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1. Wimbledon 2023: Marketa Vondrousova defeats Ons Jabeur for first Slam title (July 16, 2023)

Marketa Vondrousova became the first unseeded player in the Open Era to win the women's singles championship at Wimbledon 2023.

An Overview of the News

- In the final, Marketa Vondrousova defeated Ons Jabeur, who had been runner-up in the previous year's tournament.
- Marketa Vondrousova is a Czech tennis player who achieved her career-highest career ranking of world No. 14 according to the Women's Tennis Association (WTA).

About Wimbledon Championships

- It is the oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament.
- It has been held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London since 1877, played on grass courts.
- Wimbledon is one of the four Grand Slam tournaments, along with the Australian Open, the French Open and the US Open.
- The tournament takes place over two weeks in late June and early July, culminating in a singles final.

2. Nishad Kumar won silver medal in Para Athletics World Championships in Paris (July 14, 2023)

Nishad-Kumar-won-silver-medal-in-Para-Athletics

Indian athlete Nishad Kumar won the silver medal in the men's high jump event at the 2023 Para-Athletics World Championships in Paris.

An Overview of the News

- Nishad achieved this medal in the High Jump T47 event. With this win, Nishad has become the second athlete to win a medal in this event.
- The 2023 World Para Athletics Championships determine qualification for the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris.
- The top four athletes in each individual medal event at the 2023 Championships secure their places at the 2024 Paralympic Games.

About World Para Athletics Championships

- It was previously known as the IPC Athletics World Championships prior to 2017, is held every two years and focuses on Paralympic athletics.

- These championships are organized by World Para Athletics, a subcommittee of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).
- Competition includes a variety of athletics events specifically designed for athletes with physical and intellectual disabilities.
- The IPC Athletics World Championships were held for the first time in 1994 in Berlin, Germany.

3. India won six medals in the Asian Athletics Championships (July 14, 2023)

India-won-six-medals-in-the-Asian-Athletics-Championships

India won three gold and three bronze medals at the Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok city of Thailand.

An Overview of the News

- India's **Jyoti Yaraji** won the gold medal in the 100m hurdles.
- **Abdullah Abubakar** won the gold medal in the men's triple jump category.
- In the men's 1500m race, **Ajay Kumar Saroj** emerged victorious and secured another gold medal for India.
- **Tejaswin Shankar** put up a stellar performance, winning bronze in the long jump and 400m events.
- **Abhishek Pal and Aishwarya Kailash Mishra** also won bronze medals in men's 10,000m and women's 400m respectively.

Asian Championships 2023

- The 25th edition of the Asian Athletics Championships, known as the 2023 Asian Championships, will take place from July 12 to July 16, 2023.
- The host city of the event is Bangkok, Thailand and it is Thailand's first time hosting since 1973.
- The competition is being held at the National Stadium in Bangkok, specifically the Supachalasai National Stadium.
- There will be a total of 43 events during the championship.

About Thailand

- Capital and largest city - **Bangkok**
- Official Language - **Thai**
- Emperor - **Vajiralongkorn (Rama X)**
- Prime Minister - **Prayut Chan-o-cha**

4. ICC historic decision for women's cricket (July 14, 2023)

ICC-historic-decision-for-women's-cricket

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has taken a historic decision regarding women cricketers in its annual meeting on 13 July 2023.

An Overview of the news:

- Meeting in **Durban, South Africa**, the ICC announced that **equal prize money will now be given to women and men cricketers**.
- According to ICC Chairman Greg Barclay, it is an important moment in the history of our game that male and female cricketers competing in ICC's global competitions will now be rewarded equally.

ICC working in this direction since 2017:

- Since 2017, the ICC has been working towards equal prize money.
- Prize money has been increased in women's competitions every year.
- From now on, this decision of ICC will be applicable in all formats of cricket, whether it is **Cricket World Cup, T20 World Cup or Under-19 World Cup tournament**, the same prize money will be given as ICC male cricketers.

