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April 2020 – Important Sports Current Affairs

China to host the 3rd edition of the Asian Youth Games

- China is to host the third edition of the Asian Youth Games (AYG) in Shantou in November 2021.
- The announcement was made by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) on 1 April 2020.
- The third edition was supposed to be held in 2017. But was postponed to 2021 by OCA.

PT POINTERS:

Olympic Council of Asia:

- Formed on: 16 November 1982
- Headquarters: Kuwait City, Kuwait
- President: Ahmed Al-Fahad Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah
- Membership: 45 National Olympic Committees
- Official language: English
- OCA is the apex body that governs sports in Asia. **Asian Youth Games:**
- AYG is held every 4 years among athletes from across Asia. The games are organized by the OCA. The first edition of the games was held in 2009 in Singapore. The second edition was held in 2013 in Nanjing, China. **China**

(Capital/Currency):

Beijing/Renminbi

- President: Xi Jinping

Official mascots of 19th Asian Games unveiled in Hangzhou China

- The official mascots of the 19th Asian Games released at a digital launch ceremony in Hangzhou, China.
- The three robots, which are going to be the mascots for the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, are collectively known as the smart triplets.
- The Mascots - Congcong, Lianlian, and Chenchen, which reflect the internet prowess of Hangzhou city and Zhejiang province, were unveiled at a digital ceremony in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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UEFA postpones all the international matches

- UEFA has postponed all the international matches that had been pushed back to June to further notice.
- The decision was made after Europe's 55 member federations discussions on how to adapt the fixture calendar in the face of the ongoing coronavirus crisis.

UEFA's announcement:

- The postponed matches include the play-off matches for UEFA Euro 2020 and qualifying matches for UEFA Women's Euro 2021.
- It has also postponed all the UEFA competition matches, including the centralized international friendly matches.

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- The matches will be held when the countries return to normality. Friendly matches that were postponed include England's matches in Austria, Champions League final, Europa League final.

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Union of European Football Associations (UEFA):

- Formed on: 15 June 1954
- Founded at: Basel, Switzerland
- Headquarters: Nyon, Switzerland
- President: Aleksander Čeferin
- First vice-president: Karl-Erik Nilsson
- Membership: 55 full member associations

IOC sets new deadline for the qualification period of Tokyo Olympics

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that 29 June 2021 has been set as the new deadline for the qualification period of the Tokyo Olympics.
- The decision was made after discussion with the National Olympic Committee (NOC) Presidents, Secretary Generals and Chef de Missions, IOC Director of Solidarity and NOC relations.
- Tokyo Olympics was rescheduled to be held in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The revised sport entries deadline has now been set for 5 July 2021.
- The committee also announced that the revision of the qualifications systems will be

finalized soon to give certainty to athletes and NOCs.

PT POINTERS:

International Olympic Committee:

□Type: Sports Federation

- Formed on: 23 June 1894
- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- Honorary President: Jacques Rogge
- President: Germany Thomas Bach

FIFA Under-17 Women World Cup scheduled in November postponed

- FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup was scheduled to be played in India between November 2nd and 21st postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.
- The FIFA-Confederations working group decided in its first meeting held yesterday.
- The working group postponed FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup which was scheduled between August and September in Panama and Costa Rica.
- The working group has been recently established by the FIFA Council to address the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Under-17 Women's World Cup was scheduled to be played in India across five host cities - Navi Mumbai, Guwahati, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, and Bhubaneswar.

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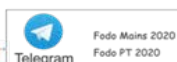
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Hockey India donates additional 75 lakh rupees towards PM-CARES Fund

- Hockey India donated an additional Rs 75 lakhs towards the PM-CARES Fund to take its total contribution to Rs 1 crore to tackle worsening COVID-19 pandemic in the country.
- Hockey India earlier donated Rs 25 lakhs towards the cause in April. Hockey India secretary general Rajinder Singh agreed with Mushtaq's views.
- Hockey India has always believed in helping those in need, and I am proud the Executive Board took this unanimous decision to contribute a total of Rs 1.00 crore towards the PM Cares Fund.
- The millions of Indian lives affected because of this pandemic, it was important for us to step up, keeping in mind the interest of the nation.
- All sportspersons of the country with ace golfer Anirban Lahiri being the latest to donate a sum of Rs 7 lakhs

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Hockey India: Hockey India is now the governing body with exclusive mandate to direct and conduct all activities for both men and women's hockey in India. It is recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India as the sole body responsible towards promoting Hockey in India.

- President: Mr. Md. Mustaque Ahmad
- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Founded: 20 May 2009
- Chairperson: Mr. Jaideep yadav
- Sport: Field hockey
- Coach: Sarthak bansal

Kobe Bryant inducted into Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

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The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is an American history museum and hall of fame, located at 1000 Hall of Fame Avenue in Springfield, Massachusetts. It serves as basketball's most complete library, in addition to

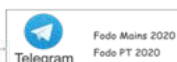
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promoting and preserving the history of basketball.

- Founded: 1959
- President: John Doleva

Thailand & Malaysia weightlifters banned from Tokyo Olympics 2020

- The Independent Member Federation Sanctions Panel (IMFSP) of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has banned the Malaysia & Thailand weightlifters from competing in Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- IMSP has imposed the disciplinary sanctions on both the countries from participating in weightlifting events at the Tokyo Olympics for doping violations.
- Due to the doping violations, the membership status of Thai Amateur Weightlifting Association (TAWA) has been suspended for a period of three years through to 1 April 2023 while Malaysian Weightlifting Federation (MWF) is suspended from all IWF activities for a period 12 months through to 1 April 2021.

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Malaysia (Capital/Currency): Kuala Lumpur/ Malaysian ringgit

Thailand (Capital/Currency): Bangkok/ Thai baht

- Prime Minister: Prayut Chan-o-cha

Ben Stokes named Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World 2020

- England's all-rounder Ben Stokes has been named as the leading cricketer in the world 2020 by Wisden.

- Andrew Flintoff was the last English player to win the award in 2005.

- Ben Stokes was the hero of the Cricket World Cup 2019 final as he guided England to their maiden triumph in the 50-over showpiece tournament at Lord's on July 14.

- In Women's category, Australia's Ellyse Perry has been named the Wisden's Leading Female Cricketer in the World.

- Perry scored the highest runs and took the most wickets as Australia successfully retained their Women's Ashes title against England last year.

- The other Five Cricketers of the Year by Wisden's are Jofra Archer (England), Pat Cummins (Australia), Simon Harmer (South Africa), Marnus Labuschagne (Australia) and Ellyse Perry (Australia- female).

FIFA's ranking 2020: Indian football team stats at 108th position; Belgium on top

- According to the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association)/Coca-Cola World Ranking 2020, released on April 09, 2020, Indian football team retained its 108th position with 1187 points.

- While Belgium ranked first and world champion France is in 2nd place and Brazil is at 3rd spot.

Top three countries:

1. Belgium
2. France
3. Brazil

Highlights:

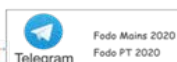
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- India ranks 108th
- In the wake of the coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic, qualifier tournaments have been postponed for the FIFA World Cup and other major games at the international level.
- Not only this, due to Corona, the Olympic football tournament, CONMEBOL (South American Football Confederation) Copa America and UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) EURO also had to cancel famous events.

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India to host Asian Boxing Championships 2020 in Nov-Dec

- According to the Boxing Federation of India's (BFI) Executive Director R K Sacheti, India will host the Women's and Men's Asian Boxing Championships

2020 in November-December as he expressed confidence that by then the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic would have been completely under control. However, the host city will be decided by BFI after things return to normal.

- India last hosted the Men's Asian Championship in Mumbai, Maharashtra in the year 1980, while the Women's Championship was hosted in 2003 in Hisar, Haryana.
- This competition is usually held once in two years but in the past it has also been held in consecutive years.

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BFI: Indian Boxing Federation is the Indian national governing body for Olympic boxing and is the India's member organization of the International Amateur Boxing Association. It is headquartered in New Delhi. Indian Boxing Federation is also known as all India boxing association.

- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Head: Ajay Singh

Charles Leclerc wins Chinese Virtual Grand Prix

- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc wins the Formula One Esports Chinese Virtual Grand Prix championship.
- Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the actual F1 races are not being held. In its place, Formula 1 has announced new F1 Esports Virtual Grand Prix series.
- The virtual races will run instead of each delayed Grand Prix.

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- The Virtual Grand Prix series to use the official F1 2019 PC video game, developed by Codemasters.

BWF selects Sindhu as ambassador for 'i am badminton' campaign

- World Badminton Champion, P V Sindhu has been selected as one of the ambassadors for Badminton World

Federation (BWF)'s "I am badminton" awareness campaign.

- The campaign gives a platform for those players, who express their love and respect for badminton by advocating and committing to clean and honest play.
- Other ambassadors of the "I am badminton" awareness campaign: the Chinese duo of Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Qiong, Canada's Michelle Li, England's Jack Shephard, Hong Kong's Chan Ho Yuen.

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BWF: The Badminton World Federation is the international governing body for the sport of badminton recognised by the International Olympic Committee. Founded in 1934 as the International Badminton Federation with nine member nations, the BWF has since expanded to 176 member nations around the world.

- Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Founded: 5 July 1934
- President: Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen
- Type of business: Sports governing body

World Games unveil new logo for 2022 edition

- The 11th edition of World Games which is to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, US (United States) has unveiled an updated logo and title after being delayed a year because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

- The World Games was initially scheduled for July 2021, but it will now be held from July 7 to 17, 2022.

- The World Games 2021 Birmingham has been renamed to World Games 2022 Birmingham.

- The first event of World Games was held in 1981 in Santa Clara, California, United States (US).

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USA (Capital/Currency): Washington, D.C./ United States Dollar

- President: Donald Trump
- Official languages: English

Iran's Alireza Firouzja beats Magnus Carlsen in Banter Blitz Cup final

- 16-year-old Iranian refugee, Alireza Firouzja beats World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen in the final of the Banter Blitz Cup 2020 and to claim the \$14,000 prize.

- Firouzja, an Iranian now living in Paris, is the second-youngest player to reach a rating of 2700 from Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE), the body that governs international chess competition. □ He is ranked 21st in the world.

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Iran (Capital/Currency): Tehran/Iranian rial

- President: Hassan Rouhani

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Pakistan Women's National Cricket Team:

- One of the eight teams participating in the ICC Women's Championship.
- Captain: Bismah Maroof
- Coach: Iqbal Imam
- Founded: 1997

Olympic silver medallist Mathias Boe announces retirement from international badminton

- Mathias Boe, 39 years old, badminton doubles player from Denmark announced retirement from international badminton.
- He won silver medallist at the 2012 London Olympics and 2013 World Championships.
- Boe planned to retire after either the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Thomas Cup in May or the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, both of which have been postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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- Membership: 194 member associations
- Formation: 1934

- Type of business: Sports governing body

PCB bans Umar Akmal over corruption charges

- The Pakistan Cricket Board has banned Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal from all forms of cricket for a period of three years.
- The Pakistani batsman has been charged with two breaches of anti-corruption codes of Pakistan Cricket Board after he failed to report details of corrupt approaches made to him ahead of 2020 PSL.
- The Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal has been charged under Article 2.4.4, which deals with a failure of participant to disclose to the PCB Vigilance and Security Department (without unnecessary delay) full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in Corrupt Conduct under this Anti-CORRUPTION CODE

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PCB: The Pakistan Cricket Board - PCB controls and organises all tours and matches undertaken by the Pakistan National Cricket Team.

- Chairperson: Ehsan Mani
- Women's coach: Iqbal Imam
- Men's coach: Misbah-ul-Haq
- Headquarters location: Lahore, Pakistan
- Director: Wasim Khan
- Sport: Cricket

Jhuma Khatun banned for 4 years for failing dope test

- Indian middle-distance runner, Jhuma Khatun was banned

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for 4 years for using banned substances (Steroids) by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for the doping case from 2018.

- The sample from Jhuma Khatun collected during the National Inter-State Championships in June 2018 in Guwahati meet.

- In National Inter-State Championships, Guwahati, she won a bronze each in 1500 m and 5000 m, tested negative for the presence of substances by the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).

- The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) then decided to test the sample of Khatun at its Montreal Laboratory in Canada and it returned positive for dehydrochloromethyl testosterone.

India loses hosting rights of men's World Boxing Championships 2021

- India lost the hosting rights of the men's World boxing championship 2021 to Serbia.

