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### **1. Shubhankar Sharma creates history with best ever performance by an Indian at 2023 Open Golf Championship ( July 25, 2023 )**

Shubhankar Sharma achieved the best ever performance by an Indian golfer at the 2023 Open Golf Championship held at the **Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Merseyside, England.**

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

- Showcasing remarkable skill and determination, Shubhankar Sharma tied for eighth place with Cameron Young of the United States.
- The hometown of Shubhankar Sharma is **Jhansi, which is located in the state of Uttar Pradesh.**
- **Brian Herman of the USA has won the 2023 Open Golf Championship.**
- Prior to Sharma's feat, Anirban Lahiri had the best Indian finish in a major tournament with a top-5 finish in 2015 and **Jeev Milkha Singh finished T-9 at the 2008 PGA Championship.**
- Previously, **Jyoti Randhawa held the record for the best finish by an Indian golfer at the Open in 2004 with a tied-27th place.**
- Prior to Shubhankar Sharma's achievement, the best finish by an **Indian golfer in a men's major was Anirban Lahiri's tied-fifth finish at the 2015 PGA Championship in Wisconsin, US.**

#### **About The Open Championship**

- It is recognized as the British Open, the oldest and most prestigious golf tournament globally and one of the four major championships on the PGA Tour.
- The tournament's history dates back to 1860, and its inaugural winner was Willie Parks Sr., who was awarded the title of "Champion Golfer of the Year".

### **2. Satwik-Chirag clinch their fourth title of the year with thrilling win at Korea Open ( July 24, 2023 )**

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won their fourth men's doubles title of the year by winning the Korea Open badminton tournament.

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

- In a thrilling final of the Super 500 event, the Indian pair, ranked third in the world, defeated Indonesia's top-ranked pair, Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto, who are two-time World Championships bronze medallists.
- The match lasted 62 minutes and India came back from 17-21 down in the first set to win 21-13, 21-14.

- The win marked his first victory in a BWF World Tour Super 500 event, showcasing his exceptional performance in the tournament.

**List of titles achieved by Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty in 2023:**

Date	Tournament	Level	Location
21 to 26 March 2023	Swiss Open	BWF World Tour Super 300	Basel, Switzerland
25 to 30 April 2023	Asia Championships	Equivalent to BWF World Tour Super 1000	Dubai, UAE
13 to 18 June 2023	Indonesia Open	BWF World Tour Super 1000	Jakarta, Indonesia
18 to 23 July 2023	Korea Open	BWF World Tour Super 500	Yeosu, South Korea

**3. Virat Kohli Equals Sir Don Bradman's Record By Playing 500th International Match ( July 24, 2023 )**

Virat-Kohli-Equals-Sir-Don-Bradman's-Record-By-Playing-500th-International-Match  
Star Indian cricketer Virat Kohli achieved a significant milestone by playing his 500th international match against the West Indies in Port of Spain.

**An Overview of the News**

- During this crucial game, Kohli displayed his exceptional batting prowess by scoring his 76th century across all formats, a remarkable feat for an Indian batsman.
- On the second day of the Test match at the Queen's Park Oval, Kohli joined the distinguished company of Sir Don Bradman to complete his 29th Test century.
- The Indian skipper's hundred came after waiting for an overseas Test century for almost five years, making it all the more special for him.
- Kohli's unbeaten innings on the first day saw him steadily inching towards his hundred and finally achieved the feat off the second ball of the 91st over with a four off Jomel Warrican.
- His innings of 121 was built on a solid foundation, facing 206 balls and hitting 11 fours, demonstrating his class and determination at the crease.
- Kohli's partnership with world No. 1 Test all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja played a key role in helping India recover from a mid-innings defeat and post a challenging 438 in the first innings.
- By equalling Sir Don Bradman's record of 29 Test centuries, Virat Kohli has further cemented his position as one of the greats of modern times in the world of cricket.

#### **4. Shah Rukh Khan roped in as brand ambassador for ICC World Cup 2023 ( July 22, 2023 )**

brand-ambassador-for-ICC-World-Cup-2023

Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has been roped in as the brand ambassador for the ICC World Cup 2023.

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

- Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan launched the World Cup 2023 campaign 'It Takes One Day' with his iconic voiceover.
- The ICC World Cup 2023 is scheduled to be held in India from 5 October to 19 November 2023.
- India's first match will be against Australia on October 8 and it will face Pakistan on October 15 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- A total of 10 teams will participate in the tournament, with India, Afghanistan, Australia, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa qualifying directly based on their performance in the 2020–2023 ICC Cricket World Cup Super League.
- The remaining two teams will be determined through the ongoing World Cup qualifiers in Zimbabwe.

