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# 1. Compound Women's Team Wins Gold at Archery World Cup Stage 2 ( May 25, 2024 )

India secured the Gold medal in the compound women's team event at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 in Yecheon, South Korea.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The trio of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Swami showcased dominance throughout the final match against Turkey.
- They outperformed Turkey's team consisting of Hazal Burun, Ayse Bera Suzer, and Begum Yuva.
- India clinched the victory without dropping a set, maintaining a solid lead throughout the match.
- The final result saw India securing the gold with a significant six-point margin over Turkey.

### **Hat-Trick Achievement:**

• Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Swami achieved a remarkable feat by winning their third consecutive World Cup gold medal together.

## **Key Points about the Archery World Cup:**

- The Archery World Cup, initiated in 2006 by the World Archery Federation, consists of four stages held across different countries.
- It was introduced to capitalize on the popularity of the sport post the 2003 World Archery Championships and the 2004 Summer Olympics.
- The competition aims to enhance the sport's appeal by showcasing matches in picturesque locations and broadcasting the finals online.

## **Competition Structure:**

- Archers compete in four stages globally, with the top eight (four during 2006–09) advancing to the Archery World Cup Final.
- The Final serves as the pinnacle event, where the best archers from each category vie for the ultimate title.

### **Broadcast and Sponsorship:**

- Since 2013, the World Cup has been broadcast live on Eurosport, extending its viewership and accessibility.
- Major sponsors like Kia and Longines have backed the event, with Longines presenting the annual Longines Prize of Precision.

The Longines Prize recognizes exceptional mastery of the bow and arrow, focusing on attributes like concentration, balance, accuracy, and skill.

## 2. IOC launches 'Let's Move India' Campaign (May 24, 2024)

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) launches 'Let's Move India' campaign.

### An Overview of the News

Aimed at inspiring people to celebrate athletes at the Paris Olympics.

## **Digital Challenge:**

- Participants encouraged to join through a digital challenge on social media.
- People across India invited to participate.

## **Regional School Initiatives:**

- Young people can engage in regional school initiatives coinciding with Olympic Day on June 23.
- Initiatives designed to inspire and celebrate athletes.

## **Recreating Athlete Celebrations:**

- Participants encouraged to recreate favorite athlete celebrations or create their own.
- The goal is to inspire and celebrate Olympians representing India in Paris 2024.

#### **Collaboration with Abhinav Bindra:**

- IOC collaborates with Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medallist and IOC Athletes' Commission member.
- Together, they extend invitations to schools nationwide as part of the Olympic Values Education Programme.

## **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**

- Non-governmental sports organization
- Based in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Governs National Olympic Committees (NOCs).
- Oversees the worldwide Olympic Movement.
  - Formation 23 June 1894
  - Founders Pierre de Coubertin, Demetrios Vikelas

- Headquarters Olympic House, Lausanne, Switzerland
- President Thomas Bach

# 3. Sachin Sarjerao Khilari Grabs Shot Put Gold at World Para Athletics Championship (May 23, 2024)

Sachin Sarjerao Khilari, representing India, clinched the gold medal in the men's shot put event at the World Para Athletics Championship in Kobe, Japan.

#### **An Overview of the News**

• Khilari achieved a remarkable feat by setting a new Asian record in the F46 category with a throw of 16.30 meters.

### **Bronze Medal Success for Dharambir**

- Dharambir, another Indian athlete, secured the Bronze Medal in the Men's Club Throw event.
- His final throw measured 33.31 meters, a distance that not only earned him the Bronze Medal but also established a new Asian Record in the F51 Category.

#### **Other Indian Medal Winners**

- Deepti Jeevanji won her first gold medal in the women's 400m T20 event.
- **Ekta Bhyan** of India clinched the **gold medal** in the women's F51 club throw competition at the World Para Athletic Championships in Kobe, Japan. Bhyan achieved her victory with a season's best throw of 20.12 meters.

**Kashish Lakra**, also from India, secured the **silver medal** with a throw measuring 14.56 meters.

- Yogesh Kathuniya achieved a season's best mark of 41.80 meters, earning silver in the Men's Discus Throw F56 Final.
- Preethi Pal secured a bronze medal in the Women's 200m T35 final.
- Nishad Kumar grabbed silver in Men's High Jump T47 with a season-best jump of 1.99 meters.

### Record-breaking Medal Tally for India

- India's exceptional performances have propelled the nation beyond its previous highest total of 10 medals.
- The Indian contingent now boasts an impressive tally of 12 medals, comprising 5 gold, 4 silver, and 3 bronze medals.

## **China Leads Points Table**

• China remains at the top of the points table with a total of 48 medals.

