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Sports Current Affairs of July 2024

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- In a **historic** moment for Indian cricket, the national team lifted the **T20 World Cup** trophy, ending an 11-year wait for a global title. The **nail-biting final** against South Africa saw India emerge victorious by a narrow margin of seven runs. As the team celebrated their hard-fought win, fans were stunned by an unexpected announcement from their beloved captain, **Virat Kohli**.
- In the aftermath of India's **thrilling victory** over South Africa in the T20 World Cup final, Rohit Sharma confirmed that he had donned the blue jersey for the last time in T20 internationals. The announcement sent ripples through the cricketing world, marking the end of an era for Indian T20 cricket.
- Star India all-rounder **Ravindra Jadeja** has announced his decision to **retire from T20 internationals** following **India's T20 World Cup 2024 triumph**. Ravindra Jadeja has called it quits from **T20 internationals**, bowing out on a high with the **T20 World Cup 2024 trophy**.
- The **Board of Control for Cricket** in India (BCCI) has announced a consolidated cash prize of **Rs. 125 crore** for the Indian **men's T20 World Cup-winning squad**. The amount is a little over three times than the combined figure that was distributed as bonus after the Men in Blue won the **2011 ODI World Cup**.
- **Jasprit Bumrah**, the hero of India's victorious **T20 World Cup** campaign, has added another accolade to his illustrious career. He was named the '**ICC Men's Player of the Month for June**', cementing his status as one of cricket's premier fast bowlers. **Smriti Mandhana**, the vice-captain of the Indian women's cricket team, secured her first **ICC Women's Player of the Month** award.
- In a momentous occasion for cricket fans worldwide, **James Anderson**, the veteran English speedster, has officially announced his retirement from Test cricket. The 41-year-old bowler's illustrious career, spanning an impressive **21 years**, came to a close at the very ground where it all began – the iconic **Lord's Cricket Ground** in London.
- **Cricketer Virat Kohli** has reclaimed the top spot to become **India's most valued celebrity**, boasting a brand value of **\$227.9 million in 2023**. However, this value still falls short of his peak brand value of **\$237.7 million in 2020**, as reported by Kroll's **Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023**.

- The **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)**, one of the most successful franchises in the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**, has announced a significant expansion of its global presence with the establishment of its third international **Super Kings Academy** in Sydney, Australia. This move not only enhances CSK's international profile but also reinforces the franchise's long-standing connection with Australian cricket.
- In a **riveting finale** of the World Championship of Legends 2024, **India Champions** clinched a memorable victory against their arch-rivals **Pakistan Champions** by five wickets. The match, held at **Edgbaston** on July 13, 2024, showcased the enduring spirit of cricket and the fierce competition between these two cricketing powerhouses.
- The **Board of Control for Cricket** in India Secretary Jay Shah on July 20 said that the **BCCI** will provide **Rs 8.5 crore** to the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** as a support for the Indian contingent.
- **Harmanpreet Kaur** has now become the top run-scorer in women's T20I cricket for India, overtaking **Smriti Mandhana**.
- **Ajinkya Naik**, at 37 years old, has been elected as the youngest president in the history of the **Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)**.

Important Terms associated: tennis

- Former Indian tennis stars **Leander Paes** and **Vijay Amritraj** have become the **first Asian men** to be inducted into the prestigious **International Tennis Hall of Fame**.

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- In a thrilling finale to Euro 2024, **Spain** secured their **fourth European Championship** trophy with a nail-biting 2-1 victory over **England** at the **Olympiastadion** in Berlin. This win cements Spain's status as the most successful nation in the tournament's history and marks their third title in the last five editions.
- In a move that marks the conclusion of an illustrious international career, **Thomas Müller**, the German football icon, has announced his retirement from international football following the conclusion of **Euro 2024**. This decision brings to a close a chapter that has spanned over a decade, leaving an indelible mark on German and world football.
- **Manolo Marquez** was appointed as the new head coach of the **Indian men's football team** by the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** on July 20. **Marquez will take over as the full-time national team head coach after ISL 2024-25**.





Grand Prixes

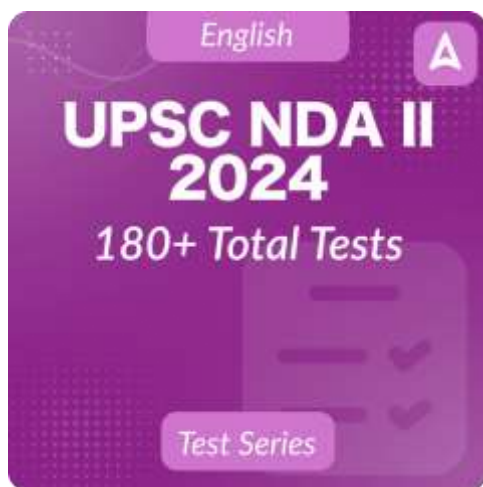
- **Lewis Hamilton** has won the **British Grand Prix 2024**. He became the first F1 driver to win on any track nine times and also extended his F1 record to 104 wins. His last came at the Saudi Arabian GP in December 2021 — the year he lost the title to Red Bull driver Verstappen.
- The Australian Formula 1 (F1) racer **Oscar Piastri** secured his first-ever F1 title victory at the **Hungarian Grand Prix**.
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- **Kush Maini** achieved his **first-ever Formula 2 win** at the **Hungarian Grand Prix** after **Richard Verschoor**, the original sprint race winner, was disqualified due to a technical infringement. This victory marks **Maini's fifth podium of the season**, placing him eighth in the championship standings, just three points behind Dennis Hauger.

Hockey

- **Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh**, a pivotal figure in the sport, has announced that he will retire from international hockey following the **Paris Olympics 2024**.

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- **Viswanathan Anand**, the former world chess champion from India, achieved a remarkable feat. He won the **Leon Masters chess championship** for the 10th time, defeating **Jaime Santos Latasa** of Spain in the final with a score of 3-1. This victory adds another jewel to Anand's crown of achievements in the world of chess.
- **India's U23 wrestling team** excelled in **Amman, Jordan**, clinching a total of **19 medals across women's wrestling, Greco-Roman, and freestyle categories**. The women wrestlers led with three gold medals, showcasing dominance in their divisions. **Meenakshi, Pushpa Yadav, and Priya Malik** stood out with impressive performances, securing victories by various methods including **Victory by Superiority and Victory by Fall**.



