer team, who were named the **World Team of the Year** following their victory at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.
- **Paris Saint-Germain forward Messi, 35**, had previously won the award once in 2020, sharing it with **Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton.**
- Messi became the first athlete to receive **both the World Sportsman of the Year award and the World Team of the Year award** in the same year.
- **Sprint champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce** bagged the **top women's honour** after an outstanding 2022, which included winning the **100m gold at the World Athletics Championships.**
- Tennis player **Carlos Alcaraz**, who won the **2022 U S Open** and rose to number one in the ATP rankings, was named the **Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year.**
- Christian Eriksen, who recovered from the cardiac arrest received the **Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award.**

Laureus World Sports Awards

- The nominees for the Laureus World Sports Awards are selected by the **global media**, while the winners are determined by the 71 members of the **Laureus World Sports Academy.**
- The award was instituted in the **year 2000** and is presented annually.

Awards List

- World Sportsman of the Year Award: **Lionel Messi**
- World Sportswoman of the Year Award: **Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce**
- World Team of the Year Award: **Argentina Men's Football Team**
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- World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability Award: **Catherine Debrunner**
- World Action Sports person of the Year Award: **Eileen Gu**
- Laureus Sport for Good Award: **TeamUp**

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In Weightlifting, **Indian weightlifters** finished the **Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023 in Jinju, South Korea**, with **three silver medals** on 8th May.

An overview of the news

- For India, **Bindiarani Devi** won two silver medals in the women's **55kg category**, while **Jeremy Lalrinnunga** won a silver medal in the **men's 67 kg snatch category**.
- **Ajit Narayan and Achinta Sheuli** competed in the **men's 73 kg category** but failed to win a medal for India.
- **Ajit Narayan**, competing in his first international weightlifting event, **topped Group B** with a combined lift of **307 kg (snatch 139 kg + clean and jerk 168 kg)**.
- Commonwealth Games 2022 gold medalist **Achinta Sheuli** finished **second in Group B** with a total lift of **305kg (snatch 140kg and clean and jerk 165kg)**.
- This continental championship is the second place event in the qualifying event series for the **Paris 2024 Olympic Games** in which a total of **6 Indian weightlifters participated**.
- Olympic medalist **Mirabai Chanu** had finished **sixth in the women's 49kg category**.

Medal winners of India

- **Bindiarani Devi** (Women's 55kg) - Silver Medal in Overall (Combining Clean & Jerk and Snatch)
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- **Jeremy Lalrinnunga** (Men's 67kg) - Silver medal in snatch