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1. India's Antim Pangal wins silver medal at Asian Wrestling Championships (April 13, 2023)

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India's wrestler, **Antim Pangal won the silver medal** in the **53 kg category** at the **2023 Asian Wrestling Championships** held in **Astana, Kazakhstan**.

An Overview of the News

- In the final match, **Pangal lost to Akari Fujinami of Japan**.
- Apart from Pangal's silver medal, **four other Indian wrestlers also won bronze medals: Anshu Malik (57 kg), Sonam Malik (62 kg), Manisha (65 kg) and Ritika (72 kg)**.
- The Asian Wrestling Championships is **an annual wrestling competition organised by the Asian Wrestling Federation (AWF)**.
- The championships consist of **men's freestyle, men's Greco-Roman and women's freestyle wrestling events**.
- The **first Asian Wrestling Championship** was held in **1979 in Tehran, Iran**.
- The championship was **cancelled in 1984 for political reasons**.
- The championship was **cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic**.
- The championship has been held every year since its inception, except in 1984 and 2020.

About kazakhstan

- It is a **Central Asian country** that was once a part of the Soviet Union. It became an independent nation in **1991 after the dissolution of the Soviet Union**.
- The country is the **ninth largest country in the world by land area**, stretching from the **Caspian Sea in the west to the Altai Mountains in the east**.
- The capital of Kazakhstan is **Nur-Sultan**, which was **renamed from Astana in 2019**. It is a modern city known for its futuristic architecture.
- **Almaty is the largest city in Kazakhstan** and an important cultural and economic centre. It was the **capital of Kazakhstan until 1997 when the government was moved to Astana**.

2. Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh Wins Title In World Chess Armageddon Asia And Oceania Event (April 11, 2023)

Indian Grandmaster **D Gukesh** emerged winner of the **World Chess Armageddon Asia and Oceania tournament** after defeating former **World Rapid Champion Nodirbek Abdusatarov of Uzbekistan** in the final.

An Overviews of the News

- In the event, Gukesh won over a field that also included former world classical champions **Vladimir Kramnik, Daniil Dubov, Yangyi Yu (China), Vidit Gujrathi and Karthikeyan Murali (both India), Param Maghsudlu (Iran) and Nodirbek Abdusatov**.

- The Armageddon game is a variant of blitz chess, used to determine a winner after a series of drawn games. A drawn game in Armageddon is counted as a win for Black.
- Both Gukesh and Abdusatrov have qualified for the Grand Finale of Armageddon, which is scheduled for September.

About Uzbekistan

- It is a country in Central Asia, bordered by Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan.
- Uzbekistan was a constituent republic of the Soviet Union until its independence in 1991.
- Samarkand and Bukhara are two of the most prominent cities of Uzbekistan, famous for their stunning architectural creations, vibrant bazaars and rich cultural heritage.
- The people of Uzbekistan are mainly of Uzbek ethnicity, and they speak Uzbek as their colloquial language.
- Uzbekistan is home to several important historical sites, including Registan, a majestic public square in Samarkand, and the Ark Fortress, an ancient citadel in Bukhara.

Capital - **Tashkent**

3. 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**

4. Sports Authority of India integrates Khelo India games certificates with DigiLocker (April 9, 2023)

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Sports Authority of India has integrated **Khelo India Games certificates with DigiLocker** for the first time.

An overview of the news

- **Athletes, support staff, technical officers, mission heads, competition managers**, etc. can access their **Khelo India certificates** through the digital platform.
- Athletes and other stakeholders participating in the Khelo India Games will now be able to **collect their certificates of qualification** and participation from the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 in Madhya Pradesh.
- It aims to '**digitally empower**' citizens.

What is Khelo India Games Certificate?

- It is a **document that is provided to the athletes participating in the Khelo India Games.**
- The certificate recognizes the **athlete's participation in the Games** and serves as proof of their achievement.

What is DigiLocker?

- It is a flagship initiative of the **Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).**
- It is a secure cloud-based platform for storage, which enables **easy sharing and verification of documents and certificates.**
- It aims to '**Digitally Empower**' citizens by enabling them to access digital document wallets for authentic digital documents.

Sports Authority of India (SAI)

- It was **established in 1982** as a registered society under the **Societies Act, 1860.**
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Senior Vice President Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo assumed charge as the **President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)** on 6 April. He replaced **Raninder Singh**.

An overview of the news

- **Raninder**, who was elected **NRAI president** in September 2021, went on leave after the Sports Ministry issued a directive that the heads of **National Sports Federations (NSFs)** cannot hold office for more than **12 years as per the National Sports Code**.
- Raninder had completed 12 years as the president from **December 29, 2010 till December 29, 2022** and as per the code, he cannot continue as NRAI chief any further.
- In an impromptu virtual meeting, the governing body "**unanimously**" **approved Dev as the president**.

About National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)

- It was **established in 1951** with the **objective of promoting and popularizing shooting sports in India**.
- The **first speaker of Lok Sabha, GV Mavalankar** was the **founder president of NRAI**.
- It is affiliated to the **International Shooting Sport Federation, Asian Shooting Confederation, Commonwealth Shooting Federation, South Asian Shooting Confederation** and Indian Olympic Association.
- In India it has shown steady progress and has grown significantly **since 1994**.
- Indian shooters have won many medals in international competitions like **Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth and Asian Games/ Championships**.

7. Aleksander Ceferin re-elected UEFA president until 2027 (April 7, 2023)

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An Overview of the News

- It was re-elected during **UEFA's Ordinary Congress held in Lisbon, Portugal**, and Ceferin was elected unopposed, meaning that there were no other candidates for the position.
- He was first time elected as the **seventh president of UEFA in 2016, succeeding Michel Platini**.
- Ceferin's new term will last for **another four years (2027)**.
- The **Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)** is responsible for governing association football, futsal and beach soccer in Europe.
- **UEFA is one of the six continental governing bodies** in the world of football.
- Apart from European countries, UEFA also regulates football in transcontinental countries such as **Turkey, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan**.
- Some Asian countries such as Israel, Cyprus and Armenia also come under the rule of UEFA.

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Headquarters - **Nyon, Switzerland**

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An Overview of the News

- The top five teams in the **FIFA rankings 2023** are **Argentina, France, Brazil, Belgium and England.**
- The next FIFA World Rankings will be published on **20 July 2023.**
- FIFA is the governing body for association football, beach soccer and futsal at the international level.
- It was **established in 1904** to oversee international competition between the national federations of several European countries, including Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.
- FIFA is headquartered in **Zurich, Switzerland**, and is responsible for organising major international tournaments such as the World Cup, the **Women's World Cup and the Club World Cup.**
- The organisation also maintains the Laws of the Game, which are the rules governing how football is played around the world.
- **FIFA has 211 member associations**, making it one of the largest international organisations in the world.
- The current President of FIFA is **Gianni Infantino**, who was elected to the position in 2016.

About Argentina

- It is a **South American country** bordered by Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay and the South Atlantic Ocean.
- It is the **second largest country in South America**, the **fourth largest in the Americas** and the eighth largest in the world.
- The country has a diverse geography, including the **Andes Mountains, the Pampas grasslands, and the Patagonian desert.**
- Argentina gained independence from **Spain in 1816.**
- Argentina claims sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, Georgia and the Sandwich Islands.

President - **Alberto Fernandez**

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