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News 1 – Rahul Sachdev clinched the 1st All India Open Invitational Snooker Championship 2016.



Rahul Sachdev clinched the 1st All India Open Invitational Snooker Championship 2016 in Aurangabad, Maharashtra. This is the first maiden title for Rahul. In the final, he defeated Pushpender Singh of Railways with a 5-3 score.

This tournament was organized by Billiards and Snooker Association of Aurangabad and was nowhere related to Cue Sports India.

News 2 – Armaan Ebrahim awarded with FMSCI Motorsports Man of the Year Trophy.



Armaan Ebrahim was awarded the title of FMSCI Motorsports Man-of-the-Year Trophy at a ceremony organized in Delhi by the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI). He was awarded the Raymond Gautam Singhania Rolling Trophy along with prize money of Rs 2 lakh for his performance in the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Asia Series.

Founder of FMSCI, B.I. Chandhok, was honoured with the lifetime achievement award for his contribution towards the motorsports in India.

News 3 – Bahadur Singh Rana clinched Gold Medal in 50 Km Race Walk in National Championship.



London Olympian Basant Bahadur Singh Rana, representing Delhi, won the gold medal in men's 50 km race walk event of the 3rd edition of the National Championships held in Jaipur.

Rana clocked 4 hours 7 minutes and 24 seconds to finish first, but he could not touch the revised Olympics qualification time of 4:06:00. Chandan Singh of Uttarakhand clinched the silver medal with a time of 4:09:50 while Jitendra Singh of

Rajasthan won the bronze medal with an effort of 4:12:10.

News 4 – ICC Suspended Aaron Phangiso for illegal Bowling Action.



South African left-arm spinner, Aaron Phangiso, has been suspended from bowling after his action was found to be illegal. An International Cricket Council (ICC) movement expert found his arm extended beyond the 15 degrees allowed.

Phangiso's action was reported while playing for Highveld Lions against Warriors at Wanderers in a domestic one-day match where he managed to pick two wickets.

News 5 – BCCI creates three associate sponsors role, PepsiCo signs a 4-year deal.



PepsiCo has been signed as the first associate sponsor of BCCI for a period of 4 years. The four-year deal will give PepsiCo on-ground visibility along with pouring and snacking rights in around 20 matches per year. Apart from that, Gatorade, energy drink of PepsiCo, will be the new performance drink for team India.

The other two parties in talks with BCCI to be associate sponsors are Hyundai and Intex. BCCI would get Rs. 150 crores for the next four years from the associate sponsors as revenue. Paytm is the official title sponsor of the BCCI.

News 6 – Jitu Rai clinched Gold in the 50m Pistol Gold at the ISSF World Cup.



Indian shooter, Jitu Rai, clinched the 50m pistol gold at the ISSF World Cup held in Bangkok.

He edged past some big names like China's former World and Olympic Champion Pang Wei (2nd), China's Olympic Bronze medallist Wang Zhiwei (3rd) and Former World Champion Tomoyuki Matsuda of Japan.

News 7 – Patna Pirates Win the 3rd Season of Pro Kabaddi League.





Patna Pirates became the champions of Season 3 of Star Sports Pro Kabaddi league when they defeated the defending champions U Mumba 31-28 in the final. Puneri Paltan clinched the third spot after they defeated Bengal Warriors.

Rohit Kumar of Patna Pirates was awarded as the Best Raider and Mohit Chillar of U Mumba the Best Defender of the Match. Rishank Devadiga of U Mumba finished a dream season as the most successful raider with 106 points.

News 8 – Asia Cup 2016: India beat Bangladesh to win its 6th Asia Cup Title.



India defeated Bangladesh by 8 wickets in the final to win their 6th Asia Cup title. The 13th Edition of Asia Cup was a Twenty20 International (T20I) cricket tournament. It was held in Bangladesh from 24 February to 6 March 2016.

While they did get the wicket of their choice, mother-nature rained over early proceedings. a thunderstorm delayed the game by an hour and a half and changed the playing conditions.

News 9 – Hyundai becomes the Official Partner of BCCI.



Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) has signed as the second associate sponsor of BCCI for a period of 4 years. As per the deal, Hyundai will use its fleet of premium cars for transporting various stakeholders of the game throughout the event, in-stadium car displays and branding.

BCCI would get Rs 150 crore for the next four years from the associate sponsors as revenue. PepsiCo has already signed a 4-year deal as associate sponsor. The other party in talks is Intex. PayTm is the official title sponsor of the BCCI.

News 10 – Lin Dan won his sixth All England Badminton Championships title, Nozomi Okuhara first.





Lin Dan of China won the sixth All England Badminton Championships title after he defeated compatriot Tian Houwei 21-9, 21-10 in the final. Lin added the title to his collection of wins in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2012.