- The **Austrian Grand Prix 2024** will be remembered as a day of unexpected twists and turns, culminating in a stunning victory for **George Russell of Mercedes**. This race, held at the iconic **Red Bull Ring** in Spielberg, Austria, showcased the unpredictable nature of Formula 1 racing and the skill of drivers who can capitalize on sudden opportunities.
- A 28-member **Indian athletics team**, led by men's javelin throw defending champion **Neeraj Chopra**, will compete at the **Paris 2024 Olympics**, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) announced on June 04. Chopra made history three years ago by becoming the first Indian **track and field** athlete to win a medal at the Olympics, that too a **gold**. This time, the Indian javelin throw ace will have Olympic debutant **Kishore Jena** for company in his pet event.
- **Dhruv Sitwala** claimed his **third Asian Billiards Title** by defeating **Pankaj Advani in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**. Organized by the ACBS, the championship featured various events including Men's Snooker Team, Men's Billiards, and Women's Asian Snooker.
- Indian squash players secured two titles at the recently concluded **Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024** held at the Arena Emas in **Johor, Malaysia**. The Indian team clinched victories in both the men's doubles and mixed doubles categories.
- Sports brand **PUMA India** has announced a significant partnership with the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**, becoming the **Official Footwear Partner** for the Indian contingent at the **Paris Olympics 2024**. This collaboration marks a major step in supporting Indian athletes on the global stage and promoting sports excellence in the country.
- **The Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has announced that India will continue the tradition of having two flag bearers for the **Paris 2024 Olympics**, following the precedent set at Tokyo 2020. This decision aligns with the **International Olympic Committee's** push for gender equality in sports. **PV Sindhu**, the badminton ace, has been chosen as the female flag bearer for the Indian contingent. **Sharath Kamal**, the veteran table tennis player, will serve as the male flag bearer.
- **Four-time Olympian and 2012 Olympic bronze medalist Gagan Narang** has been appointed as India's **Chef-De-Mission** for the **2024 Paris Olympics**. This decision comes after **Mary Kom's** resignation from the position due to health issues.
- In a significant development for Indian sports, **Gautam Adani**, Chairman of the Adani Group, has declared that the conglomerate will be the principal sponsor of the Indian contingent at the upcoming **2024 Paris Olympics**. This announcement marks a pivotal moment in the preparation of Indian athletes for one of the world's most prestigious sporting events.
- **Eurosport India** has announced the appointment of renowned Indian cricketer **Shikhar Dhawan** as the brand ambassador for **MotoGP™** in India.





- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** on July 12, announced that it has partnered with the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of **Saudi Arabia** to host the inaugural **Olympic Esports Games 2025** in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Six-time Grand Slam winner and former **World No. 1** in women's doubles **Sania Mirza**, six-time World Champion and Olympic bronze medallist **MC Mary Kom** and actor **Rannvijay Singha** have joined '**Play Sports**' as brand ambassadors.

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- **Dinesh Karthik**, the veteran **wicketkeeper-batter**, announced his **retirement** from all forms of cricket. The writing was on the wall after his emotional farewell from the **Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)** franchise in the recently concluded **Indian Premier League (IPL)** season.
- The ninth edition of the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** promises to be a thrilling spectacle, with the winners set to take home a **record-breaking prize money** of at least **\$2.45 million**. In addition to the championship glory, the **runners-up** will receive a substantial sum of at least **\$1.28 million**, while the losing **semi-finalists** will each earn a significant **\$787,500**. The total prize pot for the tournament stands at an impressive **\$11.25 million**, ensuring that even the teams that fail to advance beyond the Super 8s stage will be rewarded handsomely.
- The cricketing world witnessed another veteran hanging up his boots as **Kedar Jadhav**, the 39-year-old former Indian all-rounder, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- **Rohit Sharma**, fondly known as the "Hitman" for his ability to hit towering sixes, etched his name in the record books by becoming the first cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international cricket.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named **Gudakesh Motie** of the West Indies as the **ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2024**. In the women's category, **Chamari Athapaththu** of Sri Lanka has been named the **ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2024**.
- According to the **Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023** released by global consulting firm Kroll, cricketer **Virat Kohli** has reclaimed the top spot as India's **most valued celebrity brand** with a brand value of **\$227.9 million**. This marks a **30% jump** from his brand value of \$176.9 million in 2022.

- **Pat Cummins**, the fast bowler, spearheaded the bowling attack by claiming a hat-trick, while David Warner's unbeaten fifty guaranteed a smooth chase as Australia comfortably defeated Bangladesh in their '**Super 8s**' **Group 1** encounter of the **T20 World Cup**. The match, held in **Antigua** on June 21, was under the threat of rain that disrupted proceedings twice.
- **Rohit Sharma** became the first player to hit **200 sixes in T20Is** during the T20 World Cup 2024 Super Eight Group 1 match against Australia at the **Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in St. Lucia** on June 24. Rohit struck a **41-ball 92 and hit eight sixes in the innings**, taking his overall tally to **203 maximums** in the shortest format of the game.
- **Smriti Mandhana** became the **first Indian woman** to record **two consecutive ODI hundreds** during the second ODI against **South Africa** at the **M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru** on June 19. She scripted history on June 23, after she registered the record for the most runs by an Indian woman in a bilateral **One-Day International series**.
- **Pat Cummins** made history on June 23, as he became **first player** to pick up **2 hat-tricks in T20 World Cups** during the Super 8 clash between **Australia and Afghanistan** in St. Vincent. Cummins picked up the wickets of **Rashid Khan, Karim Janat and Gulbadin Naib** to achieve the feat.
- The **cricketing world** bid farewell to one of its most dynamic players as **David Warner** officially retired from international cricket. Warner's illustrious 15-year career with the **Australian national team** came to an end following Australia's elimination from the **T20 World Cup** in the Super Eight phase.
- On a remarkable Friday at Chennai's Chepauk Stadium, young Indian opener **Shafali Verma** etched her name in the annals of cricket history with a **record-breaking double century against South Africa** in the one-off Test match.

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- Wembley Stadium, **Real Madrid** etched their name in the history books once again by securing a record-extending **15th UEFA Champions League title**. The Spanish giants showcased their trademark resilience and clinical edge, overcoming a valiant **Borussia Dortmund** side with a **2-0 victory**.

Grand Prixes

- The **Canadian Grand Prix 2024**, also known as the **AWS GRAND PRIX DU CANADA 2024**, witnessed a remarkable display of skill and determination as Dutch-Belgian racing driver **Max Verstappen** of **Red Bull** claimed his third consecutive victory at the prestigious event. The 9th round of the 2024 F1 championships, held at the iconic **Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve** in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, further solidified Verstappen's dominance on the track.





- In a thrilling display of skill and strategy, **Max Verstappen** secured victory at the **Spanish Grand Prix** on Sunday, further solidifying his position atop the **Formula 1 drivers championship**.

