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1. Bindyarani Devi wins bronze medal at IWF World Cup 2024 (April 8, 2024)

Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 silver medalist Bindyarani Devi won bronze at the IWF World Cup 2024.

An Overview of the News

- The IWF World Cup 2024 took place in Phuket, Thailand from March 31 to April 11, 2024.
- Both male and female weightlifters participated in the World Cup.

Exclusive Indian Representation:

- Bindyarani Devi and Mirabai Chanu were the only two Indian weightlifters to compete at the IWF World Cup 2024.

Bindyarani Devi's bronze medal performance:

- Category and Lift: Bindyarani Devi, 25, competed in the women's 55 kg category and achieved a lift of 196 kg.
- Lift Breakdown: Her lifts included 83 kg in the snatch and 113 kg in the clean and jerk.
- Comparison with previous achievements: While his lifts at the World Cup fell short of his performance at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, where he lifted 203 kg to clinch the silver medal.

Mirabai Chanu's qualification for Paris Olympics 2024:

- Finished 12th in the 49kg category at the IWF World Cup 2024.
- Despite not winning a medal in the World Cup, she qualified for the Paris Olympics.
- The only Indian weightlifter to qualify for the Paris Olympics.
- Currently ranked second in the Olympic qualification rankings for the 49 kg category.

Paris Olympics 2024 Qualification Details:

- The IWF World Cup in Phuket served as the final qualifying event for weightlifting at the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- The top 10 ranked lifters in the Olympic qualification rankings for each weight category earn quota spots.
- Bindyarani Devi is currently ranked 29th in the Olympic qualification rankings for the women's 59 kg category.

Background of Mirabai Chanu:

- Silver medalist in 49 kg category at Tokyo Olympics 2020.

- Gold medalist at the 2017 World Weightlifting Championships in Anaheim, USA.
- Three-time gold medalist at the Commonwealth Games (2014, 2018 and 2022).
- Considered one of the great players of Indian weightlifting.

IWF World Cup 2024 Overview:

- Organized by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).
- Held in Phuket, Thailand from March 31 to April 11, 2024.
- Both male and female weightlifters from different countries were showcased.
- North Korea's Kang Hyeon Gyeong won the gold medal in the women's 55 kg category.
- Mihaela Cambei of Romania won the silver medal in the same category.

International Weightlifting Federation (IWF):

- Established in 1905
- The governing body for men's and women's weightlifting worldwide.
- Recognized by the International Olympic Association.
- It includes 193 member countries.
- The headquarters is located in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Chairman: Mohammed Hassan Jaloud.

2. Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden Secure Miami Open Men's Doubles Title 2024. (April 6, 2024)

The men's doubles championship at the 2024 Miami Open Tennis tournament was won by Australian Matthew Ebden and 44-year-old Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna.

An Overview of the News:

- The tournament held at the Hard Rock Stadium in Florida, United States, on March 31, 2024.
- Despite losing the opening set, they defeated Croatia's Ivan Dodig and the USA's Austin Krajicek.
- With their triumph, Bopanna and Ebden were able to take back the top spot in the ATP men's doubles rankings.
- Bopanna became the fourth Indian to win the Miami Open, following in the footsteps of Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi, and Sania Mirza.

Danielle Collins Triumphs in Women's Singles:

- Danielle Collins, an American tennis player, defeated Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in the championship match to win the women's singles title.

Men's Singles Champion Jannik Sinner Wins:

- In the men's singles division, Jannik Sinner of Italy triumphed against Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria in the championship match.

Additional Insights on the Miami Open:

- The inaugural competition took place at the Lavers International Tennis Resort in Florida in February 1985.
- Named after the Miami Gardens, Florida, USA, professional tennis tournament, it is held there once a year.
- Hard Rock Stadium is home to outdoor hard courts where competitions are held.
- These events usually take place in late March or early April.

Important Tennis Grand Slams:

- The Australian Open kicks off the tennis calendar in mid-January.
- The French Open, commonly referred to as Roland Garros, usually graces the tennis scene in late May.
- Wimbledon, renowned for its grass courts, captivates audiences towards the end of June.
- The US Open, a significant event concluding the Grand Slam calendar, unfolds at the close of August.

3. Arjun Erigaisi becomes India's number 1 chess player, reaches world top 10 (April 5, 2024)

Arjun Erigaisi is the new top-ranked Indian chess player in the latest FIDE rankings released by chess's world governing body on April 1, ranking 9th globally with a standard rating of 2756.

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- Erigaisi's stellar performances at events such as the 5th Shenzhen Chess Masters and the Bundesliga saw him break into the top 10 for the first time.

