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1. Indian shooters Ganemat Sekhon, Darshna Rathore create history (May 24, 2023)

Indian-shooters

India for the first time on 24 May **won two senior individual medals in women's skeet at International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage in Almaty, Kazakhstan.**

An overview of the news

- **Ganemat Sekhon won the silver**, his second ever individual World Cup medal.
- Making her first appearance at the senior level, **Darshana Rathore won the bronze medal** and this was her debut performance.
- **Asem Orinbay of Kazakhstan won the gold medal** via shoot-off.
- **Mairaj Khan, Gurjot Khangura and Anantjit Singh Naruka** participated in the men's skit but none made it to the finals.

ISSF World Championship

- The championship is administered by the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)**.
- These championships, including all shooting events of the ISSF, have been held **every four years since 1954**.

2. Shirgaonkar elected as India Taekwondo Chief (May 24, 2023)

Namdev Shirgaonkar was elected unopposed as the **President of the executive committee of India Taekwondo** on 23 May.

An overview of the news

- The election was held at **2 Hotel Sun City Residency, Andheri (East)** in which 25 affiliated State Associations duly participated.
- With all the office bearers being elected unopposed, the entire election process was completed without any hitch.
- **Sharad D Madakare** (retd. Deputy Charity Commissioner) along with **Bhagwatrao Gaikwad (retd. Judge)** served as the Returning Officer.
- **Namdev Shirgaonkar**, President, India Taekwondo, who holds a **black belt in Taekwondo**, has accepted to be elected unopposed as the head of India Taekwondo.
- **Kiyarash Bahri** (Coordinator - World Taekwondo - WT) and **Wanyoung Lee** (Observer - Asian Taekwondo Union - ATU) and **Prashant Desai** (Observer - Paralympic Committee of India - PCI) moderated the election process.

3. BCCI ropes in Adidas as new kit sponsor of Indian cricket team (May 23, 2023)

The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** announced **Adidas as the new kit sponsor of the Indian cricket team**, replacing interim sponsor **Kewal Kiran Clothing Limited**.

An Overview of the News

- Adidas is a **German multinational corporation** best known for the **design and manufacture of athletic footwear, apparel, and equipment**.
- It is the largest sportswear manufacturer globally and has a significant presence in cricket, serving as the kit sponsor for the **England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA)**.
- The partnership with Adidas marks the commitment of a prestigious sponsor to support the athletes of the Indian Cricket Team.

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI):

- It is the **national governing body for cricket in India and is headquartered near the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai**.
- The Headquarters serves as the **administrative centre for the BCCI**.
- The BCCI manages and oversees all cricket related activities in India and it formulates and implements policies and regulations for Indian cricket.
- The BCCI organises domestic and international cricket tournaments and series.

Establishment - **December 1928**

President - **Roger Binny**

CEO - **Hemang Amin**

4. Kabaddi competition begins in Uttar Pradesh, Khelo India University Games (May 23, 2023)

Khelo-India-University-Games

The third Khelo India University Games will begin with a Kabaddi event on May 23 in Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh.

An Overview of the News

- 15 teams representing different universities are participating in the Kabaddi competition.
- The matches will be held at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Stadium in Gautam Budh Nagar district.

- The official opening ceremony of the Khelo India University Games will take place on May 25 in Lucknow and will continue till June 3.
- The Khelo India University Games will be held in four cities: Gautam Buddha Nagar, Lucknow, Gorakhpur and Varanasi and the closing ceremony of the Games will be held in Varanasi.
- Wrestling and Yogasana (yoga postures) events will be organised in Varanasi during the Khelo India University Games.
- A total of 240 players will participate in wrestling events, while 96 players will participate in Yogasana events.

Union Sports Minister - Anurag Singh Thakur

About Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh is a state located in the northern part of India.
- It has a population of over 240 million, making it the most populous state in India as well as the most populous subdivision in the world.
- The state was officially established in 1950.

Chief Minister - Yogi Adityanath

Capital - Lucknow

Governor - Anandiben Patel

Rajya Sabha - 31 seats

Lok Sabha - 80 seats

5. Neeraj Chopra makes history, becomes World No 1 in men's javelin throw (May 23, 2023)

Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra on May 22 achieved the **number one ranking in men's javelin throw** for the first time. This is a major milestone in his career.