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- **Nayana James**, an Asian Athletics Championships bronze medalist, etched her name in glory by clinching the **gold medal** in the women's **long jump** event at the **Taiwan Athletics Open 2024** held in Chinese Taipei. Braving rainy conditions at the Taipei Municipal Stadium, Nayana recorded an impressive distance of **6.43m** to secure the top spot on the podium.
- The International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup, a prestigious shooting tournament, is currently underway in **Munich, Germany**, from **May 31 to June 8, 2024**. Amidst the intense competition, Indian shooter **Sarabjot Singh** has etched his name in history by claiming India's **first medal** at the event.
- The prestigious **Norway Chess Tournament** witnessed an electrifying conclusion as the reigning **World No. 1, Magnus Carlsen**, etched his name into the annals of chess history by claiming his sixth title. In a gripping final round, Carlsen outmanoeuvred the formidable **Fabiano Caruana** in an intense **Armageddon** match, solidifying his dominance on the global stage.
- Indian tennis sensation **Sumit Nagpal** has etched his name in history by winning the prestigious **Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis tournament** in Germany. This remarkable achievement marks Nagpal's **sixth ATP Challenger title**, a feat that solidifies his position as India's top-ranked men's singles player.
- Indian strawweight **Puja Tomar** became the first ever Indian to win a bout in the UFC as she defeated **Brazil's Rayanne Amanda dos Santos** via split decision at the **UFC Louisville** on June 8. **Puja Tomar beat Rayanne Amanda dos Santos 30-27, 30-27, 29-28**.
- In a landmark decision, the Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has designated India as the host country for the inaugural **FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup featuring 24 teams**, set to take place in December 2025.
- **Shruti Vora**, astride Magnanimous, has become the **first Indian rider** to win a **three-star Grand Prix event**- a historic achievement for the Indian equestrian. Shruti scored **67.761 points in the CDI-3 event in Lipica, Slovenia** from June 7-9. The Indian finished ahead of **Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco (Aachen)**, who scored 66.522. **Austria's Juliane Jerich (Quarter Girl)** completed the top 3 with a score of **66.087**.
- The **2024 FIDE U-20 World Chess Championship**, organized by the International Chess Federation (FIDE), witnessed a remarkable achievement as **18-year-old Divya Deshmukh** from Nagpur, India, clinched the **FIDE Under-20 Girl's World Chess Championship** title. Deshmukh's triumph marks her as the **fourth Indian woman** to win this prestigious title, following in the footsteps of chess legends **Koneru Humpy, Harika Dronavalli, and Soumya Swaminathan**.
- In a thrilling final at the **BWF Australian Open 2024** in Sydney on Sunday (16 June), **Lee Zii Jia** from **Malaysia** emerged victorious against **Naraoka Kodai** of Japan, securing his second title of the season.
- The Indian National Ultimate Frisbee team put up a valiant effort in the finals of the Asia **Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships (AOBUC) 2024**, finishing as runners-up after a hard-fought match against the Philippines with a final score of 9-12. This marks a historic milestone for Indian Ultimate Frisbee as the national team reached the finals for the first time, demonstrating significant growth and potential on the international stage. The tournament featured 16 teams from across Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.
- Indian **javelin star Neeraj Chopra** added another feather to his cap by clinching the **gold medal** in the men's javelin throw event at the **Paavo Nurmi Games 2024** in Turku, Finland. The Paavo Nurmi Games is a prestigious **World Athletics Continental Tour (Gold level)** event, and Neeraj's victory further solidifies his position as a dominant force in the sport.
- **Olympic bronze medalist wrestler Bajrang Punia** has been suspended by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** for a second time for refusing to provide a urine sample during selection trials. This suspension comes after NADA revoked his previous suspension due to procedural issues. Punia's legal team plans to challenge the suspension, arguing he did not refuse to provide a sample but sought clarification on expired kits used previously.
- In a remarkable display of athletic prowess and dedication, four officers from the Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) of India achieved unprecedented success at the **43rd World Medical and Health Games in Saint-Tropez, France**. Lt Col Sanjeev Malik, Maj Anish George, Capt Stephen Sebastian, and Capt Dania James collectively secured a record-breaking 32 medals, comprising 19 golds, 9 silvers, and 4 bronzes. These achievements underscore their exceptional performance in the world's largest sporting event for health professionals.
- The **Archery World Cup 2024 Stage 3** in **Antalya, Turkey** concluded on June 23, 2024, with Indian archers showcasing their exceptional skills and bringing home multiple medals. 22-year-old **Dhiraj Bommadevara** emerged as a star performer for India, securing two bronze medals in recurve events.





- Indian wrestlers ended their campaign in the **Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024** with an impressive tally of **11 medals**, including **four gold, two silver, and five bronze**. The event was held in Amman, Jordan, from 22-24 June 2024. Following the U-17 competition, the U-23 championship commenced.
- After a successful **first season in Dubai**, the Global Chess League will return for another edition, this time in London. The highly anticipated second edition of Tech Mahindra Global Chess League will take place in London, England from 3rd to 12th October 2024. It will take place at Friends House in central London.

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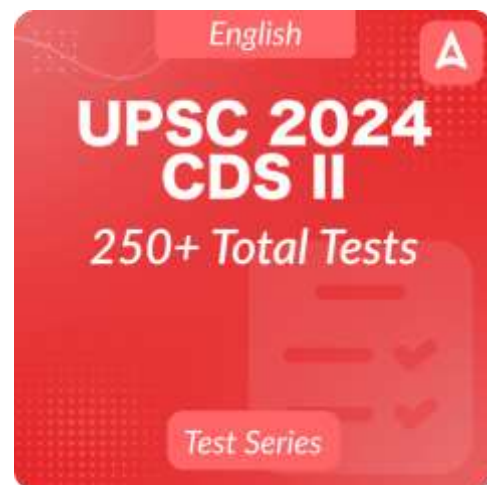
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- The **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** secured a resounding **78-run** victory over the **Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)** on Sunday, potentially shaping the trajectory of both teams' **2024 Indian Premier League (IPL)** campaigns. This emphatic win significantly boosted **CSK's net run rate**, propelling them to the **third position** in the league standings. Conversely, SRH suffered their second consecutive defeat, slipping to the **fourth spot**.
- The renowned Indian dairy giant **Amul** has been named the Lead Arm sponsor for the USA and South Africa cricket teams during the highly anticipated **T20 World Cup** in June.
- **The International Cricket Council (ICC)** has taken strong action against West Indies player Devon Thomas by imposing a **five-year period of ineligibility** from all cricket after he admitted to breaching multiple anti-corruption codes.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled the fixtures for the highly anticipated **ninth ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024**, set to take place from **3 to 20 October** in Bangladesh. Cricket enthusiasts worldwide are eagerly awaiting this prestigious tournament, which promises to be an action-packed spectacle of skill and sportsmanship.
- **Yuzvendra Chahal**, the wily leg-spinner from Rajasthan Royals, continues to etch his name in the annals of T20 cricket history. In the ongoing edition of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**, Chahal achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the **first Indian bowler to take 350 wickets** in the shortest format of the game.

