The week from 02 October 2023 to 08 October 2023

India finished with a record haul of 107 medals at the Hangzhou Asian Games including 28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze medals. Previously, India's highest tally was 70 medals in 2018. Indian athletes won 29 medals, while the shooters won 7 golds, breaking 4 world records along the way.

Archers Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Ojas Deotale both won 3 gold medals at the Asian Games, the most for India, at the Hangzhou Games. The all-time record for India is still held by legendary sprint queen PT Usha who won 4 golds at the 1986 Seoul Asian Games.

The Indian men's hockey team qualified for the 2024 Olympics by winning gold at the Asian games. Neeraj Chopra, our Olympic gold medallist, won the Javelin Throw. In the men's decathlon, Tejaswin Shankar won silver with 7666 points to reset a 12-year-old national record.

Sanjana Bathula, aged 15 years and 3 months, became the youngest Indian to win a medal at the Asian Games after she won bronze in the women's speed skating 3000m relay event, while Jaggy Shivdasani, aged 65 years and 7 months, became the oldest Indian to win an Asian Games medal as part of the men's bridge team that won the silver medal in Hangzhou.

The Palestinian militant organization Hamas launched multiple attacks on Israel from its stronghold in the Gaza Strip. Hundreds of Israelis were killed, and dozens abducted. In retaliation Israel launched Operation Iron Swords and imposed a siege on the Gaza Strip.

The gradual melting of a Himalayan glacier in Sikkim has caused the South Lhonak Lake, situated at an altitude of 5,200m, to overflow, causing dozens of deaths and widespread devastation. The Chungthang dam, a concrete-rock structure, was breached by the sheer speed and volume of water that flowed out of the lake.

Arunachal Pradesh's 'Yak Churpi' has received the GI Tag. This naturally fermented cheese prepared from the milk of the Arunachali yak is slightly sour and salty. It is rich in protein, and an important dietary source in Arunachal Pradesh.

India began its 2023 LOI World Cup campaign with a win over arch-rivals Australia. After restricting Australia to a sub-par 199, India lost both openers and Shreyas Iyer – all for ducks – leaving them 3 down for 2 runs! However, former skipper Kohli and KL Rahul then notched up 165, which took India to the doorstep of victory.

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