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### **1. Ajit Agarkar Appointed Chairman of Senior Men's Selection Committee ( July 6, 2023 )**

Ajit-Agarkar-Appointed-Chairman-of-Senior-Men's-Selection-Committee

The Board of Control of Cricket (BCCI) has appointed Ajit Agarkar as the chairman of the Senior Men's Cricket Selection Committee.

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

- The decision was made by the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), consisting of Sulakshana Naik, Ashok Malhotra, and Jatin Paranjape.
- After conducting interviews with several applicants, the CAC unanimously selected Ajit Agarkar for the position of chairman.

#### **Composition of the Selection Committee:**

- The Senior Men's Selection Committee now consists of Ajit Agarkar as the chairperson.
- Other members of the committee include Shiv Sundar Das, Subroto Banerjee, Salil Ankola, and Sridharan Sharath.
- This committee will play a crucial role in selecting players for various international matches and tournaments.

#### **Agarkar's Cricketing Career:**

- Ajit Agarkar is a former India all-rounder, known for his contributions to Indian cricket.
- He represented the country in 26 Tests, 191 ODIs, and four T20Is.
- Agarkar also has an impressive record in domestic cricket, having played 110 first-class matches, 270 List A matches, and 62 T20 matches.

#### **About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**

- It is the national governing body of cricket in India.
- The headquarters of the BCCI is located at the Cricket Center near the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
- The BCCI is responsible for the administration and organisation of cricket activities in India at both the national and international levels.

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## **2. Shreyanka Patil becomes the first Indian cricketer to be a part of WCPL ( July 5, 2023 )**

Shreyanka-Patil-becomes-the-first-Indian-cricketer

Shreyanka Patil became the first Indian cricketer to be signed for the Women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL).

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

- She is the first Indian player to get a contract in a foreign league before making her international debut.
- He has been selected to represent the **Guyana Amazon Warriors in the WCPL, which will take place from 31 August to 10 September.**
- Shreyanka Patil was awarded the title of '**Player of the Tournament**' in the **Women's Emerging Asia Cup held in Hong Kong.**
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) allowed Indian women cricketers to participate in overseas cricket leagues.
- Senior players like **Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma and Richa Ghosh** have played in leagues like the **Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) and The Hundred.**
- On 14 March 2022, Cricket West Indies announced the first ever women's Caribbean Premier League to be held alongside the men's tournament.

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## **3. Yuki Bhambri wins maiden ATP doubles title in Spain ( July 4, 2023 )**

Yuki-Bhambri-wins-maiden-ATP-doubles-title-in-Spain

Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri won his maiden ATP doubles title at the Mallorca Championships in Spain.

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

- Yuki Bhambri stitched a partnership with **South African player Lloyd Harris to seal the victory in the final match.**
- The pair **won 6 - 3, 6 - 4** over the **Dutch-Austrian pair of Robin Hasse and Philipp Oswald.**
- The tournament took place on **grass courts.**
- The 30-year-old Indian Bhambri, who has reached the **58th spot in the ATP doubles tennis rankings.**

### **Important Points**

- Yuki Bhambri is the **first Indian to win the Junior Australian Open title.**
- **Lloyd Harris** is ranked **world number 31 in singles** by the **Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).**
- **Andrea Gaudenzi**, an Italian former tennis player, is the **current president of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).**

### **About Spain**

- It is located on the **Iberian Peninsula of Europe and consists of 17 autonomous regions**, each with its own geography and culture.
- The capital of Spain is **Madrid**, home to the **Royal Palace and the Prado Museum.**
- **Segovia, a city in Spain**, has a mediaeval palace called the **Alcázar and an intact Roman aqueduct.**
- **Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia in Spain**, is known for its modernist landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí. The Sagrada Familia Church is one of the most famous examples.
- Prime Minister - **Pedro Sánchez**
- King - **Felipe VI of Spain**

## **4. Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix 2023 ( July 3, 2023 )**

Max Verstappen took a stunning victory in the Austrian Grand Prix 2023.

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

- The Austrian Grand Prix victory marked Verstappen's fifth consecutive victory and seven from nine races in the current season.