An overview of the news

- Neeraj Chopra is **on top with 1455 points**, 22 ahead of Anderson Peters of Granada.
- Chopra rose to world No. 2 on August 30, 2022, but has since been overtaken by the defending world champion, Peters.
- In 2022, **Neeraj won the Diamond League 2022 final in Zurich** in September, making him the first Indian athlete to do so.
- Tokyo Olympics silver medallist **Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic was third** with 1416 points.
- The Indian national record holder in men's javelin throw, took part in the season-opening **Doha Diamond League** on May 5 and finished first with a throw of 88.67m.

Anderson Peters finished third in Doha with a throw of 85.88m.

Top 5 in Men's javelin throw

1. **Neeraj Chopra (India)** - 1455 points
2. **Anderson Peters (Granada)** - 1433 points
3. **Jakub Vadlejch (Czech Republic)** - 1416 points
4. **Julian Weber (Germany)** - 1385 points
5. **Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan)** - 1306 points

6. Young long jumper Shaili Singh finishes third in Japan in her first senior outdoor competition (May 22, 2023)

Young-long-jumper-Shaili-Singh-finishes

In her first **major senior outdoor international event, long jumper Shaili Singh won a bronze** at the **Seiko Golden Grand Prix in Yokohama** on 21st May.

An overview of the news

- **She finished third** in the **women's long jump** with a creditable effort of **6.65m**.
- Shelly's first round jump of 6.65 m was the best ever at a **World Athletics Continental Tour Gold level event**, although it was 11 cm below her personal best.
- Her attempt also saw a wind speed of **+2.1 m/s, which is above the permissible limit of +2.0 m/s**.
- **Maryse Luzolo** of Germany took the gold with a jump of 6.79m, while **Brooke Buschkuel of Australia was second** with an effort of 6.77m.
- Shelly won the **silver medal** in the 2021 **World Under-20 Athletics Championships** with a jump of 6.59 meters.
- In April, Shelly had a jump of 6.76 meters, the **second highest long jump** after **Anju Bobby George**, who had won the gold medal at the Indian Grand Prix.
- In February, she finished fifth at the **Asian Indoor Athletics Championships in Nur-Sultan** with a jump of 6.27m.

7. Italian Open: Daniil Medvedev defeats Rune, wins maiden clay court title (May 22, 2023)

Italian-Open-Daniil-Medvedev-defeats-Rune,-wins

In the **Italian Open final**, world number three tennis star **Daniil Medvedev** defeated **Holger Roon** on 21 May to win his **first claycourt title**.

An overview of the news

- In the men's singles final, the **Russian player defeated the 20-year-old Danish player 7-5, 7-5.**
- This is **Medvedev's fifth title of 2023** and the win has lifted him above Novak Djokovic to the **second spot in the world rankings.**
- He won his **20th career title.** He will also be seeded second in the French Open, which begins on 28th of this month at Roland Garros.
- **Hugo Nieves and Jan Zielinski** have captured the **men's doubles title in Rome.** The Monegasque-Polish pair won their first ATP Masters 1000 title by defeating **Robin Haase and Bottic van de Zandschulp** 7-5, 6-1 in the men's doubles final.
- The **Australian-Belgian pair of Storm Hunter and Elise Mertens** defeated top-seeded Americans Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula 6-4 6-4 to become the **women's doubles champions.**
- Earlier, Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina won her fourth WTA title with a win in the **women's singles final.**

About Italian Open

- The Italian Open has a rich history dating back to its **inception in 1930.**
- It is one of the **most prestigious events on the tennis calendar.**
- It consists of five main draw events: **Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.**
- The tournament is held at the **Foro Italico sports complex in Rome.**
- The Italian Open hosts both **ATP** (Association of Tennis Professionals) and **WTA** (Women's Tennis Association) tournaments simultaneously.

8. Italian Open: Elena Rybakina clinches women's singles title (May 21, 2023)

In **Italian Open Tennis, Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan won the women's singles title** defeating **Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina** 6-4, 1-0, on 20th May at the **Internazionali BNL d'Italia in Rome.**

An overview of the news

- It was Rybakina's **second title** of the year.
- With this, Rybakina won the **fifth singles title of her career.**
- **7th seed Rybakina** defeated 30th seed Kalinina to win the trophy.
- Kalinina was ruled out of the final due to a left thigh injury.
- The men's singles final of the tournament will be played between **Denmark's Holger Rune and Russia's Daniil Medvedev in Rome.**

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9. India bags 16 gold medals at the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023 (May 18, 2023)

The three-day international event **South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023** concluded in **Itanagar on May 17**.

