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### **1. NADA bans Indian athletes Aishwarya Babu, MV Jilana for doping ( March 3, 2023 )**

India's triple jumper **Aishwarya Babu** and sprinter **MV Jilna** have been banned by **India's National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** and Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) respectively after they tested positive for banned drugs by the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**.

#### **Overview of the news**

- Aishwarya won a gold medal in the triple jump during the **National Inter-State Championships** in June 2022, with a leap of 14.14 m establishing a new national record.
- Aishwarya has been suspended for **four years** by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** after she tested positive for a banned substance, **anabolic steroids**.
- Aishwarya's sample tested positive for a steroid included in the banned list of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), due to which she was ruled out of the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022**.
- Aishwarya had tested positive for **Ostarine** which is a **Selective Androgen Receptor Modulator (SRAM)** during the National Inter State Championships on 13th and 14th June 2022 in Chennai.

#### **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**

- The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was **established in 1999** as an international independent agency composed and funded by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** and governments of the world.
- Its main aim is to fight against the unauthorized use of performance enhancing drugs (Dope) by the athletes in sports.
- WADA's primary role is to develop, harmonize and coordinate anti-doping rules and policies across all sports and countries.
- WADA is an international organization. It delegates work in individual countries to Regional and National Anti-Doping Organizations.
- Headquarters: **Lausanne, Switzerland**.

### **2. New Zealand becomes second team after West Indies winning Test match by one run ( Feb. 28, 2023 )**

The **Tim Southee -led New Zealand** team has established a work by **defeating England by 1 run in the second Test**.

#### **An overview of the news:**

- New Zealand has become the second team in the world to win the match by the lowest run in Test cricket. Earlier in 1993, West Indies set this record **by winning 1 run against Australia in Adelaide.**
- England had declared their first innings for 435 runs after which the New Zealand team was dismissed for 209 runs. Ben Stokes decided to follow the hosts with a lead of 266 runs.
- New Zealand took advantage of this to score 483 runs and set a target of 258 runs to win in front of England in the fourth innings. In front of this score, the entire English team was dismissed for 256 runs.
- With this achievement, New Zealand has become the third team in the world to win a Test match by taking a follow on.
- England did this work 2 times against Australia, while India defeated Australia after taking a follow on at the Eden Gardens ground in 2011.
- Till now in Test cricket, Australia was the only team that has lost by giving a follow on, but now England's name has also been added to this list.

### **3. Australian women's cricket team won the T20 World Cup title for the sixth time ( Feb. 28, 2023 )**

**Australia** has won the Women's T20 World Cup 2023 title for **the sixth time** by defeating **South Africa** by 19 runs in the final.

#### **An Overview of the news:**

- It was the **eighth edition of the ICC Women's Twenty20 World Cup** tournament, held in South Africa from **10 to 26 February 2023.**
- The title match of the Women's T20 World Cup 2023 was held at the Newlands Stadium in Cape Town, South Africa, which was won by Australia.
- This was the **seventh T20 World Cup final** match for the Australian women's team.
- Batting first after winning the toss in the match played at Newlands in Cape Town, **Australia scored 156 runs** losing six wickets in 20 overs. In response, the South African team was able to score 137 runs losing six wickets in 20 overs.
- The Australian team has become champions in **2010, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2020 and now in 2023.**
- The Australian team has scored a title hat-trick in the Women's T20 World Cup for the second time. For the first time, a team has scored a title hat-trick for the second time in an ICC tournament, including men's or women's cricket.
- Australia's all-rounder **Ashley Gardner** was awarded the '**Player of the Tournament**' award.

- The **Indian women's team** lost to the **Australian team** in the semi-final **match**.

#### **4. Carlos Alcaraz defeats Cameron Norrie to win Argentina Open Title ( Feb. 24, 2023 )**

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- In the opening ceremony, **an MoU was signed** between the two countries in the field of sports exchange and special performances, Korean dance, Taekwondo performances.
- The **Korean Cultural Center** is co-hosting the championship along with the **Sports Authority of India under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and the Korea National Sports University** to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Korea-India diplomatic relations in India.
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**10. Aishwary wins gold medal in men's individual 50m rifle 3 positions competition at ISSF World Cup ( Feb. 23, 2023 )**

**In Shooting, India's Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar** on 22 February claimed the **gold medal** in the **men's individual 50m rifle 3 positions competition at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo**.

**An overview of the news**

- The 22-year-old Tomar, who also won gold at the **Chagwon World Cup** last year, won 16-6 to beat **Alexander Schmirf of Austria**.
- Earlier, India's **Tilottama Sen** had won the **bronze medal in the women's 10m air rifle**.
- **India continues to top the medal tally** with four gold. Hungary is second with two gold medals.