- International Boxing Association (AIBA) has terminated

- President: Gafur Rakhimov

- Founded: 1946

- Main organ: Congress

- Type of business: Sports governing body

Deepak Agarwal banned by ICC from all cricket for 2 years

- Deepak Agarwal has been banned by the International Cricket Council (ICC) from all cricket for a period of 2 years.

- He has been banned by the ICC after he accepted one charge of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. □ Deepak will be free to

the agreement signed in 2017 by India.

- India will also have to pay the cancellation fee penalty of USD 500.

- The elite competition, which would have happened for the first time in India, will now be held in the Serbian city of Belgrade.

- President of Serbian Boxing Federation, Nenad Borovcanin welcomed the Championships back to Belgrade after 43 years.

- According to AIBA Interim President Mohamed Moustahsane, Serbia has everything to organize a great event for athletes, coaches.

PT POINTERS:

AIBA: The International Boxing Association or AIBA, originally the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur, is a sport organization that sanctions amateur boxing matches and awards world and subordinate championships.

- Headquarters location: Lausanne, Switzerland

continue his involvement in cricket from 27 October 2021.

- Deepak Agarwal was one of the team owners of the Sindhi's franchise in the 2018 T10 Cricket League.

- He has been charged by ICC under the Article 2.4.7 which states "obstructing or delaying an investigation, including concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to that investigation and or that may be evidence of or may lead to the discovery of evidence of corrupt

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- Chairperson: Shashank Manohar
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- CEO: Manu Sawhney
- Founded: 15 June 1909
- Motto: Cricket for good.

May 2020 – Important Sports Current Affairs

FIFA launches #WeWillWin campaign to pay tribute to health workers

- Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) has launched a campaign called “#WeWillWin”.
- Through this campaign FIFA tribute a special video to health workers and other professionals who ensure the society continues to function among COVID-19 pandemic.
- Former India football captain Bhaichung Bhutia who is also featured among 50 past and present football stars.

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India lost top spot in the ICC Test rankings to Australia

- India lost the top spot in the ICC Test rankings to Australia on 1 May. It lost the rank because of the 2016-17 record was eliminated from the annual update as per rules.

Highlights:

- India dropped in the ladder largely because the record of 12 Tests victories and just one Test defeat in 2016-17 was removed in the latest chart.
- Australia, the top-ranking country, now has 116 points. It is followed by New Zealand with 115 points and India with 114 points.
- India yielded the top spot in Test rankings for the first time since October 2016. It continues to lead the ICC World Test Championship.

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- Australia restricts the use of saliva & sweat to shine ball under COVID-19 guidelines. Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in consultation with doctors has come up with guidelines, restricting the utilization of saliva and sweat to shine the ball.
- There is speculation that the utilization of saliva to shine the ball are going to be stopped to cut down the danger of the highly contagious infection with reports suggesting that the ICC is considering the likelihood of allowing the utilization of artificial substances to shine their ball under the supervision of umpires.

PT POINTERS:

Australia (Capital/Currency): Canberra/
Australian Dollar

- Prime Minister: Scott Morrison

Former World Snooker champion Peter Ebdon announces retirement

- Former World Snooker Champion Peter Ebdon has announced his retirement from professional snooker.
- He has announced his retirement after suffering from various neck and back injuries.
- Peter Ebdon was the winner of 2002 World Snooker championship when he defeated Stephen Hendry in an 18-17 final thriller.
- He also ended as a runner up in the championship for the record two times in his professional career of 29 years.
- He also won the UK Championship in 2006.

New Zealand Cricket announces ANZ Cricket Awards

- New Zealand Cricket has announced the Annual New Zealand Cricket Awards.

- The ANZ Cricket Awards were presented for the first time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- New Zealand captain Kane Williamson has been named as the men's ODI Player of the Year.

Here is the complete list of Annual New Zealand Cricket Award winners:

- ANZ International Women's ODI Player of the Year: Suzie Bates
- ANZ International Men's ODI Player of the Year: Kane Williamson
- ANZ International Women's T20 Player of the Year: Sophie Devine
- ANZ International Men's T20 Player of the Year: Ross Taylor

Discus thrower Sandeep Kumari gets 4-year ban for dope flunk

- Discus thrower Sandeep Kumari has been banned for 4 years by WADA's Athletics Integrity Unit for flunking a dope test.
- The sample was deemed clean by the NDTL officials during the National Inter-State Championships in June 2018 in Guwahati.
- The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) then decided to test the sample of Kumari at its Montreal Laboratory in Canada.
- Her four-year ban, announced by WADA will begin from June 26, 2018 — the date of her sample collection.

Kumari's results from June 26, 2018 to November 21, 2018 will now be annulled.

FINA postpones 2021 world championships to May 2022

- Swimming world governing body, Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) rescheduled the 2021 Fukuoka aquatics world championships to May 2022 to avoid a clash with the postponed Tokyo Olympics.

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- The new dates for the aquatics world championship in the Japanese city are May 13-29, 2022.
- FINA had to move the championships because the 2021 slot of Jul 16 to Aug 1 clashed with the new date for the Tokyo Games, which were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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FINA

- President: Julio C. Maglione
- Founded: July 29, 1908
- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland

Egypt tennis player Youssef Hossam banned for life on match-fixing charges

- Egyptian professional tennis player Youssef Hossam has been banned from professional tennis for life for match-fixing, as per the official notification by the Tennis Integrity Unit on 4 May 2020.
- The 21-year-old Youssef Hassam was already provisionally suspended since May 2019, and now has been banned for life following his conviction on multiple match-fixing and associated corruption charges.
- Hossam has been found guilty of 21 breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program from 2015 to 2019.

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Egypt (Capital/Currency): Cairo/
Egyptian pound

- President: Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

Kumar Sangakkara set for 2nd term as MCC President

- Former Sri Lanka skipper Kumar Sangakkara is set to serve his second term as the president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
- He became the first non-British President of the club when he assumed office on October 1 last year.

- Sangakkara is all set to enter an elite list of people who have served multiple terms.
- Presidents of MCC traditionally serve only a 12-month term, but during the first and second World War, Lord Hawke (1914-18) and Stanley Christopherson (1939-45) both served for longer periods.

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MCC: Marylebone Cricket Club is a cricket club founded in 1787 and based since 1814 at Lord's Cricket Ground, which it owns, in St John's Wood, London. The club was formerly the governing body of cricket in England, Scotland and Wales, and still holds considerable global influence.

- Ground: Lord's Cricket Ground
- Founded: 1787
- Headquarters location: London, United Kingdom

SAI forms 6-member panel to prepare SOP for phased resumption of training post COVID; Head- Rohit Bharadwaj

- The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has formed a six-membered committee that will prepare Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the phased resumption of training of sports after the lockdown due to COVID19 is lifted.
- The committee is headed by Rohit Bharadwaj. He is a secretary at the Sports Authority of India.

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SAI: The Sports Authority of India is the apex national sports body of India, established in 1984 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Government of India for the development of sport in India. □
Headquarters: Delhi

- Founder: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Founded: 25 January 1984
- Agency executive: Sandip Pradhan Indian Revenue Service,

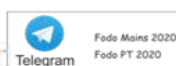
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Sports Secretary-cum-Director General ☐ Annual budget: 481 crores INR (US\$70 million, 2017–2018)

- Parent agencies: Department of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India

FIH extends Narinder Batra term as President till 2021

- International Hockey Federation (FIH) has extended the term of Narinder Batra as President of FIH until May 2021.
- Batra and therefore the Executive Board members which were due to end in October 2020 have now been extended.
- The Executive Board (EB) of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has also decided to postpone the 47th FIH Congress, initially planned on 28 October-1 November 2020 in New Delhi, to May 2021.

PT POINTERS:

FIH: The Fédération Internationale de Hockey, commonly known by the acronym FIH, is the international governing body of field hockey and indoor field hockey. Its headquarters are in Lausanne, Switzerland and the president is Narinder Batra.

- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- President: Narinder Batra
- Founded: 7 January 1924, Paris, France
- CEO: Thierry Weil
- Abbreviation: FIH
- Membership: 137 national associations

Para-athlete Deepa Malik announces retirement, to head India's Paralympic Committee

- Para-athlete Deepa Malik has announced her retirement from Paralympics games to hold her post as

the president of the Paralympic Committee of India.

- As per the National Sports Code, an active athlete cannot hold an official post in any federation.
- She is the first Indian woman to earn a medal at the Paralympic Games and has won 58 national and 23 international medals.

PT POINTERS:

The **Paralympic Committee of India** is the body responsible for selecting athletes to represent India at the Paralympic Games and other international athletic meets and for managing the Indian teams at the events. The organisation was founded in 1992 as the Physically Handicapped Sports Federation of India.

- Founded: 1992
- Continental Association: APC
- Secretary General: Shri. Chandrashekar.J

FIFA U-17 Womens World Cup in India to begin in 2021 February

- The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup has been rescheduled between 17 February and 7 March 2021.
- The recommendations were made by the FIFA-Confederations COVID-19 Working Group, the Bureau of the FIFA Council.

Highlights:

- FIFA announced that the tournament will keep original eligibility criteria which are the players born on or after 1 January 2003 and on or before 31 December 2005 despite the postponement.
- The U-17 Women's World Cup was originally scheduled to be played across five host cities Navi Mumbai, Guwahati, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, and Bhubaneswar.
- Also, it announced that the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica/Panama 2020 has been

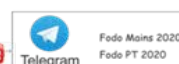
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rescheduled between 20 January and 6 February 2021. The tournament will keep original eligibility criteria for players born on or after 1 January 2000 and on or before 31 December 2004.

- FIFA Futsal World Cup Lithuania 2020 has been rescheduled to be held between 12 September and 3 October 2021.

PT POINTERS:

FIFA: International Federation of Association Football

- President: Gianni Infantino
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland
- Founded at: Paris, France
- Founded: 21 May 1904, Rue Saint-Honoré, Paris, France
- Senior Vice-President: Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa (AFC)
- Subsidiaries: Confederation of African Football, United States Soccer Federation, Early Warning System

GmbH

French cyclist Remy Di Gregorio banned by UCI for 4 years

- French cyclist Remy Di Gregorio has been banned for 4 years by the International Cycling Union (UCI) for using a form of banned blood-boosting hormone EPO (Erythropoietin).
- Remy Di Gregorio had tested positive for the hormone during a long-distance trip from Paris to Nice during a doping test on March 8, 2018.
- His suspension starts from the date of the test so he is going to be suspended until 7 March 2022.

PT POINTERS:

UCI: International Cycling Union

- Headquarters: Aigle, Switzerland

- Founded: 14 April 1900, Paris, France
- Leader: David Lappartient
- Affiliation: International Olympic Committee
- Type of business: Sports federation
- Subsidiaries: UCI Professional Continental Tour, UCI Continental Circuits

China defeats USA to win FIDE Chess.com Online Nations Cup

- China has won the first edition of FIDE Chess.com Online Nations Cup against USA.
- In the finals, China faced the USA which ended in a draw with 2-2.
- China was adjudged the winner on the basis of its topping the points table in the round-robin stage.
- In this tournament, India finished at 5th rank.
- The Superfinal concluded six days of online competitive chess at the highest level between six international teams full of top grandmasters.
- These 6 teams are China, USA, Europe, Russia, India, Rest of the world.

PT POINTERS:

FIDE: International Chess Federation.

- President: Arkady Dvorkovich
- Founded: 20 July 1924, Paris, France
- CEO: Geoffrey D. Borg
- Membership: 189 national associations
- Motto: Gens una sumus

Bundesliga becomes 1st major sports event to resume post COVID-19 lockdown

- The Bundesliga primary football league of Germany becomes the world's first major sports event to resume after COVID-19 lockdown. The Bundesliga games began with empty

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stadium though the stadium had the capacity to hold more than 80,000 players. Bundesliga means "Federal League". □ The players are being tested twice a week.

- The teams participating in the games were kept under quarantine.
- The teams entered the ground at different times.
- The substitutes sat well apart during the matches.

PT POINTERS:

The **Bundesliga** is a professional association football league in Germany and the football league with the highest average stadium attendance worldwide. At the top of the German football league system, the Bundesliga is Germany's primary football competition.

- Current champion: FC Bayern Munich (28th title)
- Most championships: Bayern Munich (28 titles)
- Most appearances: Charly Körbel (602)
- Top goalscorer: Gerd Müller (365)
- Number of teams: 18

MPL launches India's first indigenous shooter game Rogue Heist

- India's largest mobile gaming platform Mobile Premier League (MPL) has partnered with Mumbai-based game developer Lifelike Studios to launch Rogue Heist.

