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### **1. 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.

### **2. Saurashtra beat Bengal by 9 wickets to bag second Ranji Trophy title ( Feb. 19, 2023 )**

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- Saurashtra won their **second Ranji Trophy** title at the **Eden Gardens in Kolkata**. Saurashtra won the Ranji Trophy title for the first time in **2019-20**.
- Saurashtra needed 14 runs to win, which they achieved at the loss of 1 wicket in 2.4 overs.
- This is the second title win of the Saurashtra team in the last three seasons.
- **Jaydev Unadkat and Chetan Sakariya**, who were the heroes of Saurashtra's victory, together broke the back of Bengal's batting, and the team could only manage 241 runs in the second innings.
- Unadkat took 9 wickets, while Chetan Sakaria took 6 wickets.
- Saurashtra won the toss in the match and decided to bowl first.
- Bengal could score only 174 runs in the first innings while batting.
- Unadkat took three wickets while Chetan Sakaria also took three wickets. Chirag Jani and DA Jadeja got two wickets each.
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- In such a situation, he could get a slight lead of 11 runs over Saurashtra.
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### **Ranji Trophy Tournament**

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- The first match was played between **Madras and Mysore** at the Chepauk Ground from 4 November 1934.
- **Mumbai** has won this tournament 41 times.
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### **An overview of the news**

- Stokes holds the world record for hitting **two sixes** in the second innings of the first Test between **England and New Zealand at Mount Maunganui (New Zealand)**.
- Stokes played an innings of **31 runs in 33 balls**, which included three fours and two sixes.
- Wicket-keeper Tom Blundell stumped him off the bowling of all-rounder Michael Bracewell.
- In **90 Test matches**, Stokes scored a total of **5,652 runs** at an average of 36.00 with 109 sixes and 12 centuries and 28 fifties.
- His individual best score in Tests is **258**.
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### **Batsman who hit most sixes in test cricket**

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**An overview of the news**

- She joined **Royal Challengers Bangalore for Rs 3.4 crore** after winning the highest bid in the ongoing **Women's Premier League 2023** auction in Mumbai.
- A total of **448 players** were included in the auction, out of which **87 players** were bought by the franchises. **30 foreign players** were also involved in this.
- **Ashley Gardner (Australia)** was at **number two** in the list of expensive players. He was bought by Gujarat Giants for **Rs 3.20 crore**.
- **Natalie Sciver** is at number three. She was bought by Mumbai Indians for 3.20 crores.
- India's all-rounder **Deepti Sharma** is at **number four**. Deepti is included in UP Warriors for **2.60 crores**.
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**About Smriti Mandhana**

- Smriti Mandhana is a young and talented **left-handed Indian batsman** and former captain of the Indian women's cricket team.

- Mandhana is known for her attacking batting style and has been a consistent performer in the T20I format.
- Mandhana made her T20I debut in **April 2013 against Bangladesh.**
- In the T20 International format, he has played **65 matches and scored 1743 runs at an average of 27.61.**
- His highest score in T20 International format is 83 and he has 9 fifties to his name.
- In June 2018, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) awarded her as the **Best Female International Cricketer.**
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## **10. Former England captain Eoin Morgan retires from all forms of cricket ( Feb. 14, 2023 )**

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Former **England captain Eoin Morgan** announced his retirement from **all forms of cricket** on 13 February.

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

- Morgan had said goodbye to international cricket on **28 June 2022**. He announced his retirement from all three formats of cricket.
- Eoin Morgan captained the **ODI World Cup** played in England in the **year 2019** and won his team the **title**. He also became the **first captain to win the ODI World Cup for England.**
- Morgan has scored **2458 runs** playing a total of **115 T20 matches**. While playing **248 ODIs**, he scored **7701 runs.**
- Morgan captained England in **126 ODIs and 72 T20Is**, registering **118 wins** as captain in both formats.
- Apart from this, he scored **700 runs in 16 Test matches.**
- Born in **Dublin**, Morgan made his ODI debut for **England in 2009** at the age of 16 against Ireland.