- **Sri Lanka Cricket** has announced that the Indian milk producer **Amul** has been appointed as the 'Official Sponsor' of the **Sri Lanka Men's Team** for the duration of the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024**.
- In a surprising move, **Colin Munro**, the hard-hitting New Zealand top-order batsman, has announced his retirement from **international cricket** after being overlooked for the upcoming **T20 World Cup**. The decision marks the end of an era for the explosive left-hander, who etched his name as one of the most destructive T20 batters in the world.
- The **United World Wrestling (UWW)** has provisionally suspended Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** until **December 31, 2024**, following his suspension by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** for his 'refusal' to provide a urine sample.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC), the **global governing body** of cricket, has appointed the legendary Pakistani cricketer **Shahid Afridi** as the brand ambassador for the upcoming 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup. This highly anticipated tournament will be co-hosted by the **West Indies** and the **United States of America** from **1st to 29th June 2024**.
- England's fast-bowling allrounder **Brydon Carse** has been handed a **three-month suspension** from all forms of cricket after being found guilty of **breaching betting regulations**. The 28-year-old placed a staggering **303 bets** on various cricket matches between **2017 and 2019**, leading to charges being brought against him.

Important Terms associated: tennis

- The 2024 Madrid Open, held in the Spanish capital from April 22 to May 5, witnessed two remarkable champions in the singles events. **Iga Swiatek** of Poland claimed her first Madrid Open title, while **Andrey Rublev** of Russia secured his second triumph in this prestigious tournament.





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- The Spanish football giants, **Real Madrid**, have etched another remarkable achievement in their illustrious history by securing the **La Liga 2023-24 season title**. Los Blancos, as they are affectionately called by their supporters, sealed the championship after defeating Cadiz 3-0, while their closest rivals Barcelona suffered a 4-2 loss against Girona.
- In a historic move, the **United Nations General Assembly** has unanimously proclaimed **May 25** as the **World Football Day**, marking a significant milestone in the global celebration of the world's most popular sport.
- **Sunil Chhetri**, India's **most decorated footballer**, has announced his retirement from **international football**. The **FIFA World Cup Qualifier** game against **Kuwait** in **Kolkata** on **June 6** will be his last appearance for the national team.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo**, despite nearing the twilight of his career, has secured the **top spot on Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes**. His significant earnings in Saudi Arabia have propelled him to this position for the fourth time.
- In a historic moment for South American football, **Brazil** was declared the host of the **2027 Women's World Cup** at the **FIFA Congress**. The Brazilian bid triumphed over the joint bid from **Belgium, Netherlands, and Germany**, becoming the first South American country to secure the hosting rights for the prestigious tournament.
- The **Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** has confirmed **Australia** as the hosts for the **AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026**. The continental football governing body made this announcement after the AFC Executive Committee ratified the recommendations of the AFC Women's Football Committee at its meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

Grand Prixes

- **Lando Norris** of **McLaren** clinched his **first-ever Grand Prix victory** in a pulsating showdown at the **Miami Grand Prix**. The young Briton's triumph sent shockwaves through the motorsport world, igniting jubilant celebrations and a deluge of admiration across social media platforms.
- **Anandana**, The Coca-Cola India Foundation, has forged its maiden alliance with Hockey India for the **National Women's Hockey League 2024**. This collaboration aims to elevate women's hockey by providing essential resources and support to players, aligning with Coca-Cola India's commitment to sports and gender equality through its **#SheTheDifference** campaign.

- **Neeraj Chopra**, the reigning Olympic and world champion in javelin throw, started his 2024 season on a strong note, securing a **second-place finish** at the **Doha Diamond League 2024**. Chopra's impressive throw of **88.36m** on his final attempt fell just **2cm short** of Czechia's **Jakub Vadlejch**, the reigning Diamond League champion and Tokyo 2020 silver medalist.
- In a display of sheer dominance, **World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen** pulled off an incredible comeback to claim victory at the 2024 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland. Despite starting the day trailing by 2.5 points behind **GM Wei Yi**, Carlsen embarked on a remarkable 10-game winning streak, ultimately overtaking his rival and securing the championship title.
- In a showcase of electrifying motorcycle racing, **Jorge Martin** of Pramac Ducati emerged victorious in the nail-biting 2024 French MotoGP. The Spaniard fended off fierce challenges from **Marc Marquez** and **Francesco Bagnaia** to claim the top spot on the podium, extending his lead in the championship standings.
- **Max Verstappen**, the defending Formula 1 World Champion, showcased his prowess on the track by clinching a hard-fought victory at the **Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2024**. The Dutchman held off a spirited challenge from McLaren's rising star, **Lando Norris**, to secure his third win of the season.
- **Charles Leclerc**, the **Ferrari driver**, has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first **Monegasque driver to win the Monaco Grand Prix** since **Louis Chiron** in **1931**, ending a drought of 92 years.

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- The **Badminton World Federation (BWF)** has announced that India will host the prestigious **2025 BWF World Junior Championships** at the **National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati**. This marks a significant milestone as India will be hosting this premier badminton event for the first time since 2008, when it was held in Pune.
- The People's Republic of China has reclaimed its throne as the top badminton nation, clinching both the men's and women's titles at the prestigious **2024 BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals** in Chengdu. This remarkable feat marks the first time since 2012 that China has conquered both the men's and women's world team championships.
- The world's third-ranked Indian badminton pair of **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** etched their names in glory by winning the coveted **Thailand Open 2024** men's doubles title. In a thrilling final clash on **May 19, 2024**, the dynamic duo defeated the Chinese pair of **Chen Bo Yang** and **Liu Yi** with a scoreline of **21-15, 21-15**, in a match that lasted **46 minutes**.





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- The Indian athletes continued their impressive medal-winning spree at the **21st U-20 Asian Athletics Championship 2024**, with **Harshit Kumar** clinching a gold medal in the highly competitive Hammer throw event. His outstanding throw of 66.7 meters secured India's latest gold at the prestigious event. As the third day of the championship drew to a close, the Indian contingent had amassed a total of **18 medals**, including five from the latest round of events.
- The **16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru** witnessed Kenyan runners **Peter Mwaniki** (28:15) and **Lilian Kasait** (30:56) emerging victorious in the **international elite men's and women's categories**, respectively.
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- In a remarkable achievement, **P Shyaamnikhil** from Tamil Nadu has etched his name in the annals of Indian chess history by becoming the country's **85th Grandmaster (GM)**. The **31-year-old chess prodigy**, who embarked on his journey at the tender age of eight, finally secured the coveted **third and final GM norm** at the prestigious **2024 Dubai Police Masters Chess Tournament**.
- Indian para-athlete **Deepthi Jeevanji** etched her name in history by winning the **gold medal** in the women's **T20 400m event** at the **World Para Athletics Championships 2024**. Her stunning performance on Monday not only secured India's first gold medal at the prestigious event but also set a new **world record** time of **55.07 seconds**.