Highlights of The Game

- India's first indigenous multi-player online shooter game exclusively on the MPL app, ahead of other platforms.
- Rogue Heist is developed by Lifelike Studios and backed by Bollywood Actor and Producer Arbaaz Khan and Time2play Gaming Studios.
- Rogue Heist is one of the first multi-player Esports on the MPL

platform and will see users face off against each other, with cash prizes for grabs for each battle and tournament. MPL currently has over 40 games on its platform.

- The idea behind Rogue Heist is to create a unique experience of a heist, which is intense, engaging, and fun in a truly competitive real-time multi-player environment.
- The game mode on MPL is Rogue Heist- BRAWL – a super fast, action-packed Esport mode.
- Each game lasts only seven minutes in which 10 players are pitted against each other to steal the maximum amount of money.
- Here, the players get the real feel of a heist, yet come out top gainers based on their individual performance.
- Based on the leaderboard, top players will win cash prizes on MPL, making it a virtual cash heist with real money for takes.

PT POINTERS:

MPL: Mobile Premier League is the mobile e-Sports platform based in India. It is operated by Bangalore-based Galactus Funware Technology Pvt. Ltd. Users can compete in multiple skill based mobile gaming tournaments on MPL.

- Founder: Sai Srinivas Kiran Garimella, Shubham Malhotra
- Headquarters: Bangalore, India
- Founded: September 2018
- Type of business: Pvt. Ltd.
- Subsidiary: Crevice Technologies Private Limited
- Areas served: India, Indonesia

Haryana govt allows opening of all sports complexes and stadiums

- Haryana Government announced, under the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs for containment of COVID-19, all

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Sports Complexes and Stadiums in the state have been permitted to open.

- Giving this information at Chandigarh, Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Sandeep Singh said, all the District Sports & Youth Affairs Officers have been directed to ensure maintaining of social distance to ensure availability of sanitizers at every point where needed.

Measures to be Taken

- Coaches and trainees will wear face masks. However spectators will not be allowed, he added.
- All sports staff and players shall use 'Arogya Setu' application. The instruction issued by PWD (B&R) in respect of use of Air Conditioners in office buildings shall be strictly followed, he added.
- Sports Department will ensure provision of health screening via non-contact thermal temperature checks also.
- The record of such screening will be maintained and awareness briefing of all the persons entering sports stadiums/complexes will be conducted by health department.
- Athletes with age less than 18 years have to take written confirmation from their parents.
- Swimming pool will not be opened under any circumstances.

PT POINTERS:

Haryana:

- Capital: Chandigarh
- Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar
- Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya
- National Park: Sultanpur National Park, Kalesar National Park

NADA provisionally suspends powerlifters Savita Kumari & Ankit Shishodia

- Two Indian Powerlifters namely Savita Kumari & Ankit Shishodia have been provisionally suspended by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA).
- The powerlifters have been provisionally suspended for violating the anti-doping rules. Both athletes were given a chance to present themselves before the Anti Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) to explain their cases.
- But because of lockdown amid COVID-19 pandemic, no sitting of panel could take place.

PT POINTERS:

NADA: The National Anti-Doping Agency is the national organisation responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in India.

- CEO: Navin Agarwal
- Founded: 24 November 2005
- Chairman: Minister of Sports (India)
- Motto: Play fair
- Purpose: Anti-doping in sports
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India

Naomi Osaka tops Forbes world's highest-paid female athlete list 2020

- Japanese tennis player Naomi Osaka has become the world's highest-paid female athlete. □ She has replaced US rival, Serena Williams, from the top spot.
- Osaka's had an earning of \$37.4 million while Serena Williams had an earning of \$36 million. **PT**

POINTERS:

Japan (Capital/Currency): Tokyo/ Japanese yen

- Prime Minister: Shinzō Abe

Spanish football player Aritz Aduriz announces retirement

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- Spanish football player and Athletic Bilbao striker Aritz Aduriz has announced his retirement citing medical reasons.
- He has won 13 caps for Spain and also become the Spain's oldest goalscorer in 2016, scoring at the age of 35 years and 275 days.
- Aritz Aduriz has scored 141 goals in 296 appearances for Bilbao and has also represented Real Valladolid, Real Mallorca and Valencia.
- He is also the only player other than Lionel Messi to score goals in 15 LaLiga seasons in a row.

PT POINTERS:

Spain (Capital/Currency): Madrid/Euro

2,749 Khelo India athletes given Rs 30,000 each: SAI

- Prime Minister: Pedro Sánchez
- Sports Authority of India (SAI) has deposited 30,000 rupees each as out of pocket allowance in accounts of 2,749 Khelo India athletes.
- The amount added up to 8.25 crore rupees in all. the money has been transferred to the bank accounts of the athletes.
- A total of 2,893 athletes will be given the pocket allowance with the funds for the remaining 144 athletes to be transferred by the end of this month.
- The allowance is for the first quarter of 2020-21.
- Athletes from 35 states and union territories have been given the allowances in 21 sporting disciplines with the maximum number of them from Maharashtra (386), Haryana (381), Delhi (225), Punjab (202) and Tamil Nadu (165).

PT POINTERS:

SAI: The Sports Authority of India is the apex national sports body of India, established in 1984

by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Government of India for the development of sport in India.

- Headquarters: Delhi
- Founder: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Founded: 25 January 1984
- Agency executive: Sandip Pradhan Indian Revenue Service, Sports Secretary-cum-Director General
- Annual budget: 481 crores INR (US\$70 million, 2017–2018)
- Parent agencies: Department of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India

Italy beat Serbia to win the inaugural UEFA eEURO 2020

- Italy has won UEFA eEURO 2020, beating Serbia in the final to clinch the inaugural virtual European Championship.
- Italy emerged triumphant by defeating Serbia 3-1 in the best-of-five series.
- The UEFA EURO 2020 eTournament was the biggest ever national team efootball competition, featuring all 55 UEFA national associations.
- The virtual tournament was played exclusively on Konami's efootball PES 2020 on Playstation 4.
- The format of the tournament was similar to the template for UEFA EURO 2020, involving a qualification phase and culminating in the final tournament.

PT POINTERS:

The **UEFA European Football Championship**, commonly known as the UEFA European Championship and informally as the Euros, is the primary association football competition contested by the senior men's national teams of the members of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA).

- Current champion: Portugal national football team

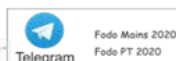
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- Number of teams: 24 (finals); 55 (eligible to enter qualification)
- Founded: 1958
- Headquarters location: Warsaw, Poland
- Venues: Stadio Olimpico, Lisbon

Italy (Capital/Currency): Rome/Euro

- President: Sergio Mattarella
- Prime Minister: Giuseppe Conte
- Official Languages: Italian

US Tennis Star Jamie Hampton Announces Retirement

- American tennis player and former world number 24 Jamie Hampton has officially announced her retirement from professional tennis, bringing a sudden halt to her career.
- She last played an official match six years ago.
- The 30-year-old has suffered numerous injuries and surgeries in the last 5 years, after reaching a career-high ranking of World No.24 in July 2013.

PT POINTERS:

USA (Capital/Currency): Washington, D.C./ United States Dollar

- President: Donald Trump
- Official languages: English

Sri Lanka's Shehan Madushanka suspended after heroin arrest

- Sri Lankan fast bowler, Shehan Madushanka has been suspended from all forms of cricket with immediate effect for alleged possession of heroin.
- The decision to suspend will stand until the board conducts a full inquiry of the matter.
- Madushanka took a hat-trick against Bangladesh on his one-day international debut in January 2018.
- He also played two T20 matches against Bangladesh in 2018 but has not played an international since due to injuries.

PT POINTERS:

Sri Lanka(Capital/Currency): Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte/ Sri Lankan rupee

- President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- Official Languages: Sinhala and Tamil.

WADA hands 4 year bans to Kiranjeet Kaur for doping

- India's long-distance runner, Kiranjeet Kaur has been handed a four-year ban by World Athletics' anti-doping body for testing positive for a banned substance (Enobosarm).
- She will be stripped of the gold medal she won at the Tata Steel Kolkata 25K.
- Her ban period begins from December 15 (2019), the date of in-competition sample collection.
- She was provisionally suspended by World Athletics on February 26.
- The National Dope Testing Laboratory has been suspended by the World Anti-Doping Agency and so Kaur's samples were tested in the WADA-accredited laboratory in Doha.
- "Enobosarm is a Prohibited Substance under the WADA 2019 Prohibited List (S1.2: Other Anabolic Agents).
- It is a non-Specified substance and is prohibited at all times.

PT POINTERS:

WADA:

- Headquarters: Montreal, Canada
- Purpose: Anti-doping in sport
- Founder: Dick Pound
- Founded: 10 November 1999
- Affiliation: International Olympic Committee
- Type of business: Non-profit organization

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Virat Kohli only cricketer in Forbes' 2020 list of world's highest paid athletes

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- India skipper Virat Kohli is the only cricketer to feature in Forbes' list of the top 100 highest paid athletes in the world for the year 2020.
- Kohli is ranked at number 66 with estimated earnings of \$26 million.
- Swiss tennis great, Roger Federer has topped the list of world's highest-paid athlete for 2020 with an estimated \$106.3 million.
- Soccer stars Cristiano Ronaldo (\$105 million), Lionel Messi (\$104 million) and Neymar (\$95.5 million) and NBA's LeBron James complete the top 5 positions in the list.
- The factors used by Forbes' for calculation were athletes' revenue, including prize money, salaries, contract bonuses, endorsements, royalties, and appearance fees from June 1, 2019, until June 1, 2020.

PT POINTERS:

Forbes:

- CEO: Mike Federle
- CEO/Asia: William Adamopoulos
- Headquarters: New Jersey, United States of America

SAI in collaboration with NSF launches India's 1st online coaching programme 'Khelo India e-Pathshala'

- Sports Authority of India (SAI), the apex national sports body of India, in association with National Sports Federations (NSF) has launched India's 1st-ever national-level open online coaching and education programme called "Khelo India e-Pathshala" to grassroots players.

Highlights:

- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijju and Union Minister of Tribal Affairs and Archery Association of India president Arjun Munda have inaugurated the programme via a webinar.
- A total of 21 games are included in this program, where veteran players showcase their technical skills and talk to

young players and help them improve their technical and overall game.

- The 21 games include, athletics, archery, boxing, cycling, fencing, football, gymnastics, hockey, judo, kayaking & canoeing, kabaddi, para games, rowing, shooting, taekwondo, table tennis, Volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling and wushu.

PT POINTERS:

Sports Authority of India (SAI):

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Director General: Sandip Pradhan

Khel Ratna Award: India Women's Team Captain Rani Rampal recommended

- The Hockey India recommended India Women Team Captain Rani Rampal for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards.
- Monika, Vandana Kataria and Harmanpreet Singh were recommended for Arjuna Awards.
- Besides the Captain, India stalwarts Tushar Khandker and RP Singh have been recommended for Major Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement.
- The coaches Romesh Pathania and BJ Kariappa have been nominated for Dronacharya Award
- A panel from the Sports Ministry will shortlist the nominations received from several other federations. The awards are to be presented on National Sports Day, August 29.

Khelo India Community Coach Development Programme

- The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijju inaugurated the India Community Coach Development Programme **Highlights:**
- The India Community Coach Development Programme is a 25-day long programme for community coaches and PE teachers all over the country.
- The programme has been launched to give more importance to Physical Education in schools. Both the Ministry of

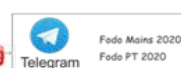
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HRD and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports are to work together to take the programme to every school. Besides regular sessions by eminent educationalists in the sports field, international expert will also participate in the programme.

- The Physical Education teachers and community coaches have major role to reach every child, motivate them to participate in fitness and sports activities.

- The GoI has also launched several steps to encourage people to take up fitness as their way of life. The Fit India Movement is one such step. **Fit India Movement**

- The Fit India Movement was launched by PM Modi. The movement highlighted the need to stay healthy amidst the modern lifestyle disorders. It was announced to celebrate the National Sports Day.

PT POINTERS:

The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** is a branch of the Government of India, which administers Department of youth affairs and Department of Sports in India. Kiren Rijiju is the current Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, who is in the capacity of Minister of State.

