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1. Indian wrestlers shine: Secure 9 medals in Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 (April 18, 2024)

Indian wrestlers achieved a remarkable feat at the Asian Wrestling Championships (Senior) 2024 held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from April 11 to 16, 2024.

An Overview of the News

- Indian wrestlers won 9 medals, including 4 silver and 5 bronze medals.

Indian medal winner

Silver Medal Winner:

- Udit: Men's Freestyle 57 kg category.
- Radhika: Women's 68 kg category.
- Anju: Women's 53 kg category.
- Harshita: Women's 72 kg category.

Bronze medal winners:

- Abhimanyu: Men's Freestyle 70kg category.
- Vicky: Men's Freestyle 97 kg category.
- Shivani Pawar: Women's 50 kg category.
- Antim: Women's 65 kg category.
- Manisha: Women's 62 kg category.

Important point:

- Indian wrestlers have dominated the 57 kg freestyle category since 2020, with Ravi Dahiya winning gold in 2020, 2021 and 2022, and Aman Sehrawat winning gold in 2023.

Team Ranking:

- Teams were ranked based on their performance in three categories: men's freestyle, Greco-Roman and women's wrestling.

Ranking	Greco-Roman	Men's Freestyle	Women's Wrestling
1.	Iran	Iran	Japan

2.	Kyrgyzstan	Japan	China
3.	Japan	Kyrgyzstan	Mongolia

2. Indonesia's Christie and China's Wang Zhi Yi Triumph at Badminton Asia Championships 2024 (April 16, 2024)

Jonatan Christie, representing Indonesia, secured the gold medal in the men's singles category by defeating Li Shi Feng from China.

An Overview of the News

- This victory marks Christie's consecutive second men's singles title.
- Previously, in March 2024, he claimed his first All England Open Badminton Championships title by defeating Anthony Ginting, another Indonesian shuttler.

Women's Singles Champion: Wang Zhi Yi (China)

- Wang Zhi Yi, ranked 9th globally, clinched the women's singles title at the championship by defeating her compatriot and Olympic champion Chen Yu Fei.
- This win is her second title of the year and her first triumph over Yu Fei.
- Earlier in January 2024, she won the Indonesia Masters Super 500 title.

China's Success at the Championship

- China emerged as the most successful nation at the Badminton Asia Championships 2024, securing three gold and two silver medals.

About Badminton Asia Championship :

- Organized by Badminton Asia to recognize top Asian badminton players.
- Governed by Badminton Asia, which operates under the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- Originally named the "Bank of Ningbo Badminton Asia Championships," organized by the Chinese Badminton Association with Badminton Asia's authorization.
- Started in 1962, held annually since 1991.
- The 41st edition was hosted at the Ningbo Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium in Ningbo, China, from April 9 to April 14, 2024.

3. Aishwarya Mishra's 2023 Asian Championships Bronze Upgraded to Silver (April 16, 2024)

Aishwarya Mishra, an Indian athlete, is poised to see her bronze medal in the women's 400m sprint event at the 2023 Asian Athletics Championships upgraded to silver.

An Overview of the News

- The upgrade follows the disqualification of the original silver medalist, Farida Soliyeva from Uzbekistan, due to a failed doping test.
- Soliyeva tested positive for meldonium, a substance banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) since 2016.
- The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU), responsible for combating doping in athletics, has imposed a 3-year ban on Soliyeva starting from September 13, 2023.
- Furthermore, all of Soliyeva's results from July 13, 2023, onward have been nullified.
- As a result of this disqualification, Haruna Kuboyama from Japan will now hold the bronze medal.

4. Anupama Upadhyaya and Tharun Mannepalli Claim Gold at Kazakhstan International Challenge 2024 (April 15, 2024)

Anupama Upadhyaya and Tharun Mannepalli, representing India, emerged victorious in the women's and men's singles categories, respectively, at the Kazakhstan International Challenge 2024 Badminton tournament held in Uralsk, Kazakhstan from April 2nd to 6th.

An Overview of the News

- Tharun Mannepalli, hailing from Telangana, secured his first senior circuit title by defeating Soong Joo Ven from Malaysia in the men's singles final. He was the runner-up in the 2023 Badminton national championship.
- Anupama Upadhyaya, a former Junior World No. 1 from Uttarakhand, clinched the women's singles title by defeating Isharani Baruah in an all-Indian final. This victory marked her second international title in 2024, following her win at the Polish Open. She has previously won the India International Challenge 2021, the Tajikistan International Series 2023, and the Polish Open in 2022 and 2024.
- In the mixed doubles category, the Indian pair of Sanjai Srivatsa Dhanraj and Maneesha K secured second place, losing to Malaysia's Wong Tien Ci and Lim Chiew Sien.

