

# ISSF WC: India wins three more gold, total medal tally goes to 14

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**New Delhi, Mar 22 :** India won three more gold medals on Monday at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun stage at New Delhi's Dr Karni Singh Shooting range, to extend their lead at the top of the medal tally with six gold, four silver and four bronze. The hosts won five medals in all on Monday to take their tally to 14. They began competition day four by winning the 10M Air Rifle Mixed Team event, followed by the 10M Air Pistol Mixed Team competition, before the Skeet Men's team struck gold in the last final of the day. India also won Silver in the Women's Skeet Team competition as well as a bronze in the 10M Air Pistol Mixed Team event. The first final of the day pitted



India's former world number one pairing of Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Singh Panwar against Hungary's Champion Rifle shooter Istvan Peni and Denes Eszter, who is ranked nine in the world and won the bronze in the individual Women's 10M Air Rifle in this very

World Cup.

As expected, it was a closely fought encounter, with both pairs tied 10-10 at one stage, before Elavenil and Divyansh broke away with some world-class Shooting, to get a 16-10 result in their favour. Earlier, the USA had won bronze, beat-

ing Poland 17-15 in the Bronze Medal match. In the day's second final, India's young pistol aces Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary began tentatively, but eventually found their groove to put it across Iran's Golnoush Sebhaghtollahi and Javad Foroughi 16-12, in the 10M Air Pistol Mixed Team competition. Foroughi had earlier won the individual gold in Men's 10M Air Pistol on Saturday. The bronze medal in the event also went to India, when Yashaswini Deswal and Abhishek Verma beat the Turkish pair of Seval Tarhan and Ismail Keles 17-13 in the Bronze Medal match. India's third gold of the day came in the last of the four finals when the Men's Skeet Team comprising of Mairaj Ahmad Khan, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa, and Gurjoat Khangura

beat a top-notch Qatar squad 6-2 in the Gold Medal match. The silver-winning Qatar team had Nasser Al-Attiya (Olympic bronze medallist), Rashid Hamad, who won the Men's Skeet bronze at the Cairo Shotgun World Cup last month, and Ali Ahmed Al-Ishaq, currently ranked 45 in the world. The only other gold medal on offer on the day was won by Kazakhstan in the Women's Skeet team competition when they overcame a spirited young Indian team 6-4 in the Gold Medal match. Ganemat Sekhon, who became the first Indian woman to win an individual ISSF World Cup medal in Skeet on Sunday, when she won bronze in the Women's Skeet competition on Sunday, followed that up with silver along with teammates Parinaaz Dhalwal and Kartiki Singh Shekhawat.

## Five Indian wrestlers selected for Asian Olympic qualifiers

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**Lucknow, Mar 22 :** Five Indian wrestlers, including Haryana's Sonam Malik, will compete at the Asian Olympic Qualifying Event and 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship to be held in Kazakhstan from April 9 to 18. Apart from Sonam, the other four wrestlers to make the cut are Seema (50Kg), Anshu Malik (57Kg), Nisha (68Kg) and Pooja (76Kg). They were selected in a selection trial that was held in five Olympic weight categories at STC here on Monday. The 18-year-old Sonam notched up her fourth straight win over Rio Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik with a 8-7 triumph in the trials.

"The selection trials in remaining 4 weight categories for Asian Championship will held on 27th March 2021," said Vinod Tomar, assistant secretary, Wrestling Federation of India (WFI). Earlier, National champion Sandeep Singh Mann (74kg), Satyawart Kadiyan (97Kg) and Sumit Malik (125kg) won the trials conducted at IG Stadium on March 16 to make it to the Indian wrestling team for the upcoming Asian Olympic Qualifiers. In the Greco Roman style, Gyanender (60kg), Ashu (67kg), Gurpreet Singh (77kg), Sunil Kumar (87kg), Ravi (97kg) and Naveen (130kg) had won the trials in their respective categories to also get selected for the event.

