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The prestigious **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**, based at **cricket's mecca Lord's**, on April 5 conferred its **Honorary Life Membership to five Indian cricketers**, including former India captain **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**.

An overview of the news

- Apart from Dhoni, **Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami** have been given this honour.
- MCC CEO Guy Levander gave this membership to a **total of 19 cricketers** keeping in mind their contribution to international cricket.
- **South Africa's Dale Steyn, England's Kevin Pietersen, Morgan, Pakistan's Mohammad Hafeez, Bangladesh's Mashrafe Mortaza and New Zealand's Ross Taylor** are among those who got membership.
- As captain, Dhoni won the **T20 World Cup in 2007, the World Cup in 2011 and the Champions Trophy in 2013**.
- The former keeper-batsman played **538 international games across all formats, scoring over 17,000 runs** during the same period.
- **Yuvraj Singh** was also an integral part of the Indian team that won the first **T20 World Cup in 2007 and the home World Cup in 2011**.

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An Overview of the News

- The ban was imposed after Chanu tested positive for the **anabolic-androgenic steroid Drostanolone**, banned by the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**, during the National Games to be held in **Gujarat in September-October 2022.**
- Chanu's provisional suspension was announced by NADA soon after the sample collection, and her four-year ban has now been formally announced.
- As a result of the ban, **Chanu would be stripped of her silver medal** from the National Games.

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- **Drostanolone** is primarily used to treat advanced inoperable breast cancer in women, but is often abused by athletes as a performance-enhancing drug.

About National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)

- It is the national **anti-doping organisation** of India and is responsible for ensuring that athletes in India compete in a **doping-free environment and the organisation was established in 2005** under the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- It is affiliated with the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)** and follows the **WADA Code for Anti-Doping Measures**.
- Its main functions include testing for prohibited substances, educating athletes and coaches about anti-doping measures, and sanctioning athletes who violate anti-doping rules.
- It has a team of trained **Doping Control Officers (DCOs)** who test athletes in various sporting events.
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An overview of the news

- **Brazil Para-Badminton International tournament is a Level 2 event** and part of the **Paris Paralympics pathway for 2023**.
- The funding has been approved under the **Ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** and will provide financial assistance to athletes and their support staff.
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- He was **born on 11 December 1934 in Kabul**, the capital of Afghanistan.
- Later Durrani's family **settled in Karachi**. During the India-Pakistan partition, **Durani's family had settled in India**.
- He was known as a **brilliant all-rounder**.
- He made a significant contribution in the series against **England in 1961-62**. In the last two Tests, Salim led India to victory.
- He took **8 wickets in Kolkata and 10 wickets in Chennai Test**. India won the 5 match test series 2-0.
- He was the **first cricketer to be honored with the Arjuna Award**. He was given this honor **in 1961**.
- He played the last Test match for India in **February 1973** against England at Brabourne Stadium Mumbai.
- After this he retired from cricket. After retirement, he also tried his hand in the film industry. He worked in the Bollywood film '**Charitra**'.
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10. Unity Cup Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament 2023 (April 1, 2023)

Unity Cup Cricket Tournament 2023 organized jointly by **HUDCO and NBCC** on 1st April, 2023 at **Siri Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi**.

An overview of the news

- It aims to encourage team building and promote the **Fit India Movement of the Government of India**.

- It was inaugurated by **Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**.
- The tournament was organized between the mega teams of **MoHUA, CPWD, NBCC and HUDCO**.
 - The series of exciting matches began with the opening match played between MoHUA and CPWD.
 - **MoHUA won the final by 20 runs from NBCC** in the finals.
 - **Manoj Joshi** lifted the **winning Trophy on behalf of MoHUA Team**.
 - The sporty event was followed by presenting '**Man of the Match**' to **Maninder** from MoHUA.