- The previous year's winner at this circuit, Charles Leclerc, finished second at the Austrian Grand Prix, crossing the finish line 5.2 seconds behind Verstappen.
- Sergio Pérez, driving for the Red Bull team, finished third, 17.2 seconds behind the race leader.

**List of Previous Race Winners:**

1. Canadian Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
2. Spanish Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
3. Monaco Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
4. Bahrain Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
5. Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Sergio Perez
6. Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Sergio Perez

**About Austria**

- Chancellor - **Karl Nehammer**
- Capital - **Vienna**
- Currency - **Euro**

**5. 132nd Durand Cup tournament organized in Kolkata ( July 3, 2023 )**

132nd-Durand-Cup-tournamen

The "**Trophy Tour**" of the **132nd edition of Durand Cup**, India's oldest football tournament, was flagged off on 30 June 2023 at a function held at **Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt.**

**Important Points:-**

- It was flagged off by Chief of Army Staff **General Manoj Pandey**, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal **VR Chaudhary** and President of All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Kalyan Choubey**.
- This tournament will be organized from 03 August to 03 September 2023 in **Kolkata, Guwahati, Kokrajhar and Shillong**. While its final will be held in **Kolkata** on September 3.

**Foreign teams in Durand Cup:**

- 24 teams including teams from **Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh** will participate in the 132nd edition of the tournament.
- Foreign teams are participating in the tournament after a gap of **27 years**. The tournament is open to all club teams.
- It is organized by the Durand Football Tournament Society (DFTS) under the aegis of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

- Basically the tournament has always been a symbol of excellence, sportsmanship and high point of competitiveness in the field of sports.

**Durand Cup Tournament:**

- The Durand Cup, the world's third oldest and Asia's oldest football tournament, was first held in the year **1888 at Dagshai** (Himachal Pradesh).
- It was named after **Mortimer Durand**, who was then the Foreign Secretary in charge of India.
- The tournament was initially held for British soldiers, but was later opened to civilians.
- **Mohun Bagan and East Bengal** are the most successful teams in the history of the Durand Cup having won it **sixteen times**.

**6. India won the title by defeating Iran in the Asian Kabaddi Championship ( June 30, 2023 )****Kabaddi-Championship**

**India emerged victorious in the final of the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023** held in **Busan, Korea** on 30th June defeating Iran with a **score of 42-32**.

**An overview of the news**

- This victory marks **India's eighth title** out of nine editions of the championship, highlighting their dominance in the sport.
- **Pawan Sehrawat**, the captain of the Indian team, played a crucial role by securing a **super 10**, leading the team to success.
- In the earlier league stage of the tournament, India showcased their prowess by defeating **Hong Kong with a comprehensive scoreline of 64-20**.
- Six teams, including **India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei, and Hong Kong**, participated in the championship.
- India finished the league stage undefeated, winning all five matches and securing the **top position in the points table**.
- Iran, having only lost to India during the league stage, secured the second position and advanced to the final.
- The Indian kabaddi teams will now focus on the upcoming **Asian Games in Hangzhou, China**, scheduled from September 23 to October 8, where they will face a tough challenge from defending champions Iran, who defeated India in the semi-finals in Jakarta in 2018.

**7. TOPS clears Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia training in Kyrgyzstan and Hungary ( June 30, 2023 )**

Wrestlers-Vinesh-Phogat-and-Bajrang-Punia

The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** has given its approval to wrestlers **Vinesh**

**Phogat and Bajrang Punia** for their training proposals under the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**.

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

- The proposals were submitted by the wrestlers to the **Ministry and the TOPS team**, and they were cleared within 24 hours of the request.
- **Bajrang Punia**, an Olympic medalist, will participate in a **36-day training camp in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan**.
- **Vinesh Phogat**, a medalist in world championships, will first undergo a week of training in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, followed by an **18-day training camp in Hungary**.
- Vinesh Phogat will be accompanied by physiotherapist **Ashwini Jeevan Patil**, sparring partner **Sangeeta Phogat**, and Coach **Sudesh** during her training sessions.
- Bajrang Punia will be accompanied by Coach **Sujeet Maan**, Physiotherapist **Anuj Gupta**, sparring partner **Jitender**, and Strength and Conditioning expert **Kaazi Hasan**.