Difference in prize money of male and female cricketers:

- In the **2019 Men's Cricket World Cup**, **Champions England got 28.4 crores** while **runners-up New Zealand got 14.2 crores**.
- In comparison, the **Women's ODI World Cup winning team got \$1.5 million (Rs 12.30 crore) from the 2017 tournament in England**.

Amount paid to the winning team in the last Women's World Cup:

- The prize money for the **ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2022 was also \$3.5 million (Rs 28.71 crore)**.
- The winner and runner-up were given the same prize money in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 and 2023. Over the years the winning team received one million dollars (Rs 8.2 crore) and five lakh dollars (Rs 4.1 crore), five times the amount given in 2018.

To be implemented in 2030:

- This ensures that the ICC Board has met its commitment to bring about parity in prize money by 2030, well ahead of schedule.

There will be equality in match fees as well:

- The ICC has announced that teams will now receive equal prize money for finishing in the same positions in relatively similar events, as well as winning matches in those events.

5. Wanindu Hasaranga and Ashley Gardner awarded ICC 'Player of the Month' for June (July 12, 2023)

The ICC (International Cricket Council) honoured Sri Lankan spinner Wanindu Hasaranga and Australian women's team all-rounder Ashley Gardner with the 'Player of the Month' awards in June for their exceptional performances.

An Overview of the News

- Wanindu Hasaranga received the prestigious accolade for his remarkable achievements during the World Cup qualifier matches held in Zimbabwe.
- **Ashley Gardner became the first player to win the Player of the Month award three times.** She was recognized for her outstanding contribution during the Women's Ashes series.
- The ICC honoured both the players during the month of June for their remarkable skill, performance and impact on their respective teams.

About ICC

- Established - **15 June 1909**
- Headquarters - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**
- Chairman - **Greg Barclay**

6. India Tops Medals Tally in 34th International Biology Olympiad, Secures Four Gold Medals (July 11, 2023)

India-Tops-Medals-Tally-in-34th-International-Biology-Olympiad

India emerged as the top country in the 34th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) by securing the highest number of medals.

An Overview of the News

- This year, India achieved a remarkable feat by winning four gold medals, marking the first time it has achieved an all-gold performance and topped the medal tally in IBO.
- The winners from India are:

1. Megh Chhabda from Maharashtra's Jalna district,
2. Dhruv Advani from Bengaluru in Karnataka,
3. Ishan Pednekar from Kota, Rajasthan
4. Rahit Panda from Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

IBO Details

- The IBO took place in Al Ain, UAE, from July 3 to 11.
- A total of 293 students from 76 different countries participated in the IBO.

Singapore's Achievement

- Singapore, along with India, also secured four gold medals, making it the only other country to achieve this feat.

Overall Gold Medals

- In the 34th IBO, a total of 29 gold medals were awarded to the participants from various countries.

7. Lakshya Sen won the Canada Open 2023 (July 11, 2023)**Lakshya-Sen-won-the-Canada-Open-2023**

Lakshya Sen has won the **men's singles title in Canada Open 2023** by defeating world number-10 player **Li Shi Feng of China** in straight sets 21-18, 22-20.

An Overview of the news:

- Commonwealth Games gold medalist **Lakshya Sen** has clinched the men's singles title at the Canada Open 2023 by defeating the current **All England champion Li Shi Feng of China**.
- This is Lakshya's second BWF World Tour title this season.
- He has already won the India Open title in January 2022.
- Lakshya's current world ranking in men's singles is 19.
- He defeated world number four Kunlavut Witidsarn in the round of 32. Lakshya then got a win over world number 11 Kento Nishimoto of Japan in the semi-finals.