- **German tennis star Alexander Zverev** etched his name in history by winning the **Italian Open** singles title for the second time. The 25-year-old defeated the first-time Masters finalist, **Nicolas Jarry of Chile**, in straight sets, **6-4, 7-5**, to claim his eighth overall Masters title.
- The Indian boxing contingent made a remarkable impact at the 3rd Elorda Cup 2024, held in the Kazakh capital city of **Astana**. The team returned with an impressive haul of **12 medals**, including **2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze**.
- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** has launched the **"Let's Move India"** campaign in collaboration with the **Reliance Foundation** and the **Abhinav Bindra Foundation**. The initiative aims to celebrate the Olympians heading to the upcoming **Paris Olympics** and encourage everyone to participate in physical activity.
- The Indian gymnast, **Dipa Karmakar**, has scripted history by becoming the first-ever Indian to secure a gold medal in any **Asian Championships**. Hailing from Tripura, Dipa achieved this remarkable feat in the women's vault individual final at the Asian Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championships 2024, held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on May 26, 2024.
- The **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** has taken a significant step by agreeing to join the **World Boxing (WB)**, a newly established governing body formed after the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** refused to recognize the **International Boxing Association (IBA)**. This move comes amidst the ongoing **World Olympic qualifiers** in Bangkok, where the **BFI's affiliation** will be ratified by the WB executive board.

Sports Current Affairs of April 2024

Cricket {National Game of Australia, Bermuda, England, Jamaica No. of Players: 11

Important Terms associated: Arm ball, Beamer, Bottom hand, Bouncer, Cameo, Carrom ball, Chinaman, Flick, Free hit, Glance, Googly, Hat-trick, Hit wicket, Leg bye, Nelson, Night watchman, Pinch hitter, Sweep, Upper Cut.}

- **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**, the legendary **wicketkeeper-batter**, has etched his name in the history books once again. During an **Indian Premier League (IPL)** match between **Delhi Capitals (DC)** and **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)**, Dhoni achieved a remarkable feat, becoming the first **wicketkeeper** to record **300 dismissals** in **T20 cricket**.
- **Nepal's 24-year-old all-rounder Dipendra Singh Airee** etched his name in the history books by smashing six sixes in a single over during the **ACC Men's T20I Premier Cup clash against Qatar** in Al Amerat.





- **Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)** took the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 by storm, crushing their opponents Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) with a record-breaking total of **287 runs for the loss of just 3 wickets**. Pat Cummins-led team had scored 277 for 3 in its second match of the ongoing edition against **Mumbai Indians** at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad, breaking the then record of 263 for 5, set by RCB against the now-defunct **Pune Warriors India in 2013 in Bengaluru**.
- The **Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) stadium in Dharamshala** has become the first **BCCI-accredited venue** to install a state-of-the-art 'hybrid pitch'. This new technology is set to transform the game, as future international and IPL matches will be played on this innovative track.
- In the 2024 edition of the prestigious **Wisden Cricketers' Almanack**, two exceptional talents have been crowned as the Wisden Leading Cricketers in the World, **Australian captain Pat Cummins and England all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt**.
- **Rohit Sharma**, the former captain of the Mumbai Indians, etched his name in the annals of **Indian Premier League (IPL) history** by becoming only the second player to feature in 250 IPL matches. This remarkable milestone was achieved during a match against the Punjab Kings in Mullanpur, Chandigarh, further solidifying Rohit's status as an IPL legend.
- In a move to strengthen its **international presence**, 'Nandini', the dairy brand of the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), has announced its decision to **sponsor** the cricket teams of **Scotland and Ireland** for the upcoming **2024 T20 World Cup**. According to KMF's managing director, **MK Jagadish**, the teams will prominently display the 'Nandini' brand during the matches.
- **Yuzvendra Chahal**, the wily leg-spinner from Rajasthan Royals, stands tall as the **highest wicket-taker in IPL history**. With a staggering 200 wickets in 153 matches.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the appointment of Pakistan cricket legend **Sana Mir** as the ambassador for the upcoming **ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier**. Mir, who represented Pakistan in 226 international games, with 137 of them as captain, will bring her invaluable experience to the event.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the appointment of Indian cricket legend **Yuvraj Singh** as an ambassador for the upcoming **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024**. The announcement comes with just 36 days remaining until the highly anticipated global event for T20 cricket commences.

Important Terms associated: tennis

- The top-seeded duo of **Rohan Bopanna** from India and **Matthew Ebden** from Australia won the **Men's Doubles Title** at the **Miami Open**, a prestigious **ATP Masters** tennis tournament. In an exciting final, they defeated the second seeds **Ivan Dodig** and **Austin Krajicek** with a score of **6-7(3), 6-3, [10-6]**.
- **Novak Djokovic**, the **24-time Grand Slam champion**, continues to break records on the ATP Tour. As of this week, he begins his **419th week** as the **World No. 1**, extending his huge record. On Sunday, April 9, 2024, Djokovic will surpass **Roger Federer's record** and become the **oldest World No. 1** in ATP Rankings history at the age of **36 years and 321 days**.
- In a historic moment for **Indian tennis**, **Sumit Nagal** becomes the first Indian player to win an **ATP Masters 1000 match on clay courts**, marking a significant milestone in his career. Nagal's remarkable feat at the **Rolex Monte Carlo Masters** cements his status as **India's top tennis player**.

Football {National Game of Brazil, Italy, Germany, Israel, Mauritius, Poland No. of Players: 11

Important Terms Associated: Back Pass, Corner Kick, Free Kick, Dribble, Futsal, Header, Kick off, Banana Kick, Toe Poke, Throw-in, Bicycle Kick}

- In a groundbreaking announcement, Saudi Arabia's oil behemoth, **Aramco**, and the **international football governing body, FIFA**, have joined forces in a **strategic global partnership**. The deal, spanning until 2027, designates Aramco as FIFA's Major Worldwide Partner exclusively in the energy sector, encompassing sponsorship rights for marquee events **including the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2027**.

Grand Prixes

- Triple world champion **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull dominated the **Japanese Grand Prix**, leading a one-two finish for his team alongside teammate Sergio Perez. Verstappen was in control throughout the race after starting from pole position, claiming his third win from the first four races of the 2024 season.
- In a display of sheer dominance, **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull Racing claimed a resounding victory at the long-awaited **Chinese Grand Prix**, extending his lead in the 2024 World Championship. The Dutchman's triumph marked the first Formula One race in China in five years, and he left no room for doubt, leading from start to finish.





Hockey

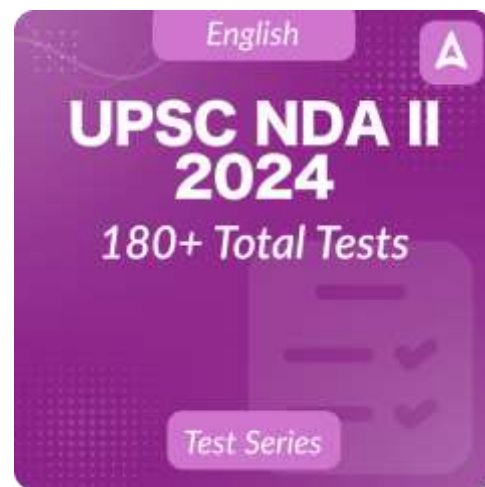
- The **Indian hockey** landscape is set to witness a groundbreaking event with the inaugural season of the **National Women's Hockey League 2024 – 2025**. Scheduled to be held in Ranchi from April 30 to May 9, this league promises to be a thrilling showcase of the country's top women's hockey talent.