In the women's final, Nozomi Okuhara of Japan defeated two-time champion Wang Shixian of China 21-11, 16-21, 21-19 in their thrilling final.

News 11 – Services defeat Maharashtra 2-1 to defend Santosh Trophy.



Services won the Santosh Trophy National Football Championships title after they defeated Maharashtra 2-1 in the summit clash at SEC Railway Stadium in Nagpur.

Arjun Tudu scored two goals in the space of 11 minutes (26th and 37th) to help Services clinch their fifth title overall. The winner and the runner-ups received 5 lakh rupees and 3 lakh rupees respectively.

News 12 – UK Anti-Doping to spearhead Olympics-focused Anti-Doping Taskforce.



The World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada) has announced that UKAD will act as the secretariat for an International Olympic Committee (IOC) Pre-Rio Anti-Doping Taskforce to ensure a coordinated effort amongst all relevant National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) in the build up to Rio 2016.

The primary objective of the Taskforce is to identify potential testing gaps around the globe across all Olympic sports.

News 13 – Yogeshwar Dutt finishes with gold medal in Asian Olympics Qualifiers.



Yogeshwar Dutt secured an Olympic quota place for India in the men's 65kg freestyle category after he won a gold medal in the Asian Olympic Qualification tournament at Astana in Kazakhstan. He became the second Indian wrestler after

Narsingh Yadav to qualify for the Rio Games, to be held in August 2016.

Dutt beat China's Katai Yeerlanbieke by 'forfeit' in the Astana final to claim the gold.

News 14 – Gurmeet Singh becomes the 1st Indian to win Asian 20 km Race Walk.



Gurmeet Singh created history by becoming the first Indian athlete to clinch a gold medal in the Asian 20 km Race Walk Championships. The 30-year-old Gurmeet clocked 1 hour 20 minutes and 29 seconds. He beat Japan's Isamu Fujisawa (1:20:49) in a close fight in the last 5km. Kazakhstan's Georgiy Sheiko won the bronze medal in 1:21:52.

In the women's 20-km walk race event, National Games champion and Rio Games-bound Sapna finished fourth in a time of 1:35:57. Rui Liang of China won the gold in 1:28:43 and Kumiko Okada of Japan (1:30:03) and South Korean Jeongeun Lee (1:33:53) took the silver and bronze respectively.

News 15 – Bangladesh bowlers Arafat Sunny and Taskin suspended by ICC.



The International Cricket Council (ICC) suspended Bangladeshi bowlers Arafat Sunny and Taskin with immediate effect after an independent assessment found their bowling actions illegal.

However, with the consent of Bangladesh Cricket Board, the two bowlers may be able to play in domestic cricket.

News 16 – Wrestler Hardeep Singh booked an Olympic quota place for India in Greco-Roman wrestling.



Indian wrestler Hardeep Singh booked an Olympic quota place for India in Greco-Roman wrestling after he won silver medal in the Asian Olympic Qualification Tournament held in Astana, Kazakhstan. In the final he lost to Di Xiao of China.

As of now, Yogeshwra Dutt and Narsingh Yadav in men's freestyle and Hardeep Singh in greco-roman have qualified for Rio Olympics 2016.

News 17 – Novak Djokovic and Victoria Azarenka won BNP Paribas Open titles in Indian Wells.



Novak Djokovic defeated Milos Raonic of Canada 6-2, 6-0 in the men's final to win the men's singles titles of the BNP Paribas Open at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Southern California. Djokovic won his fifth Indian Wells title and third in a row. He equaled Rafael Nadal's 27 ATP Masters titles.

Victoria Azarenka of Belarus defeated top seed Serena Williams 6-4, 6-4 to win the women's singles titles. She lifted her second BNP Paribas Open title and her 19th singles title.

News 18 – Nico Rosberg won 2016 Australian Grand Prix.



Nico Rosberg of Germany (Mercedes) won the 2016 Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix at Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit at Albert Park, Melbourne, Australia. It was his 15th Formula One victory and fourth in succession after he had won the final three races of last season.

Lewis Hamilton came second in the race while Sebastian Vettel came third.

News 19 – India to host 2017 FIFA Under-17 World Cup.



The Union Cabinet approved the hosting of FIFA(Federation International de Football Association) Under-17 World Cup to be held in India in 2017, in the month of September–October 2017. The total estimated cost will be within Rs 95 Crores.

The venues chosen are:

- JLN Stadium, New Delhi;
- D.Y. Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai;

- JLN Stadium, Kochi;
- Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata;
- JLN Stadium, Fatorda Goa and
- I.G. Stadium Guwahati.