- Officeholder: Kiren Rijiju (MOS independent charge)
- Founded: 27 May 2000
- Jurisdiction: India
- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Annual budget: 1,943.21 crores INR (2017-18 est., US\$270 million)
- Departments: Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Department of Youth and Sports Development

India to host AFC Women's Cup

- The Asian Football Confederation confirmed that India will host 2022 Women's Asian Cup. □ This is the first time India is hosting the cup since 1979.
- The Asian Football Confederation handed over the hosting rights to the All India Football Federation.

- The tournament is to be held in 2022 and around 12 teams are to participate in the tournament.

- The Indian team has twice finished as runners in 1980 and 1983 and won bronze in 1981.

PT POINTERS:

AFC: The Asian Football Confederation is one of the six continental confederations within FIFA and is the governing body of association football in Asia and Australia.

- Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- President: Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa
- General Secretary: Windsor John
- Membership: 47 member associations
- Subsidiary: ASEAN Football Federation

MHRD, Sports Ministry launch special films to promote indigenous sports of India

- The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the Ministry of Sports have collaborated to produce a series of special films to promote 10 indigenous sports of India.

- For implementation, the Department of School Education and Literacy under MHRD has partnered with the Ministry of Sports flagship programme 'Fit India' under the 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' initiative. **Highlights:**

- The series is aimed to raise awareness about the indigenous games and the culture and heritage of the states to which they belong.

- The 10 sports that will be covered in the series are:

Kho-kho, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Mallakhamb, Thang-Ta, Sqay, Kabaddi, Roll Ball, Tug of War, Shooting Ball.

- The indigenous sports of India will also cover a mix of very old sports, like, Kalaripayattu, and some recent Roll Ball

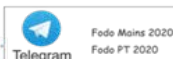
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which has gained a lot of popularity and is now played in at least 50 countries.

- The 10 episodes can be watched from June 8 to June 19, Monday to Friday, at 11 am, on the Fit India YouTube page and MHRD digital platforms.
- Under the initiative, there are scholarships for athletes of these games and there is a growing interest among youngsters to pursue these sports.

PT POINTERS:

The **Ministry of Human Resource Development**, formerly Ministry of Education, is responsible for the development of human resources in India.

- Ministry executives: R. Subrahmanyam, (IAS Officer); Rina Ray, (IAS Officer)
- Founded: 26 September 1985
- Officeholder: Ramesh Pokhriyal (Union Minister)
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Jurisdiction: India
- Departments: Department of Higher Education, Department of School Education and Literacy

Gomathi Marimuthu gets four-year doping ban by AIU

- Athletics Integrity Unit(AIU) has banned Gomathi Marimuthu for 4-years after testing positive for banned substances.
- The Athlete violated ADR Articles 2.1 and 2.2, in that she had used a Prohibited Substance and that a metabolite of that prohibited substance was found to be present in her urine Samples. Her ban starts from 17th May 2019 to 16th May 2023.
- All of Gomathi's competition results between March 18 and May 17, 2019, stand annulled.
- The Tamil Nadu athlete's medals, titles, ranking points and prize and appearance money are to be forfeited as well.

- The Gold Medal she bagged in the 2019 Asian Championship that was held in Doha, Qatar with the timing of 2 minutes and 2.70 seconds has been stripped by the Athletics Integrity Unit(AIU) when the B sample of Gomathi returned positive.

Alexander Shustov of Russia gets 4-year ban for doping

- The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has banned Former European high jump champion, Alexander Shustov for 4-years for the use or attempted use of a banned substance or method (doping).
- He won the gold medal at the European championships in 2010.
- His ban was dated from June 5, and his results were disqualified for a period from 2013 to 2017.

PT POINTERS:

Russia (Capital/Currency): Moscow/ Russian Ruble

- President: Vladimir Putin
- Official Languages: Russian

Ukrainian boxing champion and Olympic medalist Oleksandr Gvozdyk retires

- The 33-year-old Ukrainian lightweight boxing champion Oleksandr Gvozdyk also known as "The Nail" announced his retirement.
- He was born on 15th April 1987 in Kharkiv, Ukraine.
- He won the Bronze medal in the 2012 Olympic games.
- He won the 2018 World Boxing Council's(WBCs) light heavyweight world title against Adonis Stevenson in Quebec.
- He lost the 2019 championship against Artur Beterbiev, Russian fighter which was the only loss in his pro career (17-1).
- He was the Former light heavyweight champion of North American Boxing Federation(NABF).

PT POINTERS:

WBC: World Boxing Council

- President: Mauricio Sulaimán

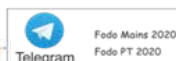
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- Headquarters location: Mexico City, Mexico
- Founder: Adolfo López Mateos
- Founded: 14 February 1963
- Purpose: Boxing sanctioning organization
- Abbreviation: WBC

FIFA's latest ranking: India retains 108th slot

- India football team retained its 108th spot in the latest FIFA rankings.
- While Belgium ranked first and world champion France is in 2nd place and Brazil is at 3rd spot.
- In the wake of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the qualifier tournaments have been postponed for the FIFA World Cup and other major games at the international level.

Top three countries:

1. Belgium- 1765
2. France - 1733
3. Brazil- 1712

PT POINTERS:

FIFA:

- President: Gianni Infantino
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland
- Founded at: Paris, France
- Founded: 21 May 1904, Rue Saint-Honoré, Paris, France
- Senior Vice-President: Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa (AFC)
- Subsidiaries: Confederation of African Football, United States Soccer Federation, Early Warning System

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India's 800m runner Gomathi Marimuthu handed four-year ban by AIU for doping

- India's Gomathi Marimuthu will be stripped off her 2019 Asian Athletics Championships gold medal after she was handed a four-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit for testing positive for a banned substance.
- The 'A' sample of the 30-year-old runner from Tamil Nadu, who clocked 2 minutes and 2.70 seconds to win the gold

medal on April 22 last year, had returned positive for a steroid in the test conducted during the Asian Championships in Doha.

- Now, Gomathi's 'B' sample has also tested positive and she will need to serve out a ban till May 16, 2023. In addition, she will also need to pay a fine of Rs 1 lakh to the AIU.

Asian Champion Runner Gomathi Marimuthu Banned For Four Years For Doping, Stripped of Asian Championships Gold

- Middle distance runner Gomathi Marimuthu, has been banned for four years and stripped off her 2019 Asian Championships gold medal by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU), until May 2023 for doping charges.
- The 31-year-old Marimuthu tested positive for anabolic steroid nandrolone at the 2019 Asian championships in April.
- The Tamil Nadu athlete has also been disqualified from all races between March 18 and May 17, 2019.
- Gomathi had clocked a personal best time of 2 minutes 02.70 seconds in the women's 800m race in Asian Athletics Championships 2019.
- It was the first time an Indian won gold in the women's 800m event in the competition.

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Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU):

- The Athletics Integrity Unit was founded by the International Association of Athletics Federations in April 2017 to combat doping in the sport of athletics. The unit functions fully independently from the IAAF. It is currently led by head Brett Clothier.
- Founded: 3 April 2017

Sports Ministry to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence

- The Ministry of Sports is to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) under the Khelo India Scheme.

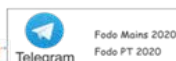
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- The aim is to enhance India's Olympic performance.

Highlights:

- Under the move, one KISCE is to be identified in every state and Union Territory (UT), with an effort to create a robust sporting ecosystem in India.
- In the first phase, the Ministry of Sports has identified state-owned sports facilities in eight states of India.

The 8 states are:

- Karnataka
- Odisha
- Kerala
- Telangana
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Manipur
- Mizoram
- Nagaland
- The 8 centres will be given a grant based on the actual amount finalized as per the requirement indicated after a comprehensive gap analysis study.

The sporting facilities that are to be upgraded to KISCE:

- Sangey Lhaden Sports Academy, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- Jaiprakash Narayan National Youth Center, Bangalore, Karnataka
- GV Raja Sr. Secondary Sports School, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, Imphal, Manipur
- Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Aizawl, Mizoram
- State Sports Academy, IG Stadium, Kohima, Nagaland
- Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Regional Sports School, Hakimpet, Telangana

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current Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, who is in the capacity of Minister of State.

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- Departments: Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Department of Youth and Sports Development

Mamedyarov wins Sharjah Online International Chess Championship

- Grandmaster Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan has won the World Stars Sharjah Online International Chess Championship.
- He won the coveted title and price of \$3000 after scoring 7.5 points from 10 rounds.
- Indian Grandmaster Pentala Harikrishna finished second in the Championship after scoring 6.5 points from 10 rounds.
- Sharjah Online International Chess Championship was hosted by the Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club.
- The Championship was held under the patronage of Sheikh Saqr Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Sports Council.

Bahrain to host 4th Asian Youth Para Games 2021

- The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) has announced that the 4th edition of Asian Youth Para Games to be held in Bahrain in December 2021.
- Around 800 athletes under 20 years aged are expected to compete in nine sports: athletics, badminton, boccia, goalball, para taekwondo, powerlifting, swimming, table tennis and wheelchair basketball.
- The event is being organised in conjunction with the National Paralympic

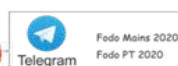
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Committee (NPC) of Bahrain with the support of the government.

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Bahrain (Capital/Currency): Manama/Bahraini Dinar.

- King of Bahrain: Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa;
- Chairman of the Bahrain Paralympic Committee: Shaikh Mohammed bin Duaij Al Khalifa.

Napoli beats Juventus in penalty shootout to win its sixth Italian Cup Football title

- The football club Napoli has won the 2019-20 Coppa Italia cup after defeating Juventus with 4-2 on shootout penalties in the final after a goalless draw on 17 June 2020.
- This is the sixth time that Napoli has won the title. The last time it won was in 2014.

Bayern Munich win eighth successive Bundesliga title

- Bayern Munich have been crowned Bundesliga champions for an eighth successive season after a 1-0 win at Werder Bremen.
- Bayern's domination of German football continues as an 11th successive win means Borussia Dortmund can no longer catch them.

India get rights to host AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 □ The All India Football Consideration (AIFF) has been granted the rights to host AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 by The Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

- The decision regarding the hosting rights was taken at the AFC Women's Football Committee.
- The tournament will encourage the aspiring women players and will bring social revolution as far as women's football in India is concerned.
- This will be the first time that India will be hosting the event since 1979, at that time India had finished as a runner-up.

Other Football events in India:

- While India is all ready to host FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2020 from February 17 to March 7, 2021.
- AIFF had also successfully organised FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 in 2017.
- India had also hosted the AFC U-16 Championship Indian 2016.

PT POINTERS: AIFF

- President: Praful Patel
- Founded: 23 June 1937
- FIFA affiliation: 1948
- AFC affiliation: 1954
- SAFF affiliation: 1997
- Headquarters: Dwarka, Delhi

Government to establish 1,000 district-level Khelo India Centres

- The Ministry of Sports has decided to establish 1,000 Khelo India Centers (KIC) at the district level across the country.
- These centers will either be run by a past champion or have them as coaches.
- For the financial year 2020-21, 100 such centres have been proposed.
- The move aims to tap the expertise of past sporting champions for grassroots-level training of athletes to ensure a sustained source of income in the sports ecosystem, for both the coach and the athlete.

National Champion Niki Poonacha elected to ITF Men's Player Panel

- India's reigning national tennis champion Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha has been elected by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) to the ITF World Tennis Tour Player Panels.
- He will represent the Asia-Oceania zone in men's player panel.
- Poonacha is one of the two members from Asia-Oceania zone, to be selected for the panel. The other member is Ti Chen of Chinese Taipei.

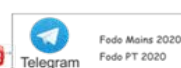
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- The ITF World Tennis Tour Player Panel will provide a forum for players to provide their input on various matters related to how the ITF Tour is run.

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ITF:

- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom
- Membership: 211 national associations
- President: David Haggerty
- Type of business: Federation of national associations
- Founded: 1 March 1913
- Formation: 1 March 1913; 107 years ago

WWE legend The Undertaker announces retirement

- Wrestling legend and WWE whiz "The Undertaker" has announced his retirement from World Wrestling Entertainment.
- The Undertaker's last match was against AJ Styles at WrestleMania 36. His real name is Mark Calaway. □ He conceived on March 24, 1965, in Texas, US. The Undertaker started his expert vocation in 1987.
- He made his WWE debut in 1990's Survivor Series occasion and went on to become one of the most iconic stars of the WWE as his "The Deadman".
- He enlisted consecutive 21 triumphs in WrestleMania.