##### **About International Cricket Council (ICC)**

- It is the global governing body for cricket.
- It was founded in 1909 as the Imperial Cricket Conference by representatives from England, Australia and South Africa.
- In 1989, its name was changed to International Cricket Council (ICC).
- Representing 108 members, it regulates and administers the game of cricket and works with members to develop the game.
- It presides over the ICC Code of Conduct, playing conditions, the Decision Review System and other ICC regulations.
- Headquarters - Dubai, United Arab Emirates

#### **5. Stuart Broad, the second fast bowler to take 600 wickets in Test cricket ( July 21, 2023 )**

Stuart-Broad,-the-second-fast-bowler-to-take-600-wickets-in-Test-cricket

England's Stuart Broad became the second fast bowler to achieve the feat of 600 wickets in Test cricket.

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

- Broad achieved this feat during the fourth Ashes Test against Australia at Old Trafford.

- He took the crucial wicket of Travis Head to reach the 600 wicket mark on the first day of the match.
- The only other fast bowler to achieve this remarkable feat is Broad's England teammate James Anderson.
- Currently, Stuart Broad is fifth in the all-time list of highest wicket-takers in Test cricket, while James Anderson is third.

- **The top spots in the list are occupied by spinners:**

1. Muttiah Muralitharan
2. Shane Warne
3. James Anderson
4. Anil Kumble
5. Stuart Broad

- Stuart Broad made his Test debut in 2007 against Sri Lanka in Colombo.
- He has played 166 Test matches so far and has been a part of four Ashes winning teams for England.

## **6. Ajit Singh won gold medal in Para Athletics Championship in Paris ( July 18, 2023 )**

Ajit-Singh-won-gold-medal-in-Para-Athletics-Championship-in-Paris

Indian athlete Ajit Singh won the gold medal in the final of men's javelin throw F46 at the Para Athletics Championships in Paris.

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

- Ajit Singh topped the event with a throw of 65.41.
- He broke the previous championship record of 61.89 held by Chunliang Guo of China.
- Rinku, another Indian athlete, won the silver medal with a best throw of 65.38.
- Sri Lanka's Dinesh Priyanta Herath and Rinku finished joint second in the event.
- Sundar Singh Gujjar, representing India, finished fourth with a throw of 61.81.

### **About World Para Athletics Championships**

- Prior to 2017 it was known as the IPC Athletics World Championships, is held every two years and focuses on Paralympic athletics.
- These championships are organised by World Para Athletics, a subcommittee of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

- Competition includes a variety of athletics events specifically designed for athletes with physical and intellectual disabilities.
- The IPC Athletics World Championships were held for the first time in 1994 in Berlin, Germany.

## 7. Carlos Alcaraz wins first Wimbledon title ( July 17, 2023 )

Carlos-Alcaraz-wins-first-Wimbledon-title

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz won the Wimbledon title 2023 by defeating four-time defending champion Novak Djokovic in the men's singles category.

### An Overview of the News

- Alcaraz won the match with a score of 1-6, 7-6(6), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 to secure his first Wimbledon title.
- The match was played on the Center Court of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London, England.
- Alcaraz is the third Spanish man to win Wimbledon after Manuel Santana (1966) and Rafael Nadal (2008,2010).

### Wimbledon Championships 2023 Winners:

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Women's Singles	Marketa Vondrousova	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Strýcová & Hsieh Su-wei	Elise Mertens & Storm Sanders
Men's Doubles	Wesley Koolhof & Neal Skupski	Horacio Zeballos & Marcel Granollers
Mixed Doubles	Mate Pavić & Lyudmyla Kichenok	Xu Yifan & Joran Vliegen category

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

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

### An Overview of the News

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

### **About Wimbledon Championships**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**An Overview of the News**

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

**Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)**

- The OCA was founded in 1982 by Sheikh Talal's father, Fahad Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.
- It serves as the governing body of the Games in Asia and currently consists of 45 member National Olympic Committees.
- The International Olympic Committee recognized the OCA the same year it was founded in 1982.

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

Headquarters: **Kuwait City, Kuwait**

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

Membership: **45 National Olympic Committees**

Motto: **Ever Onward**

**"Road to Asian Games" campaign launched**

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