8. Sheikh Talal Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah elected as OCA President (July 11, 2023)

Sheikh-Talal-Fahad-Al-Ahmad-Al-Sabah-elected-as-OCA-President

Sheikh Talal Fahd Al Ahmad Al Sabah of Kuwait has been elected as the new President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

An Overview of the News

- Sheikh Talal was succeeded by his brother Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahd al-Sabah.
- Sheikh Talal succeeded his elder brother, Sheikh Ahmed Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, who led the OCA until 2021.
- Sheikh Ahmed was forced to step down after being found guilty of forgery and sentenced to at least 13 months in prison.
- Sheikh Talal defeated Kuwaiti Hussein Al-Musallam, OCA Director General and World Aquatics President, at the OCA General Assembly in Bangkok.

Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)

- The OCA was founded in 1982 by Sheikh Talal's father, Fahad Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

- It serves as the governing body of the Games in Asia and currently consists of 45 member National Olympic Committees.
- The International Olympic Committee recognized the OCA the same year it was founded in 1982.

Established: **16 November 1982, New Delhi**

Headquarters: **Kuwait City, Kuwait**

Chairman: **Talal Fahd Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah**

Membership: **45 National Olympic Committees**

Motto: **Ever Onward**

"Road to Asian Games" campaign launched

- OCA in partnership with Asian Sports Federation (AESF) announced the "Road to Asian Games" campaign for the upcoming 2022 Asian Games.
- The campaign aims to bring the Olympic spirit to eSports and includes an education program for eSports athletes participating in the Asian Games.

9. India bags maximum 11 medals in World Archery Youth Championships, 2023 (July 11, 2023)

World-Archery-Youth-Championship

In the '**World Archery Youth Championship**', **2023** held in **Ireland**, India has secured the **second position** in the championship by winning the maximum number of **11 medals**.

An Overview of the news:

- The '**World Archery Youth Championships**', **2023** is scheduled to be held from 3 to 9 July 2023.

India finished second in the championship:

- India finished with its highest ever medal tally of 11 medals in this championship. Despite this, India finished second behind Korea in this championship.

Korea topped with 10 medals:

- Korea finished first with a total of 10 medals including six gold and four silver while India finished second with a total of 11 medals including six gold, one silver and four bronze.

First male archer to win gold medal in recurve category:

- 19-year-old Parth Salunkhe from Satara, Maharashtra won the gold medal by defeating a Korean in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final on 9 July. Parth Salunkhe has become the first male archer to win a gold medal in the 'recurve category'.

- Salunkhe, who topped the ranking round, defeated seventh seed Song Injun in a hard-fought five-set match.
- India also won a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual event when **Bhaja Kaur** defeated **Su Hsien-yu** of **Chinese Taipei**.
- The outstanding performance of the Indian archers in the **World Archery Youth Championships, 2023**, their achievements, augur well for the future of archery in India which will inspire many budding archers.

10. Parth Salunkhe became the first male archer to win a gold medal in the recurve event (July 10, 2023)

Parth Salunkhe has become the **first male archer** to win a gold medal in the recurve event at the **World Youth Archery Championships** to be held in **Ireland** from 3 to 9 July 2023. India finished with its **highest ever medal tally of 11 medals** in this championship.

An Overview of the news:

- The 19-year-old from **Satara in Maharashtra** won the gold medal on July 9 after defeating a **Korean** in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final.
- Salunkhe, who topped the ranking round, defeated seventh seed Song Injun 7-3 in a hard-fought five-set match.
- India also won a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual event when **Bhaja Kaur** defeated Su Hsien-yu of Chinese Taipei 7-1.

Highest ever medal tally of 11 in India Championship:

- India finished with **six gold, one silver and four bronze** medals, the highest in terms of total medal tally.
- In terms of rankings, they were **second** only to **Korea**, which took the pole position with **six gold and four silver medals**.

About Ireland:

- Capital: **Dublin**
- Currency: **Euro**
- President: **Michael D. Higgins**
- Prime Minister: **Leo Varadkar (Indian origin)**
- At present, three countries in Europe have Prime Ministers of Indian origin – **Rishi Sunak** (Britain), **Antonio Costa** (Portugal) and **Leo Varadkar** (Ireland).