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WWE:

- CEO: Vince McMahon
- Headquarters: Stamford, Connecticut, United States
- Founded: 21 February 1980, South Yarmouth, Yarmouth, Massachusetts, United States
- Founders: Vince McMahon, Vincent J. McMahon, Linda McMahon

Nagaland Sports Academy, Kohima selected to be established as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence

- Nagaland State Sports Academy at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima has been selected to be established as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, KISCE.
- In the first phase of setting up KISCE, Sports Ministry has identified state-owned sports facilities in eight states of India.
- They are Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Kerala, Telangana, Karnataka, and Odisha.
- In a press release, Adviser for Youth Resources and Sports, Zale Neikha expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister, Union Sports Minister and State Chief Minister for recognizing the effort and giving the opportunity to the state to upgrade its sporting facilities into a National-level Centre of Excellence.

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Khelo India Youth Games, formerly Khelo India School Games, means Play India Youth Games, held annually in January or February, are the national level multidisciplinary grassroot games in India held for two categories, namely under-17 years school students and under-21 college students.

- First event: 2018
- Last event: 2020
- Purpose: Grassroot talent hunt
- Abbreviation: KIYG
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Occur every: Annual

World's No.1 Tennis Player Novak Djokovic tests positive for COVID-19

- Novak Djokovic, the world's no.1 tennis player, has tested positive for COVID-19. Djokovic recently took part in an exhibition tennis tournament in the Balkans.
- He has tested positive for a virus COVID-19 although he is not showing any symptoms. Novak Djokovic was

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tested along with his family members with whom he was in Belgrade and Zadar.

- He confirmed that his wife, Jelena Djokovic has also tested positive while the results of their children remain

negative. Djokovic is a Serbian professional tennis player who is currently the world's No. 1 in men's singles tennis.

England's Clare Connor to become 1st female president of MCC

- Former England women's captain Clare Connor is to become the 1st female president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in its 233-year history.
- The 1st non-British MCC president, Kumar Sangakkara has nominated Connor. Connor is presently served as

England and Wales Cricket Board's head of women's cricket.

- She made her England debut aged 19 in 1995 and went on to captain her country in 2000 before retiring six years later.
- Presidents of MCC usually remain in post for one year but Sangakkara's term is about to be extended by an extra 12 months due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- It was not until 1998 that MCC, which owns Lord's Cricket Ground, voted to permit women to become members.

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MCC:

Marylebone Cricket Club is a cricket club founded in 1787 and based since 1814 at Lord's Cricket Ground, which it owns, in St John's Wood, London. The club was formerly the governing body of cricket in England, Scotland and Wales, and still holds considerable global influence.

- Ground: Lord's Cricket Ground
- CEO: Derek Brewer
- Headquarters location: London, United Kingdom
- Founder: Thomas Lord
- Founded: 1787

Rachel Priest retires from International Cricket

- New Zealand wicketkeeper-batswoman Rachel Priest has announced her retirement from International Cricket.
- She has represented New Zealand in 87 One Day Internationals (ODIs) and 75 T20Is. She had a long career which spanned for 13 years.
- After her retirement, she has now signed up a contract with Cricket Tasmania to play in Australia Women's National Cricket League and will represent Tasmanian Tigers for the 2020/21 season.

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New Zealand (Capital/Currency): Wellington/ New Zealand dollar

- Prime Minister: Jacinda Ardern

Liverpool wins English Premier League 2019-20 title

- Liverpool has won the English Premier League 2019-20 title.
- The football club has won the first English top title in last 30 years.
- This is club's overall 19th league title win, while this victory is their first in the Premier League era.
- The club won the title after Manchester City's loss to Chelsea with score 2-1.
- Liverpool has clinched the title earlier than any other Premier League champions, breaking the previous record of five games left.
- Liverpool has scored 86 points from 31 matches hence making them the earliest ever champions in terms of games played.

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The Premier League, often referred to as the English Premier League or the EPL outside England, is the top level of the English football league system. Contested by 20 clubs, it operates on a system of promotion and relegation with the English Football League.

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- Current champion: Liverpool F.C.
- Most championships: Manchester United; (13 titles)
- Most appearances: Gareth Barry (653)
- Top goalscorer: Alan Shearer (260)
- Founded: 20 February 1992

Rahul Dravid beats Sachin Tendulkar in Wisden India's poll

- According to a poll conducted by Wisden India, Rahul Dravid is the greatest Indian Test batsman of all time.
- Dravid beats Sachin Tendulkar by a narrow margin of votes in the final round of voting.
- Dravid got 52 per cent of the votes, with as many as 11,400 fans participating within the final round of voting.
- Dravid saw off Tendulkar within the final round of the voting by a narrow margin despite trailing at 42 per cent.
- The poll initially had 16 Indian batting greats, with Sunil Gavaskar and Virat Kohli being the 2 others to possess made it through to the 'semi-finals'.
- Gavaskar beat Kohli within the 'third-place play-off' by a narrow margin.

Australia and New Zealand named as hosts of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

- The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ will be hosted by Australia and New Zealand.
- The joint offer put together by Football Federation Australia and New Zealand Football got 22 of the 35 substantial votes cast by the FIFA Council individuals in the first voting form, with the Colombian Football Association having acquired 13 votes.
- The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 will be the first edition to include 32 teams and it will likewise be the first to be hosted by Australia and New Zealand and across two confederations (AFC and OFC).

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FIFA:

- President: Gianni Infantino
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland
- Founded at: Paris, France
- Founded: 21 May 1904, Rue Saint-Honoré, Paris, France
- Senior Vice-President: Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa (AFC)
- Subsidiaries: Confederation of African Football, United States Soccer Federation, Early Warning System

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Indian umpire Nitin Menon inducted in ICC Elite Panel

- Indian umpire Nitin Menon has been inducted into International Cricket Council's Elite Panel of Umpires.
- He has been inducted into the Elite Panel for the upcoming 2020-21 season. He has replaced England's umpire Nigel Llong. Nitin Menon was earlier a part of the Emirates ICC International Panel of Umpires.
- He has an experience of officiating in three Tests, 24 One Day Internationals and 16 T20 Internationals.
- Nitin Menon is the third Indian to make it to the prestigious panel after former captain Srinivas Venkatraghavan and Sundaram Ravi.
- Nitin Menon has been inducted by the selection panel comprising of ICC General Manager (Cricket) Geoff Allardice (Chairman), Indian commentator Sanjay Manjrekar, and match referees Ranjan Madugalle and David Boon.

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ICC:

- Chairperson: Shashank Manohar
- CEO: Manu Sawhney
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Founded: 15 June 1909
- Membership: 104 members

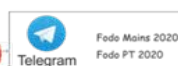
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Grandmaster P. Harikrishna joins world elite in Chessable Masters

- The presence of Grandmaster P. Harikrishna is sure to see a major spike in Indian interest in the million-dollar Magnus Carlsen Chess Tour that continues with the \$150,000 Chessable Masters.
- Hari, the first Indian on the Tour, is part of a 12-player field that includes the world's top six – Magnus Carlsen (Norway), Fabiano Caruana (USA), Ding Liren (China), Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia), Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (France) and Alexander Grishchuk (Russia) – on the classical format ranking list.

Former Germany footballer Mario Gomez retires from sport

- Former Germany footballer Mario Gomez has announced his retirement from the sport.
- The German striker scored 31 goals in 78 appearances for the national team.
- He is considered as one of the best German forwards of his time.
- Mario Gomez played for different clubs in his soccer career.
- He won the Bundesliga title in 2007 while playing for Stuttgart, and two more titles while playing for Bayern Munich.
- He also won the Champions League in Bayern's treble-winning season in 2013.
- He has 170 goals in 328 Bundesliga games under his name.

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Ravindra Jadeja named India's 'most valuable player' by Wisden

- India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was named as the country's 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP) of the 21st century by Wisden.
- He made his debut in 2009 and represented India in 49 test matches, 165 ODIs and 49 T20Is as of 2020. □ Jadeja's MVP rating is around 97.3 which is second only to Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka making him the second most Valuable Test Player of the 21st Century.
- Wisden used CricViz, a detailed analysis tool in cricket to analyse his performance.

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Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, or simply Wisden, colloquially the Bible of Cricket, is a cricket reference book published annually in the United Kingdom. The description "bible of cricket" was first used in the 1930s by Alec Waugh in a review for the London Mercury.

- Editor: Lawrence Booth
- Country: United Kingdom
- First issue date: 1864
- Total circulation: 50,000 (2006)
- Category: Cricket
- Based in: London, England

Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry will launch TOPS for Junior Athletes

- In order to groom young athletes in the country for the upcoming Olympics of 2024 (Paris) and 2028 (Los Angeles), the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will launch- Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) for the junior athletes.

- This was informed on 3rd July 2020 by Kiren Rijiju (Union Minister of State I/C for Youth Affairs and

Sports) during the launch of the 'Fit Hai to Hit India' program.

- The objective of the scheme will be to ensure that the efforts are being made so that India finished in the top 10 of the overall medals tally at the 2028 Olympics.

Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)

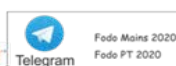
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- This scheme was formulated in the month of July 2014.
- The aim of the scheme was to identify individuals with medal prospects from across the country, further groom and prepare them for the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics.
- For assisting the athletes selected under the TOPS, within the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Mission Olympic Cell was constituted as a dedicated body.
- Now, the TOPS will be implemented for the Junior Athletes in the country, 10 to 12-year-old talents will be chosen under the scheme through various talent identification programs by the authorities.
- Further, the chosen individuals will be provided with all possible facilities such as top coaches in the world, customized training, etc.
- The National Programme for the development of sports from the grass-root level in the country- Khelo India will help by providing a base for talent identification.

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Two-time Olympic badminton champion Lin Dan retires

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Lt Col Bharat Pannu Secures Podium Position At VRAAM 2020

- Lt Col Bharat Pannu, a serving Indian Army Officer has created history by successfully securing a podium place at the first edition of the Virtual Race Across America (vRAAM) 2020.
- With this, he has become the first Indian ever to win a podium place at an international ultra-cycling race.
- Pannu is an army officer posted with the Army's Aviation Test Team.

Valtteri Bottas wins Austrian Grand Prix 2020

- Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) has won the Austrian Grand Prix 2020.
- This was the first race of 2020 Formula One season and was held on 5th July 2020.
- Charles Leclerc finished second for Ferrari while McLaren's Lando Norris came third. **Akash Become India's 66th Grandmaster**
- The 23 year-old G. Akash from Chennai, Tamil Nadu becomes the country's 66th Grandmaster with rating of 2495.

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- The title was confirmed at the recent meeting of International Chess Federation (FIDE) Council
- M Pranesh, from Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Ameya Audi, from Goa earned International Master Titles.

Sumit Nagal wins PSD Bank Nord Open tournament in Germany

- Rising tennis star Sumit Nagal has become the first Indian to win an international tournament in the Covid-19 era after he lifted the PSD Bank Nord Open trophy, a locally organised clay court tournament in Germany.
- Nagal, who is currently India's highest-ranked singles player at 127, recently defeated second seed German Daniel Masur 6-1, 6-3 in the final match at the tournament held at the Pinneberg tennis club.

Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam named as new Hockey India president

- Manipur's, Gyanendro Ningombam named as the new Officiating President of Hockey India. □ He will replace Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad.
- This was following the resignation letter of Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad received by Hockey India on 7 July 2020 due to his personal and family commitments.
- Ningombam has been associated with Manipur Hockey and has impressed with his work at the grassroots level.
- He also served as the editor of Meeyam, an evening daily in Manipur.
- He had served as the Chief Executive Officer of Manipur Hockey between 2009 to 2014.

Asia Cup Cricket tournament 2020 postponed till June 2021

- The 2020 edition of the Asia Cup Cricket tournament has been postponed till June 2021 by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) due to ongoing increase in COVID-19 cases in the region.

- The tournament was earlier scheduled to be held in September 2020.
- Originally Pakistan was to host the Asia Cup 2020, but due to security reasons amid coronavirus pandemic, the tournament was later rescheduled to be held in Sri Lanka, since it is the least affected country in the region.
- Now Sri Lanka will host the Asia Cup in 2021 while Pakistan have been awarded the hosting rights in 2022.

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Asian Cricket Council

- Headquarters: Colombo, Sri Lanka
- President: Nazmul Hassan Papon
- Membership: 24 associations
- Parent organization: International Cricket Council
- Founded: 19 September 1983

Egyptian world squash champion Raneem al-Welily announces retirement

- World's top-ranked women's squash player, Raneem El Welily from Egypt has announced her retirement on 9 July 2020.
- The 31-year-old was the first Arab woman to be world No. 1 in any sport.
- El Welily first took the top ranking in 2015 and after that again since December 2018.
- She was officially named world champion in Manchester in 2017.