An overview of the news

- In this event more than 100 athletes from six countries **Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Nepal** participated.
- **Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lt. General KT Parnaik, (Retd.)** attended the closing ceremony as Chief Guest at **Dorjee Khandu Indoor Stadium, Itanagar**.
- The hosts India won all the gold medals on offer on the last day at the Dorjee Khandu Indoor Stadium on 17th May.
- Besides, the Indians also bagged four silver medals in the singles.
- **Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives** were also among the medals, while Bhutan, who participated only in the singles events, drew a blank.
- On the second day of the championships, the Indians won three gold medals in the U-15 Boys, U-19 Girls and U15 Girls, while Nepal claimed the U-19 Boys gold.
- In the Under-19 Boys singles, Ankur Bhattacharjee defeated Payas Jain 4-2 to claim the gold.

Results (All Finals)

- **U-19 Boys Singles:** Ankur Bhattacharjee (India) beat Payas Jain (India)
- **U-19 Boys Doubles:** Divyansh Srivastava/Jash Modi (India) beat Ridoy Mohutasin Ahmed/Bawm Ramhim Lian (Bangladesh)
- **U-19 Girls Singles:** Suhana Saini (India) beat Yashashwini Ghorpade (India)
- **U-19 Girls Doubles:** Yashaswini Ghorpade/Suhana Saini (Ind) beat Mishka Mohamed Ibrahim/Fathimath Dheema Ali (Maldiv)

- **U-19 Mixed Doubles:** Payas Jain/Yashaswini Ghorpade (Ind) beat Akhyar Ahmed Khalid/Fathimath Dheema Ali (Maldiv)
- **U-15 Boys Singles:** Priyanuj Bhattacharya (India) beat Abhinand (India) 6-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-9.
- **U-15 Boys Doubles:** PB Abhinand/Priyanuj Bhattacharya (India) beat Hasib Abul Hashem/Rahman Mohd. Mahtabur (Bangladesh)
- **U-15 Girls Singles:** Jennifer Varghese (India) beat Avisha Karmakar (India)
- **U-15 Girls Doubles:** Jennifer Varghese/Avisha Karmakar (India) beat Sushmita Khadka/Subhashree Shrestha (Nepal)
- **U-15 Mixed Doubles:** Abhinand/Jennifer Varghese (India) beat Mohammed Akram Md. Shafiullah/Kavindya Tamadi Alagiyawadu

10. Vuppala Praneeth becomes India's 82nd Grandmaster (May 16, 2023)

Vuppala-Praneeth-becomes-India's-82nd-Grandmaster

15-year-old **chess player Vuppala Praneeth** from **Telangana** has become the **82nd Grandmaster of India**.

An Overview of the News

- Vuppala Praneeth defeated **GM Hans Niem of USA** during the final round of **Baku Open 2023** to clinch the Grandmaster title.
- Praneeth clinched his first GM-norm and **International Master (IM) title at the tournament in March 2022**.
- He earned his second **GM-norm at the Biel MTO in July 2022**, followed by his final GM-norm nine months later at the **second Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2023**.
- **The first Indian Grandmaster was Viswanathan Anand**, who held the title in 1988.
- **Anand is a five-time world champion** and is considered one of the greatest chess players of all time.

Important Points:

- 16-year-old chess player **Pranesh M became India's 79th Grandmaster** after winning the **Rilton Cup in Stockholm, Sweden**.
- Chennai-based chess player **Vignesh NR became India's 80th Grandmaster** after winning the **24th Nordwest Cup 2023** held at **Bad Zwischenahn, Germany**.
- Sayantan Das became India's 81st Grandmaster after his victory at the International Festival des Jeux in Cannes, France.

About Telangana

- It is a state located in **south-central India** on the **high Deccan Plateau**.
- It is the **eleventh largest state of India** by area.
- Telangana is bordered by **Maharashtra to the north, Chhattisgarh to the northeast, Karnataka to the west**, and **Andhra Pradesh to the east and south**.
- As of 2019, the state of Telangana is divided into **33 districts**.

Formed (by split) - **2 June 2014**

Capital - **Hyderabad**

Governor - **Tamilisai Soundararajan**

Chief Minister - **K Chandrasekhar Rao (BRS)**

Rajya Sabha - **7 seats**

Lok Sabha - **17 seats**