#### **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**

- It was created in **July 2014** under the auspices of the **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** with the objective of identifying and preparing potential medal prospects for the **Olympic and Paralympic Games**.
- It is a flagship program of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- The idea of the scheme is to look to the future and fund a developmental group of athletes who have the potential to bring medals to the Olympic Games in **Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles in 2028**.

### **8. Kolkata Team Emerges Victorious in Historic Dubai Women's Kabaddi Final ( June 29, 2023 )**

#### **Women's-Kabaddi-Final**

**Dubai** created history by hosting the **world's first International Women's Kabaddi Final** which saw the **Punjab Panthers vs Uma Kolkata** contest on 28 June.

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

- The match concluded with **Uma Kolkata emerging as champions and securing a grand prize of ₹10,000,000**.
- All the matches were held at the '**Shabab Al-Ahli**' sports club in **Dubai**. Matches were played from **16 June to 27 June**.
- The Punjab team showcased commendable skills and secured the second position, receiving a **prize of ₹5,000,000**.
- The **tournament spanned 12 days** and witnessed the participation of eight teams representing different states in India.

- The **Women's Kabaddi League** played a crucial role in successfully organizing the event and bringing it to fruition.
- This historic tournament provided a global platform for women Kabaddi players from India to showcase their skills and talent.
- The participating teams represented different Indian states, including the **Delhi Dynamites, Gujarat Angels, Great Marathas, Haryana Hustlers, Punjab Panthers, Rajasthan Riders, Uma Kolkata, and Bengaluru Hawks.**

## **9. India end Special Olympics World Games campaign with whopping 202 medals ( June 28, 2023 )**

India-end-Special-Olympics-World-Games

The **194-member Indian team** ended its campaign on a high note in the **Special Olympics** after bagging a whopping **202 medals** in the tournament. The Special Olympics were played in **Berlin across nine days from June 17 to June 25.**

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

- India bagged **76 gold, 75 silver and 51 bronze medals** in this global multi-sport event.
- The Indian contingent comprised **198 athletes** and unified partners, along with **57 coaches**, who competed across **16 different sports**, representing the nation with passion and dedication.
- The Indian athletes concluded their exceptional performance at the Special Olympics with a remarkable tally of **six medals in track events on the final day.**
- **Aanchal Goyal and Ravimathi Arumugam** secured **gold medals** in the 400m race, while Saket Kundu achieved a silver medal in mini javelin and a bronze in the Level B 400m race, showcasing their talent.

### **About Special Olympics World Games**

- The Special Olympics was established in the **year 1968**, marking its foundation and initiation of its impactful work.
- The primary mission of the Special Olympics is to offer comprehensive sports training and athletic competition throughout the year.
- This includes a diverse range of Olympic-style sports specifically designed for **children and adults with intellectual disabilities.**
- The organization aims to provide individuals with intellectual disabilities continuous opportunities to enhance their physical fitness, demonstrate bravery, experience happiness, and actively engage in the sharing of **talents, skills, and friendships.**
- It seeks to promote the acceptance, respect, and integration of all individuals, regardless of their abilities or disabilities.

**10. Adani Group founder Gautam Adani launches "Jeetenge Hum" campaign ( June 27, 2023 )**

The "Jeetenge Hum" campaign was launched during the foundation day celebrations of Adani Group, on the occasion of Gautam Adani's 61st birthday.

**An Overview of the News**

- The Indian cricket team that won the **1983 World Cup** was felicitated in this event.
- The campaign aims **to boost morale ahead of the upcoming ICC ODI Cricket World Cup 2023.**
- The "Jeetenge Hum" campaign serves as a platform for national pride and support for the Indian cricket team.
- The campaign encourages fans to believe in the team's ability to emerge victorious at the World Cup.

**About "Jeetenge Hum" campaign**

- The campaign commemorates the **40th anniversary of India's historic victory in 1983.**
- The campaign encourages Indian cricket fans to unite and unite in support of Team India.
- The campaign uses the hashtag **#JeetengeHum on Twitter and Instagram to show support for the team.**
- The campaign draws inspiration from the Adani Group's ethos of "**Kar Ke Dikhaya, Kar Ke Dikhayenge**".
- It epitomizes an indomitable spirit of achievement, both in cricket and business.