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Egypt (Capital/Currency): Cairo/ Egyptian pound

- President: Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi

Amit Panghal, Manju Rani and Mary Kom take top spot at latest AIBA rankings

- Indian boxer and World Championship silver medallist Amit Panghal has climbed up the leaderboard to the first spot in the rankings released by Amateur International Boxing Association (AIBA), after a gap of almost 18 months.

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- He competed in the 52 kg categories and one of the finest boxers in the Indian contingent.

- Asian championship silver-medallist Kavinder Bisht ranked fourth in the 63 kg category. Deepak (49kg) and Worlds bronze medal winner Manish Kaushik (63kg) were placed ranked sixth in their respective category.

- In the rankings, Mary Kom is world no.3, behind North Korean Pang Chol-mi (1st) and Turkey's Busenaz Cakiroglu (2nd).

- Also, World silver medallist Manju Rani (48kg) is at second spot. **PT**

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AIBA:

- Headquarters location: Lausanne, Switzerland
- President: Mohamed Moustahsane (Interim President)
- Founded: 1946
- Main organ: Congress
- Type of business: Sports governing body

IOA adopts new identity on its 100-year milestone at Olympic Games

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) adopted a new branding and visual identity, including an institutional

and a commercial logo, to celebrate a century of participation of the country's athletes at the Summer Olympics. □ The IOA said the decision to adopt a new identity was taken "on the occasion marking 100 years of participation of Indian athletes at the Olympic Games, the new identity celebrates a century of passionate work, and contribution of the athletes and officials from across the nation in building Team India.

- The new logos have been approved by the International Olympic Committee and the IOA is planning to have

a special launch event of the logo on this year's Independence Day on August 15. **PT**

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IOA: Indian Olympic Association

- Founded: 1927
- President: Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra
- Secretary General: Rajeev Mehta
- Recognized: 1924
- Founders: Harry Buck, Arthur Noehren

Lewis Hamilton Wins Styrian Grand Prix 2020

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Styrian Grand Prix 2020, held on 12 July 2020 in Spielberg, Austria.
- It was the second race of the 2020 Formula One World Championship and the first running of the Styrian Grand Prix.
- Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) finished second while Max Verstappen (Red Bull- Belgium) was third.

West Indies win first cricket test match against England by four wickets

- West Indies won the first international cricket match since the sport's return after the coronavirus outbreak by defeating England.
- Jermaine Blackwood top-scored with 95 as West Indies overcame an early wobble to win by four wickets in the final session of the 5th and final day of the match.

Former Socceroos captain Mile Jedinak announced his retirement

- Former Socceroos captain Mile Jedinak has announced his retirement from the sport. Socceroos is the official nickname of the Australia national soccer team that represents Australia in international men's soccer.
- He made his national team debut in 2008 and made 79 appearances for Australia.
- He also won the 2015 Asian Cup title for the team.
- He has appeared for his national side in three World Cups.

2022 FIFA World Cup to be held in Qatar

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Olympics	Venue
2020 Summer Olympics (2021)	Tokyo, Japan
2024 Summer Olympics	Paris, France
2028 Summer Olympics	Los Angeles, California, US
2022 Winter Olympics	Beijing, China
2026 Winter Olympics	Milan and Cortina d' Ampezzo, Italy
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eration Internationale de Football Association announced that the 2022 World Cup is to be held in Qatar.

- The 2022 FIFA World Cup will be the first world cup to be held in Arab World and also the first in a muslimmajority country.

• **NOTE:** Indian National Team ranks 108 in the latest FIFA rankings that was released in 2019. **PT POINTERS:**

FIFA

- President: Gianni Infantino
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland
- Founded at: Paris, France
- Founded: 21 May 1904, Rue Saint-Honoré, Paris, France
- Senior Vice-President: Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa (AFC)

2022 Dakar Youth Olympics postponed by IOC to 2026

- The Youth Olympic Games in Dakar will be celebrated in 2026 after Senegal and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) “mutually agreed” to postpone the Games from 2022.
- Earlier, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics have been postponed to next year. Now the event will be held from July 23 to August 8, 2021.

Details about Upcoming Olympics

Recent News related to International Olympic Committee (IOC)

- The IOC’s new headquarters in Lausanne has been awarded the European 2020 US Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership Award.
- The IOC joins global un dialogue, reiterates role of sport in post-covid world

ational Olympic Committee (IOC)

- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- President: Thomas Bach
- Honorary President: Jacques Rogge
- Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France
- Director General: Christophe De Kepper
- Founders: Pierre de Coubertin, Demetrios Vikelas

Real Madrid clinch record 34th La Liga title

- Spanish professional football club, Real Madrid has been crowned La Liga Champions for the 34th time after defeating Villarreal 2–1 at Estadio Alfredo Di Stefano in Madrid, with one match remaining.
- Karim Benzema was the leading scorer for a 2-1 victory against Villarreal.
- Real Madrid, who are standing at the top spot with 26 wins from 37 matches, will lock horns with Leganes in their last game of the 2019-2020 La Liga season on July 20.

Germany forward & World Cup winner Andre Schurrle retires

- The Germany forward player & World Cup winner, Andre Schurrle has announced retirement from the sport.
- He helped his country to win the 2014 FIFA World Cup. He represented Germany in 57 matches, scoring 22 goals.
- He also played for Chelsea from 2013-15 and also won a Premier League winners medal in 2015.

PT POINTERS:

Germany (Capital/Currency): Berlin/Euro

- President: Frank-Walter Steinmeier

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- Chancellor: Angela Merkel

Lewis Hamilton wins 2020 Hungarian Grand Prix

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes' – Great Britain) won the 2020 Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix held on 19 July 2020.
- This is his straight second win of the season.
- Hungarian Grand Prix 2020 was the third race of the 2020 Formula One World Championship.
- Max Verstappen (Dutch-Red Bull) was second, followed by Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes- Finland) at third spot.

ICC Men's T20 World Cup postponed to 2022

- International Cricket Council's (ICC's) announced, the T20 Men's World Cup, scheduled to be played in Australia in October-November 2020, has formally been postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19.
- Besides rescheduling the T20 World Cup to October-November, 2022 the ICC Board also decided to push the 2023 ODI World Cup in India to October-November 2023 from its designated window in February-March, 2023.

PT POINTERS:

International Cricket Council's (ICC's)

- Chairperson: Shashank Manohar
- CEO: Manu Sawhney
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Founded: 15 June 1909
- Motto: Cricket for good.

Sripali Weerakkody retires from International Cricket

- Sri Lankan bowling allrounder, Sripali Weerakkody has announced her retirement from International Cricket with immediate effect.
- She made her international debut in 2006 and played 89 ODIs (One Day International) and 58 T20Is (Twenty20 International) from Sri Lanka.

Bengal - Top Performer Under AIFF Performance Assessment of States

- Bengal was named as the best performing state by the All India Football Federation under its performance assessment system based on various criteria like grassroot development, conduct of leagues and other competitions.
- Maharashtra and Kerala were declared second and third respectively under the point-based assessment system that indicates the performance of the states on the various operational verticals.

Haryana to host 2021 Khelo India Youth Games

- Haryana will host the 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games after the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. □ The announcement was made by the state's chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Union sports minister Kiren Rijiju via video conference.
- The Games will be held in Panchkula.

Sri Lankan Bowler Sripali Weerakkody retires from international cricket

- Sri Lankan woman medium-pace bowler, Sripali Weerakkody has announced to retire from international cricket with immediate effect.
- The 34-year-old Sripali Weerakkody, represented Sri Lanka in 89 Women's One Day Internationals and 58 Women's Twenty20 Internationals.
- Weerakkody was also a member of the 2014 Asian Games bronze medal winning Sri Lankan team.

PT POINTERS:

Sri Lanka (Capital/Currency): Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte/Sri Lankan Rupee

- President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- Prime Minister: Mahinda Rajapaksa

India won Silver medal at 2018 Asian Games upgraded to Gold

- The silver medal which was won by the Indian 4×400 mixed relay quartet of Mohammed Anas, M.R.

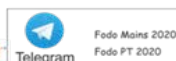
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Poovamma, Hima Das and Arokia Rajiv at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta has been upgraded to gold.

- This decision was taken following the disqualification of original winners Bahrain on account of a four-year doping ban handed to Kemi Adekoya by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for failing a dope test.
- Now India has become the first winner of the 4x400m mixed relay event, which was introduced in the Asian Games in 2018.

Microsoft partnered with NBA to put Virtual Fans in Basketball Arenas

- Microsoft Corp and the NBA said they have joined forces to put “virtual” fans in the stands of each game using Microsoft’s Teams app and giant screens.
- The two will equip each game court with 17-foot-tall (5.2 m) LED screens that wrap three sides of the arena.
- The virtual stands will be filled with fans who use the Teams app to log in and sit alongside each other using a

new feature of the app called “Together mode” meant to simulate a group of people sitting in a room.

PT POINTERS:

Microsoft Corp

- CEO: Satya Nadella
- Founded: 4 April 1975, Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States
- Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States
- Founders: Bill Gates, Paul Allen

NBA:

- Current champion: Toronto Raptors
- Founded: 6 June 1946, New York, New York, United States
- Commissioner: Adam Silver

Allrounder Rajat Bhatia announces retirement

- Veteran Indian domestic allrounder, Rajat Bhatia has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

- He started his career with Tamil Nadu in 1999-2000 but played most of his cricket for Delhi.

- Bhatia has also been a regular in the IPL having played for Delhi Daredevils, Rajasthan Royals, Kolkata Knight Riders and Rising Pune Supergiants.

World Athletics approve new dates for postponed series due to COVID-19 pandemic

- World Athletics has approved the new dates on July 30 for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Minsk 2020 and World U20 Championship Nairobi 2020.

New Dates:

- As per the World Athletics, the World U20 Championship Nairobi 2020 will now be held from August 17 to 22, 2021, one week after the Tokyo Olympics Games.
- According to the competition’s rules, athletes who will be aged between 16-19 years as on December 31, 2021, will be eligible to compete in the games.
- World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Minsk 2020 has been rescheduled for 23-24 April 2022 in Minsk, Belarus.
- The World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Yangzhou 2022 has also seen a small date change by moving back one week from March 20, 2022, to March 27, 2022.

PT POINTERS:

World Athletics:

- Headquarters: Monaco
- President: Sebastian Coe
- Founded: 17 July 1912, Stockholm, Sweden
- Membership: 214 member federations
- Nominations: Shorty Industry Award for Best Use of Emojis
- Type of business: Sports governing body

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Stuart Broad becomes 7th bowler to take 500 Test wickets

- Stuart Broad joined one of cricket's most exclusive clubs when he took his 500th Test wicket as England completed a series-clinching win over the West Indies at Old Trafford.
- The 34-year-old became fourth pacemen to reach the landmark when he had opener Kraigg Brathwaite plumb lbw for 19 on the fifth day of the third Test.

August 2020 – Important Sports Current Affairs

Babita Phogat, Kavita Devi appointed as Haryana sports deputy directors

- Commonwealth Games medalist Babita Phogat and Kabaddi player Kavita Devi have been appointed as deputy directors in the Sports and Youth Affairs Department of Haryana.
- Babita Phogat and Kavita Devi will have to join their department within a month. They had applied for these posts under the state government.
- The two sportpersons have been appointed as deputy director (Sports) under the Haryana Outstanding Sportspersons (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) rules, 2018.
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Divij Sharan-Vijay Sundar Prashanth win doubles title in Surrey

- Post the COVID-19 break, Divij Sharan and Vijay Sundar Prashanth won their first doubles title of the season at the Lawn Tennis Association's British Tour in Surrey.

- Vijay Sundar Prashanth & Divij Sharan defeated Ryan Peniston & David Stevenson in the final, the topseeded Indian duo won 4-2, 4-1 at the National Tennis Centre.

Harikrishna ranked 2nd at Biel Chess Festival

- Indian Grandmaster, P Harikrishna has finished second in the rapid section of the 53rd Biel International Chess Festival in Switzerland.
- The World No. 26 scored 10 points, two less than Radoslaw Wojtaszek of Poland, who finished on top.
- Earlier, the Indian GM had finished on top in the ACCENTUS Chess960 tournament, with 5.5 points.

Lewis Hamilton wins British Grand Prix 2020

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One British Grand Prix 2020 held on August 02, 2020. He came first, despite a puncture during the last lap.
- Max Verstappen ended up second in this F1 race while Charles Leclerc came third. □ This is the third win for Hamilton in this season of F1 races.