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- The **Maharashtra team** emerged as the undisputed champion at the **56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24**, clinching both the **men's and women's titles**. The championship was held at Delhi's **Karnail Singh Stadium** and the **Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium**.
- In the latest **FIDE rankings** released by the **world governing body of chess**, India has a **new number 1** chess player – **Arjun Erigaisi**. With a **standard rating of 2756**, Erigaisi is **ranked ninth in the world**. This is his **debut in the top 10** of the Open standard list.
- The **IWF World Cup 2024** was held in Phuket, Thailand from **March 31 to April 11, 2024**. The event was organized by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), the world governing body for men's and women's weightlifting. 25-year-old Indian weightlifter **Bindyarani Devi** competed in the women's 55kg category and won a bronze medal.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has named Sri Lankan cricketer **Kamindu Mendis** as the **ICC Men's Player of the Month for March 2024**. Mendis' historic batting performances in the first Test against Bangladesh in Sylhet were instrumental in Sri Lanka's comfortable victory. On the women's side, **England's Maia Bouchier** has been awarded the **ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2024**.
- India's 19-year-old **Udit** won the silver medal in the men's 57kg category at the **Asian Wrestling Championships 2024** in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. **Abhimanyou (men's 70kg)** and **Vicky (men's 97kg)** also won the bronze medals in their respective weight divisions to take India's tally to three medals after the opening day of the competition.
- In a display of unparalleled skill and consistency, **Rashmi Kumari** has etched her name deeper into the annals of Indian carrom history by claiming her **12th National Carrom Championship title**. The three-time World Champion overcame a tough challenge from **K Nagajothi in the women's final**, emerging victorious with a scoreline of 25-8, 14-20, 25-20.

- Lithuania's rising star in the discus throw, **Mykolas Alekna**, etched his name in the annals of athletics history. At the Oklahoma Throws Series meeting in Ramona, the 21-year-old Alekna shattered the longest-standing men's world record in track and field, hurling the discus to an incredible distance of **74.35 meters***.
- **Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece** swept aside his opponent, Casper Ruud of Norway, with a convincing 6-1, 6-4 victory to win the prestigious clay-court **Monte Carlo Masters for the third time in four years**. The emotional triumph was marked by Tsitsipas' tears of joy as he sat in his chair, reflecting on his hard-fought journey to this momentous achievement.
- In a remarkable display of skill, flexibility, and unwavering determination, India's young skating sensation, **Takshvi Vaghani**, has etched her name in the record books by setting a new world record for the **lowest limbo skating over 25 metres**. On April 18, 2024, the 6-year-old prodigy from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, defied the boundaries of human agility, gliding across the 25-meter distance at a mere **16 cm (6.29 in)** above the ground.
- In a remarkable achievement, Indian chess prodigy **Dommaraju Gukesh**, aged just 17, has made history by winning the FIDE Candidates tournament, becoming the youngest-ever challenger in the history of the World Chess Championship. Not only that, but Gukesh is also the first teenager to win the prestigious tournament.
- In a remarkable achievement, **World No. 6 Casper Ruud** of Norway defeated **Stefanos Tsitsipas** of Greece, clinching the **ATP Barcelona Open 500** singles title. The final scoreline of 7-5, 6-3 marked a significant milestone for Ruud, as he secured the **biggest trophy** of his professional career.
- Indian squash Player, **Saurav Ghosal**, the nation's premier player, has announced his retirement from professional squash. The 37-year-old's decision marks the end of an illustrious career that spanned over two decades, during which he achieved numerous milestones and brought glory to the country.





Sports Current Affairs of March 2024

Cricket {National Game of Australia, Bermuda, England, Jamaica No. of Players: 11

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- Union Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** grandly inaugurated the **Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 3.0** at the **Luhnu Cricket Ground** in **Bilaspur** on **March 5, 2024**. **Chief Guests** Indian cricket team captain **Rohit Sharma** and Indian cricket team coach **Rahul Dravid** graced the occasion as chief guests.
- England's James Anderson claimed his 700th Test wicket by dismissing India's Kuldeep Yadav in Dharamsala on the morning of Day 3 of the final Test against India. This historic milestone makes Anderson the third bowler to reach the 700-wicket mark in Test cricket.
- **Yashasvi Jaiswal**, the young Indian opener, has been named the **ICC Men's Player of the Month** for **February 2024**. In the women's category, **Annabel Sutherland** of Australia claimed the **ICC Women's Player of the Month** award for February 2024.
- **Mumbai** won the **Ranji Trophy 2024** after beating Vidarbha by 169 runs at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. This was their **42nd Ranji Trophy title**, showcasing their dominance in Indian domestic cricket. Mumbai ended their **8-year drought** by winning the championship after last lifting the title in the 2015-16 season.
- Australian **wicketkeeper-batter Matthew Wade** has announced his decision to **retire from red-ball cricket** (first-class cricket).
- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** and the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** organized an exhibition cricket match to promote **voter education and inclusivity**. The match was played between the **Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) Team** and the **Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) team** on **March 16, 2024**, at **Karnail Singh Stadium** in **New Delhi**.
- Indian cricket captain **Virat Kohli** has etched his name in history by becoming the **first Indian cricketer** to score **12,000 runs** in the **T20 format**. Kohli accomplished this remarkable feat during the opening match of the **2024 Indian Premier League (IPL)** between **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** and **Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)** at the **MA Chidambaram Stadium**.
- In a historic move, the **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)** will host a **day-night Test match** between the **Australian and English women's cricket teams**. This will be the first time a

pink-ball Test is played at the iconic venue. The **four-day match** is scheduled from **January 30 to February 2, 2025**.

- Veteran Kenyan allrounder **Collins Obuya** has announced his **retirement from cricket** following Kenya's defeat to Uganda in the **third-place play-off match** at the **African Games**.
- **Sharfuddoula** has created history by becoming the first **Bangladeshi umpire** to be appointed to the **ICC Elite Panel of Umpires**. His appointment was confirmed following the **International Cricket Council's** annual review and selection process.

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- **Spain's women's team** secured a historic victory over **France**, winning the **first-ever UEFA Women's Nations League** with a convincing 2-0 triumph in Seville. The win represents a significant achievement for Spain in the realm of women's football, further solidifying their position as a dominant force in the sport.

Grand Prixes

- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** clinched **victory** at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, starting from **pole position**. It marked Red Bull's second consecutive **one-two finish** in the 2024 Formula One season.
- Australian Grand Prix, **Carlos Sainz** of **Ferrari** emerged victorious, marking a remarkable comeback just **two weeks after undergoing appendicitis surgery**. The race was filled with drama, including the **first retirement** in two years for **Red Bull's reigning world champion Max Verstappen**.

Hockey

- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has appointed former Indian men's hockey team captain and goalkeeper **PR Sreejesh** and Chile's **Camila Caram** as **co-chairs of the FIH Athletes Committee**. This announcement was made by the FIH on March 27, 2024.