## **World Para Athletics Championship:**

- The 11th World Para Athletics Championship is underway in Kobe, Japan, spanning from May 17 to May 25, 2024.
- More than a thousand athletes from over one hundred nations are participating, contesting in 168 medal events, consisting of 92 male, 75 female, and one mixed event.
- The championship is hosted at the Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium.
- This marks the inaugural occasion of the World Para Athletics Championships taking place in East Asia.
- Notably, this is the third instance of the World Para Athletics Championships occurring in Asia, with previous editions held in Doha, Qatar, in 2015, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in 2019.

# 4. Chirag Shetty-Satwiksairaj Rankireddy Clinch Thailand Open 2024 Men's Doubles Title ( May 22, 2024 )

Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy secured victory in the Thailand Open 2024 badminton men's doubles final.

#### An Overview of the News

- The match was held at Nimibutr Stadium in Bangkok.
- They defeated their Chinese opponents Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi with a scoreline of 21-15, 21-15 in a 46-minute match.

### **Tournament Performance:**

- This win marked Chirag and Satwik's second title of the 2024 badminton season and their second Thailand Open title.
- Previously, they lost in the finals of the Malaysia Open and India Open but claimed victory in the French Open in March.
- Thailand Open holds significance for them as they won their first Super 500 title here in 2019.
- The 2024 Thailand Open final was their fifth appearance in a BWF Super 500 summit clash, all of which they won.

### **Ranking and Points:**

• With 9200 ranking points from the tournament, Chirag and Satwik are expected to regain the world No. 1 rank next week.

### **Overall Achievement:**

- This victory marks their eighth title on the BWF World Tour.
- In the previous year, they won titles at the Swiss Open, Indonesia Open, and Korea Open.

# 5. Deepthi Jeevanji Shatters World Record, Secures Gold at World Para Athletics Championships ( May 21, 2024 )

Deepthi Jeevanji, aged 20, clinched her maiden gold at the World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan.

#### **An Overview of the News**

- She shattered the world record in the women's 400m T20 event with a remarkable time of 55.07 seconds.
- This achievement surpasses the previous record set by American Breanna Clark during last year's championships in Paris.
- The T20 category is designated for athletes with intellectual impairments.
- Deepthi's stellar performance secured India's first gold medal in this edition of the championships.

#### Other Medalist:

- Turkey's Aysel Onder claimed the silver medal with a time of 55.19 seconds.
- Lizanshela Angulo of Ecuador clinched the bronze with a timing of 56.68 seconds.

## **Additional Triumphs:**

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**Important Point:** At the 10th World Para Athletics Championships in 2023, hosted in Paris, France, India secured an impressive tally of 10 medals, comprising three gold, four silver, and three bronze medals, setting a new record for their achievements.

# 6. Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi Secure Gold as India Wraps Up Elorda Cup 2024 with 12 Medals ( May 21, 2024 )

Two-time World Champion Nikhat Zareen won gold in the women's 52kg category at the Elorda Cup 2024 by defeating Zhazira Urakbayeva of Kazakhstan with a unanimous decision (5-0).

#### An Overview of the News

- India finished the Elorda Cup 2024 campaign with 12 medals in total, held in Astana,
  Kazakhstan.
- Medals tally: 2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze.

#### Gold medals:

- Nikhat Zareen (52kg)
- Minakshi (48kg) defeated Uzbekistan's Rahmonova Saidahon (4-1) to win India's first gold medal in the women's 48kg final.

## Silver medals:

- Anamika (50kg) lost to China's Wu Yu (1-4).
- Manisha (60kg) lost to Kazakhstan's Viktoriya Grafeeva (0-5).

### **Bronze medals (men):**

- Yaiphaba Singh Soibam (48kg)
- Abhishek Yadav (67kg)
- Vishal (86kg)
- Gaurav Chauhan (92+kg)

## **Bronze medals (women):**

- Sonu (63kg)
- Manju Bamboriya (66kg)
- Shalakha Singh Sansanwal (70kg)

Monika (81+kg)

## **About Elorda Cup**

- It is an international boxing tournament organized by the Department of Physical Culture and Sports of the city of Astana and the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation.
- The inaugural edition of the Elorda Cup was scheduled to be held in 2022, featuring Uzbekistan, India, Japan, Cuba and Kyrgyzstan.
- The second edition took place in 2023 with the participation of Bahrain, China, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
- The third edition of the Elorda Cup took place from May 12 to 19, 2024.
- Countries participating in the third edition included **Kazakhstan**, **China**, **India**, **Japan**, **Uzbekistan**, **Iran** and **Tajikistan**.

## 7. Neeraj Chopra Secures Second Place at Doha Diamond League 2024 ( May 15, 2024 )

Olympic and World Champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra claimed the second spot in the Doha Diamond League 2024, held on May 10, 2024, at the Qatar Sports Club, Doha, Qatar.

#### **An Overview of the News**

- Czech Republic's three-time Olympian Jakub Vadlejch secured the top spot with a throw of 88.38 meters.
- Neeraj Chopra narrowly missed the first spot by just 2 centimeters, with a throw of 88.36 meters.
- Former world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada claimed the third spot with a throw of 86.62 meters.
- India's Kishore Jena, who won the silver medal at the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games held in China in 2023, finished ninth in his Diamond League debut.
- The next men's javelin Diamond League meeting is scheduled to be held in Paris on July 7, 2024.