India withdraws from women's world team Squash championship

- India has withdrawn from the women's world team Squash championship scheduled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 15th to 20th December, due to lack of preparation, time and match-readiness of its players. □ Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) has decided to withdraw from the championship.

PT POINTERS:

Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)

- President: Debendranath Sarangi
- Sport: Squash
- Regional affiliation: Asian Squash Federation
- Coach: Cyrus Poncha
- Secretary: K.Rajendiran
- Location: Chennai

Benedikt Howedes retires from soccer

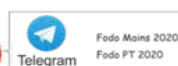
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- World Cup winner German footballer, Benedikt Howedes has retired from football.
- He was part of the 2014 world-cup winning Germany team.
- He was one of the 3 players who had played every minute for the team in the tournament.
- Benedikt Howedes has played 44 times for German National Team from 2011-17.
- In September 2007, German Football Association honoured him with the Fritz Walter Medal, under-19 Gold Medal which is given to the best youth players.

IPL Cricket - 2020 to begin from Sept 19 in UAE

- PL 2020 will be played from September 19 to November 10 in the UAE this year.
- The decision to this effect was taken at a virtual meeting of IPL Governing Council last night.
- The matches will be played in Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi subject to necessary clearances from the Government of India.
- The final will be played on 10th November this year.
- The 53-day tournament will witness 10-afternoon matches starting at 3:30 PM Indian time while the evening matches will start at 7:30 PM

PT POINTERS:

UAE (Capital/Currency): Abu Dhabi/ United Arab Emirates dirham

- President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

India holds good chance of reaching QFs of Thomas Cup & Uber Cup in Badminton

India holds a good chance of reaching the quarterfinals of the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup team Badminton championship scheduled at Aarhus, Denmark, from 3rd to 11th October.

- Following the draw for the premier team event made in Kuala Lumpur, India is in Group 'C' with host Denmark, Germany and Algeria in the Thomas Cup. □ In the Uber Cup, the Indian women are in Group 'D' in the company of China, France and Germany.

Former Real Madrid & Spain goalkeeper Casillas announces retirement at 39

- The legendary Spanish footballer Iker Casillas, who played as goalkeeper for Real Madrid, has announced his retirement from professional football.
- The 39-year-old Casillas made 725 appearances for Real Madrid, during which he won three Champions League titles and five La Liga titles.
- He also helped Spain to win the 2010 World Cup and two successive European Championships in 2008 and 2012.

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju chaired 1st General Council meeting of Khelo India Scheme

- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju chaired the first General Council meeting of the Khelo India Scheme on 4th July.
- The annual competitions like the Khelo India Youth Games and University Games, are being organized at the national level under the Khelo India Scheme.
- This has helped to identify sporting talent from all states.

Highlights:

- The meeting urged the states to organize State-level Khelo India Games annually with an effort to identify a larger number of grassroots-level talents.
- The States that already conduct annual sporting competitions are directed to align with the Khelo India Scheme.
- The Government of India reaffirmed to support them in conducting these events.
- It was decided to identify talent as young as 5 to 10 years old and groom them

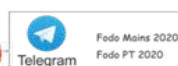
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to be future champions as it takes at least eight years to groom an athlete for the Olympics.

- Also, the states have been directed to organize competitions at the district, block, and panchayat-level to identify young talent.
- The Sports Ministry announced its plan for the 5 zonal talent scouting committees for east, west, north, south, and northeast India.

PT POINTERS:

Ministry of Sports:

- Officeholder: Kiren Rijiju (MOS independent charge)
- Founded: 27 May 2000
- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Jurisdiction: India
- Annual budget: 2,826.92 crores INR (US\$400 million, 2020–2021)
- Departments: Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Department of Youth and Sports Development

WTF Sports appoints Suresh Raina, Harmanpreet Kaur as brand ambassadors

- A sports gaming platform, WTF Sports has appointed cricketers Harmanpreet Kaur and Suresh Raina as its global brand ambassadors.
- Raina is also joining the brand as a Strategic Partner.
- The announcement was made through a web conference.

India to host ICC Men's T-20 World Cup next year; Women's T-20 postponed till 2022

- International Cricket Council has confirmed that the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020 that was postponed due to Covid-19 will be held in Australia in 2022.
- India will host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 as planned.
- Cricket's governing body has also decided to postpone the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2021 in New

Zealand till February – March 2022 because of the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on cricket globally.

PT POINTERS:

ICC:

- CEO: Manu Sawhney
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Chairman: Imran Khwaja (interim)
- Founded: 15 June 1909
- Membership: 104 members

Indian men's, women's hockey teams for Tokyo Olympics to join National camp in Bengaluru

- Members of the Indian men's and women's hockey teams bound for Tokyo Olympics will join the National Camp at National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) in Bengaluru t.
- The decision was taken by Sports Authority of India (SAI) after formal permission was received from the State Government to begin training in Bengaluru.
- The athletes, coaches and support staff, who were on a home break, will join the camp and undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine inside the campus.

BCCI officially suspends title sponsorship deal with Vivo for IPL 2020

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has suspended the title sponsorship deal with Chinese mobile phone company Vivo for the upcoming edition of the Indian Premier League.
- VIVO had won the IPL title sponsorship for five years from 2018 to 2022 for a reported sum of 2190 crore rupees.

PT POINTERS:

BCCI:

- President: Sourav Ganguly
- Secretary: Jay Shah
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Vice president(s): vacant
- Founded: December 1928

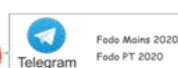
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- Sponsors: BYJU'S, Paytm, Nike, Dream11, Hyundai Motor Company, Ambuja Cements

VIVO

- Parent organization: BBK Electronics
- Founded: 2009, Dongguan, China
- Founders: Duan Yongping, Shen Wei

Equitas SFB appointed as official retail banking partner for Chennai Super Kings

- Equitas Small Finance Bank announced that it has been appointed as the official retail banking partner for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) IPL team with effect from August 1, 2020.
- The Chennai-based bank was the principal sponsor of CSK in 2018.
- Equitas then announced that it will be the banking partner of Team CSK for three years.

PT POINTERS:

Equitas Small Finance Bank

- Headquarters location: Chennai
- Founded: 2007
- Key people: Shri Arun Ramanathan; (Part-time Chairman);
- MD & CEO: Mr. Vasudevan P N
- Parent organization: Equitas Holding

Max Verstappen wins 70th Anniversary Grand Prix

- The Red Bull racer, Max Verstappen has won the 70th Anniversary Grand Prix.
- Mercedes racer Lewis Hamilton finished the race at second position while another Mercedes racer Valtteri Bottas finished third.
- This was Red Bull's first victory at Silverstone since 2012.

Indian umpire KN Ananthapadmanabhan included in ICC's panel

- India's KN Ananthapadmanabhan has been included in ICC's international panel of umpires following compatriot

Nitin Menon's promotion to the elite panel.

- The former Kerala spinner joins fellow Indians C Shamshuddin, Anil Chaudhary and Virender Sharma in the international panel and is now eligible to officiate in the ODI and T20 internationals apart from umpiring in the junior World Cup.

- Ananthapadmanabhan, 50, has officiated in all major domestic events including the IPL. □ He also was the official in the Ranji Trophy final between Bengal. **PT POINTERS:**

ICC

- CEO: Manu Sawhney
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Chairman: Imran Khwaja (interim)
- Founded: 15 June 1909
- Membership: 104 members

FIFA World Cup qualifiers in Asia rescheduled to 2021

- FIFA World Cup 2022 qualifiers in Asia have been rescheduled to 2021.
- FIFA and the Asian Confederation (AFC) jointly decided to reschedule the upcoming qualifying matches for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and AFC Asian Cup China 2023 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- The qualification matches were originally scheduled to take place during the international match windows in October and November 2020.
- The decision has been taken to protect the health and safety of all participants.
- The 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Qatar in 2022. **PT POINTERS:**

FIFA

- President: Gianni Infantino
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland
- Founded at: Paris, France

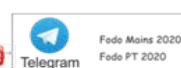
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- Founded: 21 May 1904, Rue Saint-Honoré, Paris, France
- Senior Vice-President: Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa (AFC)

Asian Confederation (AFC)

- Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- President: Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa
- General Secretary: Windsor John
- Membership: 47 member associations
- Subsidiary: ASEAN Football Federation

Sports Ministry to organise “Fit India Freedom Run”

- “Fit India Freedom Run” would be organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from 15th August to 02nd October 2020.
- The ministry is organising “Fit India Freedom Run” to mark the 74th Independence Day of India on August 15 to 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2.
- This would be the largest country-wide run, targeted to encourage fitness among the masses while following the COVID-19 protocols.
- The participants can track the total distance covered by using a Global Positioning System (GPS) watch or manually.

Cricketer M.S. Dhoni announces retirement from all forms of international cricket

- Indian Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni has announced retirement from all forms of international cricket.
- Dhoni shared this information on Instagram on August 15, 2020 as- “Thanks. Thanks for ur love and support throughout. from 1929 hrs consider me as Retired”
- Dhoni is the only Captain to win all three major International Cricket Council (ICC) trophies — the World Cup, the

World Twenty20 and the Champions Trophy.

- Since he has announced retirement from International cricket, he will continue to play for Indian Premier League (IPL).

Cricketer Suresh Raina announces retirement

- After M.S. Dhoni, Indian cricketer Suresh Raina has also announced retirement from Cricket on August 15, 2020. □ He shared a photo on Instagram with other fellow cricketers including MS Dhoni with a caption, “It was nothing but lovely playing with you, @mahi7781 . With my heart full of pride, I choose to join you in this journey. Thank you India. Jai Hind!”.
- It must be noted that just before this, M.S.Dhoni had also announced retirement from International cricket on Instagram.

Kevin de Bruyne named Premier League Player of the Season 2019-20

- In Football, the Manchester City midfielder Kevin De Bruyne has been named as the Premier League Player of the Season 2019-20.
- He is the only third Belgian footballer to win the award for the league’s top performer, after Eden Hazard (2014-15) and Vincent Kompany (2011-12).
- The 29-year-old scored 20 goals in the 2019-20 season.

Other awards include:

- Young Player of the Season – Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool)
- Manager of the Season – Juergen Klopp (Liverpool)
- Goal of the Season – Son Heung-min (Tottenham Hotspur)
- Premier League 2 (PL2) Player of the Season – Curtis Jones (Liverpool)

Harbhajan Singh becomes new Brand Ambassador of eBikeGO

- Amritsar based e-mobility start-up, eBikeGO has appointed Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh as its brand ambassador.

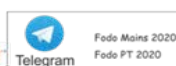
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- He will help the company to upgrade itself and will also have an active presence on the company's website and campaigns across media.

Lewis Hamilton wins F1 Spanish Grand Prix 2020

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One Spanish Grand Prix 2020 held at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, Spain.
- This was his 4th win of the season and the 88th win of his career.
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands) came second followed by Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) at third.

England's Laura Marsh announces retirement from all forms of cricket

- England off-spinner Laura Marsh has announced her retirement from all forms of cricket. Marsh had decided to retire from international cricket last December.
- Marsh had made her debut in 2006 in Tests as a fast bowler but switched to spin bowling later in her career.
- She was part of the England squad that won the Women's World Cup in 2009 and in 2017. □ She was also part of the T20 World Cup title-winning side in 2009.
- The 33-year-old played nine Tests, 103 ODIs and 67 T20Is for England, picking up 217 wickets across formats.

Dream11 wins IPL 2020 title sponsorship rights for Rs 222 crore

- Dream11, a fantasy sports platform, has won the title sponsorship rights for Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020. Dream11 has signed a Rs 222-crore deal with BCCI for this.
- This comes after the previous sponsor, Vivo backed out of IPL 2020.
- The IPL will be held from September 19 to November 10, 2020.

PT POINTERS:

BCCI

- President: Sourav Ganguly
- Secretary: Jay Shah
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founded: December 1928
- Sponsors: BYJU'S, Paytm, Nike, Dream11, Hyundai Motor Company, Ambuja Cements **AIFF, SAI launch E-Pathshala to encourage kids to play football**
- The All India Football Federation and Sports Authority of India joined hands to launch E-Pathshala, a web platform to recognise the creativity and "develop interest in football.
- This platform of E-Pathshala will act to develop their interest in football through recognitive approaches like painting, skills, building blocks and many more.