Indian Chess Contingent: Notable Rankings

- Viswanathan Anand, a five-time world champion, follows Erigaisi as the second-ranked Indian with a rating of 2751, securing the 11th position globally.
- Young talents like Praggnanandhaa R (14th), Gukesh D (16th), and Vidit Santosh Gujrathi (25th) also hold impressive spots in the FIDE rankings.

World Chess Elite: Top Contenders and Ratings

- Magnus Carlsen continues to lead the global rankings with a rating of 2830.
- Fabiano Caruana and Hikaru Nakamura, both Americans, are seen as favorites to win the Candidates tournament, with ratings of 2803 and 2789 respectively.
- Chinese star Ding Liren holds the 5th position with a rating of 2762.
- Other strong contenders for the Candidates tournament include Alireza Firouzja from France (6th) and Ian Nepomniachtchi from Russia (7th).

The International Chess Federation (FIDE)

- FIDE, also known by its French abbreviation, is an international organization headquartered in Switzerland.
- It serves as the governing body for international chess competitions.
- FIDE facilitates connections between different national chess federations worldwide.
- Its primary role is to oversee and regulate international chess competitions.

Formation - **July 20, 1924**

President - **Arkady Dvorkovich**

Headquarters - **Lausanne, Switzerland**

4. MS Dhoni became the first wicketkeeper in the world to take 300 wickets in T20 cricket (April 2, 2024)

Indian cricket icon Mahendra Singh Dhoni achieved a significant feat in T20 cricket at the Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam, becoming the first wicketkeeper in the world to take 300 wickets in the format.

An Overview of the News:

- Dhoni took the catch of Prithvi Shaw during the match against Delhi Capitals in IPL 2024, which was his 300th wicket behind the stumps in T20 cricket.
- Ahead of IPL 2024, Dhoni left his captaincy role at Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and handed over the reins to Ruturaj Gaikwad.
- Dhoni's tally includes 213 catches and 87 stumpings, taking him to a total of 300 wickets in his illustrious T20 career.
- After Dhoni, former Pakistani keeper Kamran Akmal is at the second position with 274 dismissals (172 catches and 102 stumpings), while Dinesh Karthik is at the third position with 274 dismissals (207 catches and 67 stumpings).
- **Top five keepers:** Quinton de Kock is fourth with 270 dismissals (221 catches and 49 stumpings), while Jos Buttler is fifth with 209 dismissals (168 catches and 41 stumpings).

5. Sharath Kamal Named Indian Flagbearer for Paris Olympics 2024 (March 23, 2024)

On March 21, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) named Sharath Kamal as the flag bearer for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

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Achievements of Sharath Kamal

- Kamal, who is ranked 88th in the world rankings, has a record 10 national table tennis championship titles.
- Won 13 medals including seven gold in the Commonwealth Games.
- Earned two medals in Asian Games and three bronze medals in World Championships.

Chef de Mission appointed: MC Mary Kom

- MC Mary Kom, the first woman boxer to win six world titles, has been appointed as the Chef de Mission for Paris 2024.
- Mary Kom won a gold medal at the 2014 Asian Games, becoming the first female boxer from India to do so, and won a bronze medal at the London 2012 Olympics.
- Mary Kom's illustrious career began at the age of 18, when she showcased her talent at the inaugural World Competition in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Gagan Narang will Supervise the Shooting Village Operations

- Gagan Narang, bronze medalist in the 10 meter air rifle event at the London 2012 Olympics, was given the responsibility of operating the shooting village.
- Shooting, which has been important for India since the Beijing 2008 Olympics, aims to achieve success in Paris.

Paris Olympics Program

- The Paris Olympics are scheduled to take place from July 26 to August 11.

6. The Indian men's hockey team won the gold medal in the 19th Asian Games (Oct. 6, 2023)

Under the leadership of Harmanpreet Singh, the Indian men's hockey team won the gold medal.

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- The Indian men's hockey team achieved this victory by defeating Japan 5-1 in the final match of the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China on October 6, 2023.

- This is India's fourth gold medal in men's hockey at the Asian Games, having previously
- won it in 1966 (Bangkok), 1998 (Bangkok) and 2014 (Incheon).

Overall medal tally:

- India added 9 medals to its tally on the 13th day of the 19th Asian Games.
- These medals included 1 gold, 2 silver, and 6 bronze.
- As of October 6, 2023, India's total medal tally at the Asian Games 2023 was 95 medals, including 22 gold, 34 silver and 39 bronze.

Indian medal winners on Day 13:

- Gold Medal Winner: Indian Men's Hockey Team.
- Silver medalists: Indian men's bridge team and Indian men's archery team (recurve team event).
- Bronze medalists: Kiran Bishnoi (women's freestyle wrestling 76 kg), Aman Sehrawat (men's freestyle wrestling 57 kg), Sonam Malik (women's freestyle wrestling 63 kg), India women's Sepkatkara team, HS Prannoy (badminton singles), and India women's archery Team (recurve event).

