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A polo player in a red shirt and yellow helmet is riding a brown horse during a match. The player is leaning forward, holding a mallet. The horse is in motion, galloping across a green field. The background is a blurred green landscape with a white fence.

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INDIAN POLO SEASON



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ONE of the highly anticipated tournaments was held in Cowdray Park, spanning for about two dozen days and featuring three of the most dominant teams, each filled with star players. Let's have a closer look at the matches showcased during this event:



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MATCH 1 **White Crane Black vs Standing Rock**

DATE: 22 JULY

The tournament went underway with a fascinating matchup between White Crane Black and Standing Rock. The game got pretty one-sided real quick as White Crane Black picked up pace and scored consecutive goals to win the opening game.

Winners:
WHITE CRANE BLACK (9-5)

Participating Teams

WHITE CRANE BLACK

Jasmine Calvert-Ansari 0

James Beim 6

Mackenzie Weisz 6

Felipe Dabas 6

STANDING ROCK

Pierandrea Mueller 3

Tom Brodie 5

Ricardo Garros 5

Jack Hyde 5

VALHALLA

Emma MacRae 0

Will Harper 4

Jack Richardson 6

Tomas Beresford 8

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MATCH 2

Valhalla vs Standing Rock

DATE: 26 JULY

The second game between Valhalla and Standing Rock was a dominating display of a barrage of goals being scored by Valhalla that the opponents were unable to stop, resulting in their crushing defeat

Winners: VALHALLA (13-2)



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FINALS

Valhalla vs White Crane Black

DATE: 4 AUGUST

The final of the tournament was a redemption match between Valhalla and White Crane Black. Looking to redeem themselves, Valhalla improvised their gameplay and were able to guard their side pretty well, nostalgically reversing the exact same scores in the previous game.

Winners: RAJNIGANDHA ACHIEVERS (7-5)

MATCH 3

White Crane Black vs Valhalla

DATE: 31 JULY

The third game to decide the second finalist was played between White Crane Black and Valhalla. The former team secured their position by executing their strategies to be flawlessly executed on the field, riding their horses valiantly to strike goal after goal to get their tickets to the finals.

Winners: WHITE CRANE BLACK (9-5)

Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
22 July 2024	League	White Crane Black	9	Standing Rock	5
26 July 2024	League	Valhalla	13	Standing Rock	2
31 July 2024	League	White Crane Black	9	Valhalla	5
4 August 2024	Final	Valhalla	9	White Crane Black	5



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THIS WEEK

1

WADIYAR POLO CUP

Date: 6 - 11 August
Location: ASC Centre and
College, Bangalore
GOAL LEVEL: 2



2

REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S CUP

Date: 8 July - 12 Aug
Location: NYC Polo Club,
USA
GOAL LEVEL: 4-8



Image Credit: National Polo Center

UPCOMING WEEK



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1 INTERNATIONAL POLO CUP

Date: 2 - 11 August
Location: Polo Club Saint
Tropez, France
GOAL LEVEL: 10

2 TALACREST PRINCE OF WALES'S CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Date: 29 July - 11 August
Location: Guards Polo Club, UK
GOAL LEVEL: 19-20



Image Credit: Talacrest

3 COPA DE PLATA (HIGH GOAL)

Date: 31 July - 17 August
Location: Ayala Polo Club,
Sotogrande, Spain
GOAL LEVEL: 20 - 22



Image Credit: Andalucia

EQUESTRIAN EXCELLENCE AT OLYMPICS 2024

Image Credit: Olympics



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SET against the backdrop of the Palace of Versailles, the 2024 Olympic Games offered an exhilarating exhibition of equestrian sports. An amalgamation of artistry and athleticism, the Games highlighted

the perseverance and precision that permeate equestrian sports. Equestrian events are distinctive in their diversity in that they include both male and female players, reflecting the sport's egalitarian ethos.

EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE

Referred to as "Horse Ballet", Equestrian Dressage is a display of discipline and deftness.

In this sport, the horse rider stirs the horse through a series of pre-planned, predetermined movements known as "tests" that are considered for their cohesion and clarity between the horse and the rider.

For the 2024 Olympics, equestrian dressage was held at the charming Château de Versailles, offering a stunning backdrop that mirrors the sport's elegance. The competition featured the best dressage riders and horses from around the world.

Games	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Individual	Jessica von Bredow-Werndl (Germany)	Isabell Werth (Germany)	Charlotte Fry (Great Britain)
Team	GERMANY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Frederic Wandres on Bluetooth Old ● Isabell Werth on Wendy ● Jessica von Bredow-Werndl on TSF Dalera BB 	DENMARK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daniel Bachmann Andersen on Vayron ● Nanna Merrald Rasmussen on Zepter ● Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour on Freestyle 	GREAT BRITAIN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Becky Moody on Jagerbomb ● Carl Hester on Fame ● Charlotte Fry on Glamourdale

EQUESTRIAN EVENTING

“Eventing is not just about competing; it’s about the partnership with your horse. It’s a test of trust, skill, and endurance for both the horse and the rider,” Zara Tindall, Princess Anne of Britain, once commented. Eventing is often described as an equestrian triathlon, offering the trio of dressage, cross-country, and show jumping into a single, strenuous competition. This discipline tests the versatility and vibrancy of both the horse and the rider. The competition is spread over three days, with each phase posing its challenges.