Winners of Kazakhstan International Challenge 2024:

• Men's Singles Championship:

- Winner: Tharun Mannepalli (India)
- Runner-up: Soong Joo Ven (Malaysia)

• Women's Singles Championship:

- Winner: Anupama Upadhyaya (India)
- Runner-up: Isharani Baruah (India)

Men's Doubles Championship:

- Winners: Lucas Corvee and Ronan Labar (France)
- Runners-up: Kakeru Kumagai and Hiroki Nishi (Japan)

• Women's Doubles Championship:

- Winners: Kaho Osawa and Mai Tanabe (Japan)
- Runners-up: Polina Buhrova and Yevheniia Kantemyr (Ukraine)

• Mixed Doubles Championship:

- Winners: Wong Tien Ci and Lim Chiew Sien (Malaysia)
- Runners-up: Sanjai Srivatsa Dhanraj and Maneesha K (India)

5. Sumit Nagal Makes History with First Indian Win in Monte Carlo Masters (April 12, 2024)

Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal achieved a historic feat by defeating 35th-ranked Matteo Arnaldi at the Monte Carlo Masters on Monday, April 9, 2024.

An Overview of the News

- Nagal's victory in a thrilling three-set match 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 is the first time an Indian player has won a main draw match at the prestigious ATP Masters event.
- Ranked 95th and unseeded, Nagal joins the ranks of Vijay Amritraj (1977) and Ramesh Krishnan (1982) as only the third Indian to make the main draw in Monte Carlo.
- Additionally, Nagal created history by becoming the first men's Indian singles player to win a Masters 1000 match played on clay.

Monte Carlo Masters:

- It is an annual tournament held in France, designed specifically for male professional players.
- It is one of nine ATP Tour Masters 1000 events, representing the highest level of competition in men's tennis.

6. Verstappen takes victory in F1 Japanese Grand Prix 2024 (April 9, 2024)

Max Verstappen, representing Red Bull Racing, clinched victory at the Formula 1 (F1) Japanese Grand Prix 2024.

An Overview of the News

- The Japanese Grand Prix took place at the Suzuka International Racing Course located in Suzuka, Japan, spanning from the 5th to the 7th of April 2024.

- Securing the second position was Sergio Perez of Red Bull Racing from Mexico, while Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr. from Spain claimed the third spot.
- Max Verstappen secured his third consecutive Japanese Grand Prix title in 2024, adding to his victories in 2022 and 2023.
- He becomes the second driver after Michael Schumacher to achieve three consecutive wins in this event.
- Verstappen's victory at the Japanese GP 2024 marks his third win of the 2024 season, having previously triumphed in the Saudi Arabian GP and the Bahrain GP.
- This win signifies Verstappen's 57th career victory and his 101st podium finish.

Key Points about the Japanese Grand Prix 2024:

- The 2024 Constructors' Championship standings, as of April 8th, are led by the Red Bull Racing-Honda team with 141 points.
- Ferrari holds the second position with 120 points, while McLaren Mercedes stands third with 69 points.
- The Constructors' Championship standings reflect the cumulative points earned by the top two drivers from each team across various Grand Prix races.

About the Japanese Grand Prix:

- The Japanese Grand Prix 2024, officially known as the 'Formula 1 (F1) MSC Cruises Japanese Grand Prix 2024,' marks the 38th edition since its inception in 1976.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

An Overview of the News

- 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**

10. Maharashtra Triumphs at the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24 (April 4, 2024)

Maharashtra emerged victorious in both the men's and women's categories at the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24.

An Overview of the News:

- The Kho Kho Federation of India was the organization behind the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24.
- The competition ran from March 28, 2024, until April 1, 2024.

Information about the Championship:

- The competition was held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium and the Karnail Singh Stadium in Delhi.
- Thirty-seven teams, split into eight groups each, competed in the men's and women's divisions.

Prizes:

- In addition to a trophy, the winning Maharashtra team took home a monetary award of Rs 3 lakh.
- A trophy and a monetary prize of Rs 2 lakh were given to the runner-up team.

Men's Category:

- Maharashtra defeated the Indian Railway team in the championship game held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.
- Even though the score was equal at 32-32 at the end of regulation time, Maharashtra won thanks to a 52-50 point third inning.
- With a score of 30-28 points, Maharashtra defeated the Kolhapur squad in the semi-final as well.

Women's category:

- The Maharashtra women's team, led by Sampada Maurya, defeated the Airport Authority of India team in the championship match.
- Maharashtra won by a final score of 18-16 points.
- With a score of 24-20 points, Maharashtra defeated Odisha in the semi-final.

About Kho Kho:

- After Kabaddi, Kho Kho is a traditional Indian sport that is regarded as the second most popular traditional sport.
- It is suitable for outdoor and indoor play.
- The Kho Kho Federation of India staged the first-ever National Championship in 1959 after the sport's inception in 1914 with its maiden competition.

Recognition on a global scale:

- Both the Third South Asian Federation Games in Kolkata (Calcutta) in 1987 and the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics featured Kho Kho as a showcase sport.
- The Asian Kho Kho Federation Championship, the first Asian-level competition, was held in Kolkata in 1996.

Kho Kho Day, National/International:

- To raise awareness of the game, June 30 is designated as National/International Kho Kho Day.

India's Kho Kho Federation:

- The government-recognized Kho Kho Federation of India was founded in 1955 and has its main office in New Delhi.
- President Sudhanshu Mitta is in charge of it.