## **About Neeraj Chopra**

- He won the 2023 Doha Diamond League.
- He clinched a gold medal at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.
- He also claimed a gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest, Hungary.
- He is the 2020 Tokyo Olympic gold medalist in men's javelin throw.

## The Diamond League:

- It is an annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions.
- It comprises fifteen of the best invitational athletics meetings.
- The series is in the top tier of the World Athletics one-day meeting competitions.
- The inaugural season took place in 2010.

# 8. Indian gymnast Srishti Khandagle wins silver medal in Asian Championships ( May 13, 2024 )

Indian gymnast Srishti Khandagle achieved a significant feat by winning a silver medal at the Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships.

### An Overview of the News

- The win is the first time an Indian athlete has won a medal at the Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships, highlighting Khandagale's historic achievement.
- Competing in the women's individual age group category, Khandagale showcased her skill and determination and earned recognition on the international stage.
- The championships took place in Hong Kong, China, where Khandagale's exceptional performance earned him the silver medal.
- Kazakhstan's Dolgopolova won the gold medal, while Hong Kong's S. Hung won the bronze medal.

## **Asian Gymnastic Championships:**

- Organized by the Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU).
- Features various disciplines including artistic, rhythmic, acrobatic, aerobic, and trampoline gymnastics.
- Focuses on senior athletes aged over 16.

## **Trampoline Asian Championships 2024:**

- The sixth Trampoline Asian Championships is being hosted by Hong Kong, highlighting the city's role as a major hub for international sporting events.
- More than 120 elite trampoline athletes from 12 Asian countries and regions participated.

## **Event Details:**

- Aim to determine qualifiers for the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- Venue: Tsuen Wan Sports Center.
- Organized by the Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China.

## **Title Sponsorship:**

- BOC Group Life Assurance Company Limited sponsors the championship.
- Named as "BOC LIFE 6th Trampoline Asian Championships 2024".

# 9. Coca-Cola India and Hockey India form first partnership for National Women's Hockey League (May 11, 2024)

Anandana, Coca-Cola India Foundation has announced its first collaboration with Hockey India for the National Women's Hockey League 2024-2025, marking the inaugural edition of the tournament.

#### **An Overview of the News**

- The partnership aims to grow women's hockey by focusing on key aspects such as providing specialized coaching, training equipment, nutritional support and organizing camps and competitions to facilitate development.
- The partnership is in line with Coca-Cola India's #SheTheDifference campaign, which is dedicated to celebrating, empowering, and supporting women.

## **About National Women's Hockey League 2024-2025:**

- The first phase of the tournament started on April 30, 2024, and is scheduled to end on May 9, 2024, in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- The league consists of eight teams: Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Bengal, Mizoram, Manipur, and Odisha.
- These teams secured the top eight positions in the 14th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship 2024, to be held in Pune, Maharashtra, from March 13 to 23, 2024.

# 10. India won 43 medals in the Asian Under-22 and Youth Boxing Championships (May 11, 2024)

The Indian boxing team clinched a remarkable 43 medals at the Asian U-22 and Youth Boxing Championships 2024, held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from April 25 to May 8.

## **An Overview of the News**

- Among these medals, there were 12 gold, 14 silver, and 17 bronze, demonstrating India's prowess in both youth and U-22 categories.
- India secured the second position in the overall medal tally, trailing behind the host nation, Kazakhstan, which amassed a total of 48 medals.
- The U-22 Indian squad contributed significantly, earning a total of 21 medals, comprising seven gold, five silver, and nine bronze.

- Additionally, the youth category added to India's medal haul with 22 medals, including
- five gold, nine silver, and eight bronze.
- The championship was organized by the Asian Boxing Federation, showcasing the rising talent and competitive spirit within the Asian boxing community.

## **Tournament Highlights:**

## **Men's Category**

- Youth Category:
  - Brijesh secures India's first gold medal in the 48kg category by defeating Tajikistan's Muminov Muinkhodzha in the final.
  - Aryan continues India's success by winning gold in the 51kg category, defeating Kyrgyzstan's Kamilov Zafarbek.
- U-22 Category:
  - Vishvanath Suresh claims India's first gold in the U-22 category (48kg) by defeating Kazakhstan's Karap Yernar.
  - Akash Gorkha secures India's third gold in the U-22 category (60kg) by defeating Kazakhstan's Ruslan Kuzeubayev.

## Women's Category:

- U-22 Category:
  - Olympic boxer Preeti clinches gold in the 54kg category by defeating Kazakhstan's Bazarova Flina.
  - Muskan secures gold in the 75kg category by defeating Uzbekistan's Zokirova Aziza, contributing to India's seventh U-22 gold medal.