The cross-country phase is particularly thrilling, with the horse and the rider navigating natural and man-made obstacles, showcasing stamina and courage. The eventing competition at the Paris Olympics will be staged in the beautiful surroundings of the Palace of Versailles gardens, adding an element of grandeur to the graceful sport.



Image Credit: Reuters

<i>Games</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
Individual	Michael Jung on Chipmunk Frh (Germany)	Christopher Burton on Shadow Man (Australia)	Laura Collett on London 52 (Great Britain)
Team	GREAT BRITAIN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosalind Canter on Lordships Graffalo Tom McEwen on JD Dublin Laura Collett on London 52 	FRANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicolas Touzaint on Diabolo Menthe Karim Laghouagou Triton Fontaine Stéphane Landois on Chaman Dumontceau 	JAPAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toshiyuki Tanaka on Jefferson Kazuma Tomoto on Vinci De La Vigne Yoshiaki Oiwa on Mgh Grafton Street Ryuzo Kitajima on Cekatinka



Image Credit: WTOP

EQUESTRIAN JUMPING

Show jumping is perhaps the most universally recognised equestrian discipline, known for the excitement and energy it evokes. Riders ride their horses over a course of obstacles within a set time. There are penalties for knocking down the rails and refusals. The event requires impeccable artistic capacity, athleticism, and a strong partnership between the horse and the rider.

The jumping events at the 2024 Olympics will take place at the Stade de France, providing a grand arena for competitors to showcase their skills. Both individual and team medals are up for grabs, with riders from various nations competing for glory.

INDIA'S MEDAL TALLY		
India had only one representation at the equestrian events and bagged no medals for that. As of 5 August, India won three Bronze medals.		
MANU BHAKER	Shooting	Women's 10-meter air pistol
SARABJOT SINGH	Shooting	Mixed 10-meter air pistol team
SWAPNIL KUSALE	Shooting	Men's 50-meter Rifle three positions

Games	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Individual			
Team	<p>GREAT BRITAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ben Maher on Dallas Vegas Botilly ● Harry Charles on Romeo 88 ● Scott Brash on Jefferson 	<p>UNITED STATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Kraut on Baloutinue ● Karl Cook on Caracole de la Roque ● McLain Ward on Ilex 	<p>FRANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Simon Delestre on LAlemusina R 51 ● Olivier Perreau on Dorai D'Aiguilly ● Julien Epailard on Dubai du Cèdre



Holistic Homage to AUM

Artist Neeta Kumar's latest work resonates with Indian spirituality.

NEETA Kumar, founder of Inhabit Design Studio, has embarked on an exciting expedition of creative expression. Combining culture with craft, Kumar says: "There is so much inspiration to be taken from India and Indians" Her latest creation, 'The Third Eye' sculpture, is one such example. Unveiled on 2 August 2024, at the Inhabit Store, MG Road, New Delhi, this work cel-

brates AUM, the sacred syllable.

"I have always been captivated by the beauty and depth of the AUM symbol. 'The Third Eye' sculpture is my attempt to bring this profound concept into a tangible form, creating a bridge between the physical and the spiritual. It is a celebration of the universal connection that binds us all," says Kumar.

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The AUM symbol, or OM, represents the Universe. According to Hindu legend, at the dawn of cosmic creation, from emptiness emerged a syllable composed of three letters—AUM, often written as Om. The three letters, A-U-M represent the three aspects of God: Brahma (the creator), Vishnu (the preserver), and Shiva (the destroyer). The syllable is often found at the beginning and the end of chapters in the Vedas, the Upanishads, and other Hindu scriptures. These three sounds represent several important triads: the three worlds of earth, atmosphere, and heaven; thought, speech, and action; the three qualities (gunas) of matter (goodness, passion, and darkness); and the three sacred Vedic scriptures (Rigveda, Yajurveda, and Samaveda).

In 'The Third Eye' sculpture, Kumar imbibes Hindu concepts, connecting the root

chakra (A), the heart chakra (U), and the third eye (M). The silence at the end represents the crown chakra—linking us to Universal Cosmic Consciousness.

Kumar's expedition into the eternal is a testament to her dedication to holistic harmony. Through 'The Third Eye', she invites us to





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explore the cosmic connections that bind us all. As we stand before the sculpture, we are reminded of the profound power of art, which transcends the ordinary and connects us to the divine.

Besides this creation, Neeta's creation at her

bespoke store is truly out of the ordinary as it embraces uniqueness and a quaint eye for detailing. Amongst others, her equine-inspired furniture is truly a work of art as she seamlessly blends equine and polo elements in chairs, dinner tables, leather couches and more.



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