7. India won 60 medals including 13 gold in Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou (Oct. 2, 2023)

As of 2 October 2023, India has won 60 medals (13 gold, 24 silver, 23 bronze).

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- A 655-member Indian contingent participated in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.
- The event began on 23 September and will end on 8 October.

Previous performances at Jakarta 2018:

- India achieved a historic record with 70 medals (16 gold, 23 silver, 31 bronze).

Asian Games 2023 total medal tally as of 2 October 2023:

- China is on top with 142 gold medals.
- Japan is in second place with 31 gold medals.
- The Republic of Korea is in third place with 30 gold medals.

Hangzhou Asian Games 2023:

- Chinese President Xi Jinping officially opened the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China on September 23, 2023.

- The 19th Hangzhou Asian Games will be held from 23 September to 8 October 2023.
- The opening ceremony was held at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center Stadium, also known as the Big Lotus.
- Nearly 12,500 athletes from 45 countries and territories in Asia are competing in 61 disciplines across 40 sports.
- The slogan of the Games is 'Heart to Heart, @Future.'

Important Points

- India has sent a strong delegation of 665 members to these games.
- During the opening ceremony, the Indian team flag was raised by Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh and Olympic bronze medalist in boxing Lovlina Borgohain.

8. India's Roshibina Devi Naorem wins silver medal in women's Wushu at Asian Games 2023 (Sept. 28, 2023)

India's Roshibina Devi Naorem won a silver medal in the women's 60 kg category in Wushu at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

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- Naorem Roshibina Devi won a silver medal in the women's Wushu final (60 kg category), India's first silver medal in Wushu.
- PV Sindhu, ranked 17th globally, won the badminton match against Mongolia's Mygmartseren Ganbaatar with a score of 21-2, 21-3.
- In shooting, Arjun Singh Cheema is in 14th position with a score of 9.650, Sarabjot Singh is in 30th position with 9.500 and Shiv Narwal is in 37th position with 9.400.
- In the skeet mixed team final, Anant Jeet and Ganemat are placed seventh with 18 points.
- The Indian men's football team will face Saudi Arabia in the round of 16.

Asian Games Update:

- Day 5 of the Asian Games 2023 is in Hangzhou, China.
- India has a total of 23 medals: 5 gold, 8 silver and 10 bronze.
- India is currently ranked seventh overall.

9. India's Sift Kaur Samra gives India its 5th gold in the Asian Games 2023 (Sept. 27, 2023)

Sift Kaur Samra won gold in the women's 50m rifle 3-P individual event, giving India its fifth gold medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

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- The Indian team of Manu Bhaker, Rhythm Sangwan and Isha Singh won the gold medal in the women's 25m pistol shooting event.
- Isha Singh earned a silver medal in the women's individual 25m pistol event by finishing second behind China's Rui Liu.
- Anant Jeet Singh Naruka won the silver medal in the men's skeet final with an impressive score of 58 out of 60 shots.

India's overall medal tally:

- India's total medal count at the Asian Games 2023 now stands at 22, which includes 5 gold, 7 silver and 10 bronze medals.
- Vishnu Saravanan won bronze for India in the ILCA-7 event by finishing third with a net score of 34.
- The Indian trio of Sift Samra Kaur, Aashi Chouksey, and Manini Kaushik won the silver medal in the 50m rifle team event.
- Aashi Chouksey also won a bronze medal in the individual 50-meter rifle event.

10. Italy's Marco Bezzecchi wins Indian MotoGP premiere (Sept. 26, 2023)

Italian motorcycle racer Marco Bezzecchi, representing the Mooney VR46 Racing Team, took victory in the inaugural Indian MotoGP event held at the Buddh International Circuit (BIC) in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh on September 23, 2023.

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- Marco Bezzecchi completed the race in an impressive time of 36 minutes, 59 seconds and 15 microseconds.
- Second place in the race was taken by Spain's Jorge Martin, representing Prime Pramac Racing, while third place was taken by France's Fabio Quartararo, representing Monster Energy Yamaha.
- The coveted winner's trophy was presented to Marco Bezzecchi by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- The Indian MotoGP event was organized by FairStreet Sports (MotoGP India) under the supervision of the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM), the international governing body for motorsports.
- Buddh International Circuit, located in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, is a famous venue which previously hosted three Formula 1 car races between 2011 and 2013.

Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM):

- It is the global authority overseeing motorcycle racing.
- It was originally founded in Paris, France in 1904 as the Fédération Internationale des Clubs Motocyclists (FICM), changing its name to Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme in 1949.