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An overview of the news

- **Delhi's Sonam** set a new record in **200m steeplechase** with a timing of 6.45.71 minutes.
- On the other hand, **Siddharth Chaudhary of Rajasthan** created a new record of 21.04 meters in shot put.
- The previous national record in men's youth shot put was set by **Dipender Dabas in 2017** when he threw at 20.99 meter.
- Madhya Pradesh won the overall championship in athletics in the boys category and Maharashtra in the girls category.
- Maharashtra topped the medal table with 79 medals including 26 gold.
- **Haryana is second** with a total of 53 medals including 22 gold and host Madhya Pradesh is third with 21 gold medals.
- Madhya Pradesh also has a total of 53 medals.

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An overview of the news

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4. Indian men's hockey team chief coach Graham Reid resigns (Feb. 2, 2023)

Indian men's hockey team head coach **Graham Reid** on January 30 resigned from his post following the host nation's exit from the recently concluded World Cup.

An overview of the news

- The 58-year-old **Australian coach** submitted his resignation to Hockey India president **Dilip Tirkey** a day after the World Cup concluded in **Bhubaneswar**, where **Germany** emerged as champions after beating **Belgium** in a penalty shoot-out.
- Reid, who was appointed India's coach in **April 2019**, led the team to a historic **bronze** medal win at the 2021 **Tokyo Olympics**.
- After taking over as the head coach of the Indian men's hockey team in 2019, Graham
 Reid went on to coach the team to a historic bronze medal win at the Tokyo 2020
 Olympics.
- After this, under his leadership, the Indian men's hockey team was successful in winning the silver medal in the **Commonwealth Games 2022** held in **Birmingham** and India finished third in the **FIH Pro League 2021-22**.
- In addition to Reid, analytical coach Greg Clark and scientific advisor **Mitchell David Pemberton** also tendered their resignations.

5. 5th Khelo India Youth Games begins in Madhya Pradesh (Jan. 30, 2023)

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An overview of the news

- Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Singh Thakur and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated this sports event at TT Nagar Stadium in Bhopal.
- Union Minister of State for Sports **Nisith Pramanik** and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.
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Khelo India Youth Games

- The Games will be hosted in Madhya Pradesh from **31 January 2023 to 11 February 2023.**
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- * Maheshwar, Mandla and Balaghat.
- More than 8 thousand 500 athletes and sportspersons are expected to participate in this sporting event.
- The **4th Khelo India Youth Games** was held at **Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula (Haryana)** from 4 to 13 June, 2022 while some matches were also played in **Chandigarh.**

Khelo India Youth Games winners list

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7. INDIA won Inaugural Women's U -19 T20 World Cup (Jan. 30, 2023)

In the first edition of the Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup, India defeated **England** by seven wickets to win the tournament.

An overview of the news

- Batting first in the final match, England had set a target of 69 runs in front of India and Team India achieved it by losing three wickets.
- For the first time the Indian women's team has been successful in winning any ICC tournament.

- Indian player Shweta Sehrawat scored the most runs in the Under-19 Women's T20 World
- Cup 2023. She scored 292 runs in 6 matches.
- Maggie Clarke was the top wicket-taker in the tournament with 12 wickets in 5 matches.

Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup

- Host South Africa
- Event date 14 January 2023 29 January 2023
- Participants 16 teams
- Player of the match in the final Tita Sadhu
- Player of the Tournament Grace Scrivens (Captain England)
- Indian Captain Shafali Verma

8. Hockey World Cup: Germany beat Belgium 5-4 in shootout to lift World Cup trophy for the third time (Jan. 30, 2023)

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An overview of the news

- With this, Germany has won the **World Cup three times**, first in 2002 and second in 2006.
- In a thrilling final, the two teams were tied 3-3 after regular time, but the Germans then won 5-4 in penalty shootout at the Kalinga Stadium.
- Nicklas Wellen (29th), Gonzalo Peillat (41st) and captain Mats Grembusch (48th) scored for Germany.
- Florent van Obel (10th minute), Tengas Kossins (11th minute) and Tom Boon (59th minute) scored for Belgium.
- Germany had earlier won the quarter-finals against **England** and the semi-finals against **Australia** after coming from two goals down.
- Germany also took their world title tally to three, equaling Australia and the Netherlands.
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Awards of Hockey World Cup 2023

- Best Player- Niklas Wellen (Germany)
- Best Goalkeeper- Vincent Vanasch (Belgium)
- Best Junior Player- Mustapha Cassiem (South Africa)
- **Hero Top Scorer-** Jeremy Hayward (Australia)
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- Fair Play Award- Belgium
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FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 all teams

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10. Novak Djokovic won the Australian Open 2023 title (Jan. 29, 2023)

Novak Djokovic won the Australian Open title for the 10th time by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 7-6, 7-6 in the first Grand Slam Australia Open of 2023.

An overview of the news

- With this victory, Novak Djokovic has equaled Spain's Rafael Nadal's record of winning 22 Grand Slam titles.
- Djokovic won the first Australian Open title in the year 2008. After that he has won this title in the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023.
- In addition to 10 Australia Open, Djokovic won the French Open in 2016 and 2021, a total of 7 Wimbledon between 2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 while the US Open in 2011, 2015, 2018.

Women's singles winner

• In the Australian Open 2023, **Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus has won the women's singles title by defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan.** Sabalenka has won a Grand title for the first time.

Women's Doubles Winner

• Barbora Krejcikova and Katarina Siniakova of Czech Republic defeated Japanese pair Shuko Oyama and Ina Shibahara to win the women's doubles title at Australian Open 2023.