Badminton / Boxing/ Wrestling/Weightlifting

- **B. Sai Praneeth**, the decorated Indian badminton player, has announced his retirement from the sport.
- Indian badminton stars **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** have won the BWF French Open men's doubles title, defeating **Chinese Taipei's Lee Jhe-Huei and Yang Po-Hsuan** in the final.





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- The **10th edition of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL)** concluded with **Puneri Paltan** emerging as champions for the first time, after a closely contested final against **Haryana Steelers**. The final score read 28-25 in favor of Puneri Paltan, with the match taking place on March 1. Pankaj Mohite shone brightly for Paltan, scoring nine raid points, including a crucial super raid that proved to be a game-changer.
- The scenic town of Shimla has become the centre stage for the first-ever **Asian River Rafting Championships**, officially opened on March 4th, 2024, by Chief Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu**.
- **Hardeep Singh Puri**, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs, inaugurated the **5th ONGC Para Games**, praising para-athletes for their unwavering determination. The event took place at **Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi** with the presence of Shri Pankaj Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, and senior officials from Oil & Gas PSUs.
- In the final of the **Indian Wells ATP tournament** on Sunday, **Carlos Alcaraz** of Spain defeated **Daniil Medvedev** of Russia in straight sets, with a score of **7-6 (7/5), 6-1**.
- In the women's **long jump** event at the 3rd **Indian Open Jumps Competition**, **Nayana James** from Kerala recorded a **personal best mark** of **6.67m** to secure the **gold medal**.
- **Ace table tennis player Sharath Kamal** will be the **Indian team's flagbearer** for the upcoming **Paris 2024 Olympics**. The announcement was made by the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**.
- Indian **star paddler G. Sathiyam** has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the **first-ever Indian** to win a **men's singles trophy** at a **WTT Feeder Series** event. This historic moment took place in **Beirut, Lebanon**, where Sathiyam triumphed over his compatriot **Manav Thakkar** with a **3-1 (6-11 11-7 11-7 11-4)** victory in the final of the **WTT Feeder Beirut 2024**.
- **Haryana** clinched the **team titles** in both the boy's and girls categories with an impressive combined haul of **19 medals** at the **Boxing Sub Junior National Championship**. Haryana showcased its dominance by finishing on top in both categories. The tournament witnessed the participation of **612 boxers**, including **337 boys** and **275 girls**.
- Indian paddler **Sreeja Akula** clinched the **women's singles title** at the **WTT Feeder Beirut II 2024** in Beirut, Lebanon. The **world no. 47** Indian came from behind to secure a **6-11, 12-10, 11-5, 11-9** victory over the lower-ranked **Sarah D Nutte** of Luxembourg in the final.

- **IIT Madras** is set to host the prestigious '**6th Shaastra Rapid FIDE Rated Chess Tournament**' on March 30 and 31, 2024. The tournament, sanctioned by the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)**, will draw the participation of esteemed players from across the globe, including Grandmasters, International Masters, and Women Grandmasters.

Sports Current Affairs of February 2024

Cricket {National Game of Australia, Bermuda, England, Jamaica No. of Players: 11

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- **Hyderabad's Tanmay Agarwal** scored an unbeaten **323 off just 160 balls** against **Arunachal Pradesh** in the **Ranji Trophy Plate Group game**. His innings included 33 fours and 21 sixes, showcasing his aggressive batting style. Agarwal achieved his triple century in a record 147 balls, surpassing the previous record of 191 balls set by Marco Marais. This feat also marked the second-fastest triple ton by time, taking 183 minutes.
- **Saurashtra Cricket Association (SCA) Stadium** is set to be rebranded as the **Niranjan Shah Stadium**. This change comes as a tribute to the former first-class cricketer and senior cricket administrator, Niranjan Shah, marking his immense contributions to the sport and the region.
- **Etihad Airways joins forces with the Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** as their official sponsor, marking a thrilling new chapter for both entities. This strategic partnership, announced on February 9th, 2024, promises to propel the excitement of cricket to new heights for fans around the world.
- **Pathum Nissanka** etched his name in Sri Lankan cricket history, by becoming the **first-ever player** to score a **double century** in One Day Internationals (ODIs) for the nation. His **unbeaten knock of 210 runs** against Afghanistan was a masterclass in batting, shattering records and propelling Sri Lanka to a massive victory.
- **Australia U19** win the **U19 World Cup 2024 Final** by 79 runs. With the massive win over India, Australia has secured its fourth World Cup title in U-19 cricket. Australia added to their triumphs in **2002, 2010, and 2020**.
- **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** have officially announced the appointment of **Katrina Kaif** as their brand ambassador for the upcoming **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 season**. This partnership marks a significant milestone for the five-time IPL champions, signalling a new chapter in their illustrious journey.





- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced the winners of the **ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month for January 2024**. West Indies' **Shamar Joseph** and Ireland's **Amy Hunter** have been bestowed with this honour, marking their remarkable contributions to their respective teams in the past month.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** inaugurated the **Gandhinagar Premier League (GPL) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat**. The event, graced by the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** among other dignitaries, marks a pivotal step towards enhancing grassroots cricket and fostering local talent across the nation. **Hardik Pandya**, an India all-rounder, was spotted with Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** at the Gandhinagar Premier League's launch.
- **Ravichandran Ashwin** has etched his name in the annals of cricket history by becoming the second Indian bowler to take **500 wickets in Test matches**. This milestone was reached during the second day of the third Test between India and England in Rajkot, marking a significant achievement in Ashwin's already storied career.
- UK-based club cricketer **Rizwan Javed** has been handed a severe ban from all cricketing activities for a period of **17 ½ years**. This decision comes in the wake of his involvement in several breaches of the **Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) Anti-Corruption Code for Participants**. The ramifications of his actions highlight the stringent measures taken to uphold the integrity of the sport.
- In a groundbreaking move for Indian cricket, **Jacinta Kalyan** has etched her name in the annals of sports history as the country's first female pitch curator. With the highly anticipated **2nd edition of the Women's Premier League (WPL)** just around the corner, the excitement among fans, players, and tournament organizers is palpable.
- Indian off-spinner **Ravichandran Ashwin** etched his name in cricketing history, surpassing legendary leg-spinner **Anil Kumble** to become the **leading wicket-taker in Test matches played on Indian soil**.
- **Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton**, the dynamic **Namibian batter**, etched his name in cricketing history by scoring the **fastest T20 International (T20I) century** in a blistering innings against Nepal. Loftie-Eaton's extraordinary feat occurred during the first T20I of the Tri-Nation series on Tuesday, February 27, leaving fans and pundits in awe of his remarkable display of power-hitting.
- Veteran fast bowler **Neil Wagner** has called time on his international cricketing career, bringing an end to a distinguished 12-year Test match journey with the Black Caps.