## 'Trimurti Balidan Yaadgar T20 Cricket Cup' Renewed approach needed to engage youth in sports: Abrol

Play abandoned due to heavy downpour, rescheduled to reserve days

Earth News Service

**Jammu, Mar 22 :** Former member of The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and ex Ranji player Ankush Abrol Monday impressed on greater participation of the youth in sports and laid emphasis on renewed approach to achieve this goal. He was speaking at the inauguration of a cricket match on 2nd day of the ongoing 'Trimurti Balidan Yaadgar T20 Cricket Cup', being organised by National Secular Forum (NSF) at GGM Science College Hostel ground, here. Abrol, who was the chief guest on the occasion, complimented National Secular Forum (NSF) for its efforts in organising the Cricket tournament and to provide platform to the youngsters to nurture their



talent. On Day 2 of the tournament, a match between Press Club XI vs NSF Cricket Club got delayed due to rain. Press Club XI led by Naveen Kaul

decided to bat first after winning the toss and posted 116/8 on the board after match was reduced to 16 overs a side. Sumit (28) & Jugal (27) remained the top scorers for Press Club

XI while Rupesh also chipped in with 12 runs. For NSF CC, Arif (3 wickets) remained pick of the bowlers, Vikarn took 2 wickets while Praful & Salman shared wicket apiece. In reply, NSF CC were at 11/2 in 2 overs when umpired decided to abandon the play due to heavy downpour. However, the umpires in consultation with all the stakeholders decided to call off remaining matches of the day. The matches will be played afresh on reserve days. The guest of honour, Dr Vikas Sharma lauded the efforts and determination showed by both the teams during the contest and wished them best of luck for future games. He also congratulated the organising team for providing adequate arrangements during the matches.

## Umpire's call creating lot of confusion, if ball is hitting stumps it should be out: Kohli

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**Pune, Mar 22 :** India skipper Virat Kohli on Monday criticised the fiercely-debated umpire's call in the Decision Review System, saying it is creating a lot of confusion and LBW dismissals should be based solely on whether the ball is hitting the stumps, even if marginally. As per the existing rule, at least 50 per cent of the ball should be hitting at least one of the three stumps for the batsman to be adjudged LBW on review in case an umpire's call has been challenged. "I played for a long time when there was no DRS. Right. If the umpire made a decision, whether the batsman liked it or not, it stayed like that. Vice versa the umpire gave it not out and it was out, it stayed like that, whether it



was marginal or not," said Kohli ahead of the first ODI of a three-match series against England here on Tuesday. "According to me, umpire's call right now is creating a lot of confusion. When you get bowled as a batsman, you don't expect the ball to hit more than 50 per cent into the stumps to consider yourself bowled.

"So from basic cricket common-sense, I don't think that there should be any debate on that. If the ball is clipping the stumps, that should be out whether you like it or not, you lose the review." Kohli, who was critical of the on-field soft signals following Suryakumar Yadav's dismissal during the T20 series against England, said the game has to be kept simple. "That's how simple the game has to be if it hits the stumps, or it misses the stumps. It doesn't matter how much it's hitting, and those kinds of things, because it's creating a lot of confusion. "...and you know the one more factor that needs to be considered is that, you know, how the fielding team responds to a dismissal that is claimed is also somewhere, defining soft signals as well," he said.

## Leicester City beat Manchester United 3-1 in FA Cup

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**London, Mar 22 :** Kelechi Iheanacho's double fired Leicester City to a 3-1 win over Manchester United and a first FA Cup semi-final in 39 years. The in-form striker now has nine goals in his last nine games and booked a last four showdown with Southampton at Wembley next month. Youri Tielemans also netted on Sunday to put the Foxes - four-time runners-up - a game away from their first FA Cup final since 1969, DPA news reports. Mason Greenwood did haul United level in the first half - after Fred's mistake presented Iheanacho with the opener. It was just Leicester's

second win over United in 23 years but a deserved one as they outplayed and outfought the visitors. "It feels great, the whole team are happy," Iheanacho told the BBC. "We worked really well in training to get ready for this game, tactically worked really well in training I think we were fitter than them in the game, that helped us. We passed the ball really well," he further said. The Europa League is now United's only realistic chance of a trophy this season with Manchester City unlikely to be caught in the Premier League. "We didn't have the spark tonight - but it's understandable," said United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer,

whose side won 1-0 at AC Milan to progress in the Europa League on Thursday. "This team have been fantastic in the last three or four months. We played every three days and been on a great run. It just caught up with us, all the games and travels." Fred set the tone for his own erratic display early when he lost the ball to allow Iheanacho and Ayoze Perez to break, Jamie Vardy's initial cross was blocked but returned to the striker and Dean Henderson parried his low effort. Vardy wasted a fine opening soon after but Leicester were sharper than United and were gifted the lead by Fred after 24 minutes.

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