Important Terms associated: tennis

Football {National Game of Brazil, Italy, Germany, Israel, Mauritius, Poland No. of Players: 11

Important Terms Associated: Back Pass, Corner Kick, Free Kick, Dribble, Futsal, Header, Kick off, Banana Kick, Toe Poke, Throw-in, Bicycle Kick}

- The highly anticipated **FIFA World Cup 2026** is set to take centre stage, promising football fans a thrilling and expanded 48-team tournament. The **United States, Canada, and Mexico** are co-hosting this global spectacle, with **MetLife Stadium in New York** selected as the venue for the July 19 final. In this blog post, we'll delve into the key details and highlights of the upcoming tournament. **MetLife Stadium in New York emerged victorious in the bid to host the final on July 19**, overcoming stiff competition from Dallas.
- The **Telangana Football Association (TFA)** has achieved a significant milestone by securing approval to host the FIFA World Cup qualifiers round between **India and Kuwait**. The match is scheduled to take place on June 6th of this year in **Hyderabad**, announced Dr. K.T. Mahi, Chairman of TFA.
- The **International Football Association Board (IFAB)** is preparing to debut a new card, the **blue card** as part of trials involving sin bins in professional football. In November 2023, the governing body recognized the necessity of addressing player conduct towards match officials, leading to the implementation of temporary dismissals for dissent and certain tactical infractions.
- In a surprising turn of events, the **SAFF Women's U-19 Championships** concluded with **India and Bangladesh** being declared joint winners. The tournament, held in Dhaka, witnessed a series of unusual occurrences that led to this unprecedented decision.
- **Indian football**, the national team has fallen **15 places to the 117th position** in the latest FIFA rankings, registering its lowest position in the past seven years.





Hockey

- India finished as runner-up at the inaugural edition of the **FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup** after a 7-2 loss to the **Netherlands in the final in Muscat**. India tried to make a comeback and scored twice – Jyoti Chhatri (20th minute) and Rutaja Dadaso Pisal (23rd minute) – but could not catch the Dutch team which added one more goal courtesy of Kalse before the full-time hooter.

Badminton / Boxing/ Wrestling/Weightlifting

- **Shah Alam, Malaysia**, the Indian women's badminton team etched their names into history by clinching a historic gold medal at the **Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024**.

Other Sports Current Affairs

- **Naorem Roshibina Devi**, the pride of Manipur, has clinched the prestigious title of **International Wushu Federation Female Athlete of the Year**, solidifying her place as a powerhouse in the world of wushu.
- **Sonam Maskar** made a remarkable debut in the **shooting World Cup in Cairo, Egypt**, clinching the women's air rifle **silver medal**. Despite her impressive performance, she was narrowly **beaten by Anna Janssen of Germany** by a mere 0.9 points. Maskar's stellar performance highlights her potential as a rising star in the sport.
- Indian boxer **Mandeep Jangra** secured a remarkable triumph at the US-based National Boxing Association's (NBA) intercontinental **super featherweight championship**. His win came after a compelling bout against American Gerardo Esquivel in Toppenish City, Washington.
- The mascot for the Khelo India Winter Games 2024 is the majestic snow leopard, named '**Sheen-e She'** or '**Shan'** in the **Ladakh region**. Native to the high-altitude areas of J&K and Ladakh, the snow leopard symbolizes the spirit of the Games and brings attention to the conservation of this endangered species.
- India's shining moment at the **ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup** was marked by stellar performances in the **10m air pistol mixed** team event and the **10m air rifle mixed** team event. Rhythm Sangwan and Ujjwal showcased exceptional skill and coordination to secure gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event, while **Arjun Babuta and Sonam Uttam Maskar** displayed resilience to clinch silver in the 10m air rifle mixed team event.
- **Divyansh Singh Panwar** continues to carve his name in the annals of shooting history, securing his **fourth World Cup gold** in the **10m air rifle event**. This latest triumph adds to his impressive collection, which includes victories in Munich, Beijing, and Delhi since 2019.

- The ancient tradition of the **Olympic Torch Relay** continues its journey towards **Paris 2024**, with the flame set to cross the Mediterranean and embark on a 68-day adventure across France. **Abhinav Bindra**, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist and an IOC Athletes' Commission member, is among the 11,000 torchbearers chosen to carry the iconic symbol.
- **PT Usha**, was honoured with the prestigious '**Lifetime Achievement'** award. This accolade was presented to her by the **Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) and Delhi Sports Journalists Association (DSJA)**, recognizing her extraordinary contributions to Indian athletics. The award ceremony saw the attendance of notable personalities, including **Rajeev Shukla, Member of Parliament – Rajya Sabha and Vice President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**, and former Indian shooter Jaspal Rana, among the Guests of Honour.
- Grand Master **Wei Yi** emerged triumphant in the highly anticipated **2024 Tata Steel Chess Tournament**, showcasing his exceptional skill and tactical prowess.
- With the Paris Olympic Games approaching, the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) hosted the "**Road to Paris 2024: Championing Clean Sports and Uniting for Anti-Doping**" Conference. The event aimed to educate Indian athletes about the dangers of prohibited substances while emphasizing ethical competition.
- The iconic **Jungfraujoeh**, also known as the **Top of Europe**, witnessed a momentous event recently. India's Olympic gold medalist and world champion javelin thrower, **Neeraj Chopra**, was honoured with a **commemorative plaque** at the renowned **Ice Palace**. This prestigious recognition adds another feather to his cap and strengthens the bond between **Switzerland and India**.
- In an event that has cast a shadow over the world of athletics, **Kelvin Kiptum**, the men's marathon world record holder, and his coach, Gervais Hakizimana, met with a tragic end in a traffic accident on the night of February 12, 2024.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** handed over the **Chess Olympiad Torch to Budapest, Hungary**, the host city for the **45th edition of the Chess Olympiad**.
- The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has suspended hammer thrower Rachna Kumari for 12 years for a second anti-doping rule violation.
- **Taghi Askar**, a 100-year-old diver from the Islamic Republic of Iran, made waves at the **Diving World Championships in Doha** as he wiped away tears of gratitude and emotion for the overwhelming support he received.





- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated the **Khelo India University games** in Guwahati. The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, addressed Khelo India University Games being held across the seven states in the Northeast via a video message.
- An eight-year-old chess prodigy from **Singapore** has made headlines by achieving a remarkable feat in the world of chess. In a gripping three-hour game at Switzerland's Burgdorfer Stadthaus-Open, **Ashwath Kaushik** emerged victorious against the seasoned Polish grandmaster **Jacek Stopa**, securing his place in history as the **youngest chess player to defeat a grandmaster**.
- In a remarkable display of endurance and determination, **Bhagwan Singh and Mahesh Khurana from Bhopal** have completed the **Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon 2024**, held in Leh-Ladakh.
- **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh** has demonstrated unwavering support for Armed Forces personnel who excelled in the **19th Asian Games** and **4th Asian Para**

Games, held in Hangzhou, China, during September-October 2023. In a landmark move, the Ministry of Defence has announced a **Financial Incentive Scheme to reward the Medal Winners**, aiming to foster Recognition and Motivation among these athletes as they prepare for the Paris Olympics Games 2024.