PT POINTERS:

All India Football Federation (AIFF)

- President: Praful Patel
- Founded: 23 June 1937
- Headquarters: Dwarka, Delhi

Sports Authority of India (SAI)

- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Founder: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Founded: 1982
- Agency executive: Sandip Pradhan Indian Revenue Service, Sports Secretary-cum-Director General
- Parent agencies: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India

Hockey India Board to provide financial assistance to 61 unemployed athletes

- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Hockey India executive board has announced immediate support to 61 athletes across the junior and senior men and women core who are not employed.
- The purpose behind providing financial assistance is to help them in resuming their sports activities.

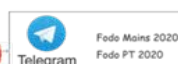
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- Athletes who are not holding any form of employment may face constraints that can impact their ability to be able to return to sports activities.

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Hockey India

- President: Mushtaque Ahmad
- Founded: 20 May 2009
- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Sport: Field hockey

Cricketer Rohit Sharma appointed new brand ambassador of sports eyewear brand Oakley in India

- Performance sports eyewear brand Oakley has appointed Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma as its brand ambassador in India for a period of two years.
- Under this partnership, Sharma will sport the brand's performance eyewear on and off the pitch.
- With this appointment, Sharma joins the likes of athletes such as Virat Kohli, Yuvraj Singh and Milind Soman who have endorsed the brand before.

England's World Cup-winning off-spinner Laura Marsh retires from all forms of cricket

- Laura Marsh, England national women cricket team off-spinner, has announced her retirement from all forms of cricket.
- The 33-year-old had announced her retirement from international cricket in December 2019.
- Marsh had played in 103 one-day internationals, 67 T20 and 9 Test matches during her career
- She was also part of England teams that won the Women's Cricket World Cup in 2009 and 2017.

Recommendation for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award: Rohit Sharma, Vinesh Phogat, Manika Batra, Mariappan Thangavelu

- The National Sports Awards Committee has recommended the names of

cricketer Rohit Sharma, table tennis champion Manika Batra, Paralympian Mariappan Thangavelu and wrestler Vinesh Phogat for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

National Sports Awards 2020 announced

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports Awards 2020.

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD

- Shri Rohit Sharma - Cricket
- Shri Mariyappan T. - Para Athletics
- Ms. Manika Batra - Table Tennis
- Ms. Vinesh - Wrestling
- Ms. Rani - Hockey

DRONACHARYA AWARD

A) Life- Time Category

- Shri Dharmendra Tiwary - Archery
- Shri Purushotham Rai - Athletics
- Shri Shiv Singh - Boxing
- Shri Romesh Pathania - Hockey
- Shri Krishan Kumar Hooda - Kabaddi
- Shri Vijay Bhalchandra Munishwar - Para Powerlifting
- Shri Naresh Kumar - Tennis
- Shri Om Parkash Dahiya - Wrestling

B) Regular Category

- Shri Jude Felix Sebastian - Hockey
- Shri Yogesh Malviya - Mallakhamb
- Shri Jaspal Rana - Shooting
- Shri Kuldeep Kumar Handoo - Wushu
- Shri Gaurav Khanna - Para Badminton

ARJUNA AWARD

- Shri Atanu Das - Archery
- Ms. Dutee Chand - Athletics
- Shri Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy - Badminton
- Shri Chirag Chandrasekhar Shetty - Badminton

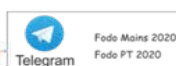
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- Shri Vishesh Bharguvanshi - Basketball
- Subedar Manish Kaushik - Boxing
- Ms. Lovlina Borgohain - Boxing
- Shri Ishant Sharma - Cricket
- Ms. Deepti Sharma - Cricket
- Shri Sawant Ajay Anant - Equestrian
- Shri Sandesh Jhingan - Football
- Ms. Aditi Ashok - Golf
- Shri Akashdeep Singh - Hockey
- Ms. Deepika - Hockey
- Shri Deepak - Kabaddi
- Shri Kale Sarika Sudhakar - Kho Kho
- Shri Dattu Baban Bhokanal - Rowing
- Ms. Manu Bhaker - Shooting
- Shri Saurabh Chaudhary - Shooting
- Ms. Madhurika Suhas Patkar - Table Tennis
- Shri Divij Sharan - Tennis
- Shri Shiva Keshavan - Winter Sports
- Ms. Divya Kakran - Wrestling
- Shri Rahul Aware - Wrestling
- Shri Suyash Narayan Jadhav - Para Swimming
- Shri Sandeep - Para Athletics
- Shri Manish Narwal - Para Shooting

DHYAN CHAND AWARD

- Shri Kuldeep Singh Bhullar - Athletics
- Ms. Jincy Philips - Athletics
- Shri Pradeep Shrikrishna Gandhe - Badminton
- Ms. Trupti Murgunde - Badminton
- Ms. N. Usha - Boxing
- Shri Lakha Singh - Boxing
- Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sandhu - Football
- Shri Ajit Singh - Hockey
- Shri Manpreet Singh - Kabaddi
- Shri J. Ranjith Kumar - Para Athletics

- Shri Satyaprakash Tiwari - Para Badminton
- Shri Manjeet Singh - Rowing
- Late Shri Sachin Nag - Swimming
- Shri Nandan P Bal - Tennis
- Shri Netarpal Hooda - Wrestling

TENZING NORGAY NATIONAL ADVENTURE AWARDS 2019

- Ms. Anita Devi - Land Adventure
- Col. Sarfraz Singh - Land Adventure
- Shri Taka Tamut - Land Adventure
- Shri Narender Singh - Land Adventure
- Shri Keval Hiren Kakka - Land Adventure
- Shri Satendra Singh - Water Adventure
- Shri Gajanand Yadava - Air Adventure
- Late Shri Magan Bissa - Life Time Achievement

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD (MAKA) TROPHY

- Panjab University, Chandigarh

RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR

- Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent - 1. Lakshya Institute, 2. Army Sports Institute
- Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility - Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Ltd.
- Employment of sportspersons and sports welfare measures - Air Force Sports Control Board
- Sports for Development - International Institute of Sports Management (IISM)

INOX Group to sponsor Indian team for Tokyo Olympics

The INOX group will be the official sponsor of the Indian team for the rescheduled Tokyo Olympics.

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- The Tokyo Olympics was rescheduled to next year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- It will be held from July 23 to August 8 in 2021.

- As part of the partnership the Group will also support the team's promotions through its entertainment company INOX Leisure Limited, which owns a chain of multiplexes in the country.

Ronnie O'Sullivan wins World Snooker Championship 2020

- Ronnie O'Sullivan defeated Kyren Wilson with a score of 18-8 to win the World Snooker Championship 2020.

- He has claimed his sixth World Championship title at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre.

- With his victory, Ronnie O'Sullivan has also become the oldest winner of World Snooker Championship since Reardon, who was 45 in 1978.

5 Sportsperson to be awarded Khel Ratna 2020

- Five sportspersons will be awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2020 this year.

- These are:

- Rohit Sharma– Cricketer (4th cricketer after Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, and Virat Kohli to win this)

- Vinesh Phogat– Wrestler

- Manika Batra– Table Tennis player

- Mariyappan Thangavelu– Para Athlete

- Rani Rampal– Hockey Player
- They will receive the award on National Sports Day on August 29. This is for the first time that 5 players have been selected for this award.

- Apart from these 27 sportspersons have been selected for the ARJUNA AWARD 2020.

Ronnie O'Sullivan beat Kyren Wilson to win his sixth World Snooker Championship

- Five-time champion Ronnie O'Sullivan beat world No 8 Kyren Wilson to win the World Snooker Championship

2020 and his sixth overall World Championship title.

- Nicknamed as 'The Rocket', O'Sullivan claimed the Championship crown with an emphatic 18-8 victory in best-of-35-frame match against Wilson, a first-time finalist.

- This win has made him the oldest world champion at the age of 44, ever since Welsh legend Reardon lifted the trophy in 1978 at the age of 45 years and 203 days. best-of-35-frame match against Wilson, a first-time finalist.

Jacques Kallis, Zaheer Abbas & Lisa Sthalekar inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

- Legendary South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis, Pakistan batting great Zaheer Abbas and Pune-born

former Australian captain Lisa Sthalekar were inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame in a virtual ceremony.

First female golfer from Germany Sophia Popov wins Women's British Open

- World number 304 Sophia Popov became the first female golfer from Germany to capture a major title after winning the Women's British Open by two strokes at Royal Troon in Scotland.

Australian all-rounder Cameron White announces retirement from all professional cricket

- Australian all-rounder Cameron White has announced his retirement from all forms of professional cricket.

- The 37-year-old Australian player will however, continue to play at the Premier Cricket level as the captain of the Melbourne Cricket Club.

- During his international career spanning nearly a decade, White played 91 ODIs scoring 2,072 runs.

- In T20 Internationals, he scored 984 runs from 47 matches, while he played four Tests for Australia, scoring 146 runs.

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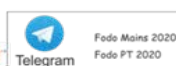
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Australia (Capital/Currency): Canberra /Australian dollar

- Prime Minister: Scott Morrison

Bayern Munich beat Paris Saint-Germain to win UEFA Champions League 2019-20

- In Football, German team Bayern Munich defeated French side Paris Saint-Germain 1-0 to win the UEFA Champions League 2019-20.
- In doing so, Bayern Munich has become the first European Cup winners who won all their matches during the tournament.
- This is the sixth European Champions League title for Bayern Munich.
- The final was played in Lisbon, Portugal on 23 August 2020.

James Anderson becomes first fast bowler to reach 600 wickets in Test Cricket

- James Anderson from England has become the first-ever fast bowler to take 600 wickets in a Test Match Cricket.
- Overall, he is the 4th bowler to take 600 test wickets after 3 spinners Muttiah Muralitharan, Shane Warne, and Anil Kumble.
- He achieved this feat against Pakistan when he dismissed Azhar Ali.

Seven-time National Table Tennis Champion Poulomi Ghatak announces retirement, to focus on coaching

- Veteran Indian table tennis player from West Bengal, Poulomi Ghatak, has announced her retirement from the game to shift focus on coaching career.
- The Kolkata-born athlete is a seven-time national champion, winning between 1998 and 2016.
- The 37-year-old had represented India at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006 and the Commonwealth Championships between 2000 and 2008.

- She made her Olympic debut at the Olympic Games in Sydney when she was just 16.

India plans to host BRICS Games in 2021

- India is planning to host BRICS Games 2021, which will be aligned with the Khelo India Games scheduled for next year.
- This announcement came after Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju attended a meeting of Sports Ministers of the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).
- India will get the chairmanship of the five-nation independent international group in 2021.

PT POINTERS:

BRICS

- Founded: June 2006
- Formation: 2009
- Official language: Portuguese, Russian, Hindi, Chinese, English
- State Leaders: Jair Bolsonaro; Vladimir Putin; Narendra Modi; Xi Jinping; Cyril Ramaphosa
- Founders: India, China, Brazil, Russia

Australian Cricketer Cameron White announces Retirement from Professional Cricket

- Australian All-Rounder Cameron Leon White announced his retirement from Cricket at the age of 37.
- He has captained the Australian Team Seven Times including One Day International (ODI) & Twenty20 Internationals(T20I).

PT POINTERS:

Australia (Capital/Currency): Canberra/ Australian dollar

- Prime Minister: Scott Morrison

AIFC and Football Coaches Australia Sign MoU for Development of Game

- The Association of Indian Football Coaches (AIFC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Football Coaches Australia (FCA) to

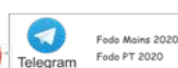
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assist each other in development of football in the two countries.

- The two bodies will look to encourage the involvement of more female coaches and increase access to football for all participants.

PT POINTERS:

AIFC

- Founded: 2018, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- Governor: Kairat Kelimbetov
- Headquarters: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Sri Lanka Cricketer Tharanga Paranavitana retires from International Cricket

- Sri Lankan Opening batsman Nishad Tharanga Paranavitana announced retirement from all forms of International Cricket at the age of 38.
- He has represented Sri Lanka in 32 Test Matches scoring 1792 runs including two hundreds and 11 fifties.

PT POINTERS:

Sri Lanka (Capital/Currency): Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte/ Sri Lankan rupee □
Prime Minister: Mahinda Rajapaksa

Japan's Olympic badminton gold medalist Ayaka Takahashi announces retirement

- Japanese badminton player, Ayaka Takahashi, who is a doubles specialist has announced her retirement with effect from 31 August 2020.
- The 30-year-old player is known as the partner of Misaki Matsutomo.
- The pair, commonly known as "Taka-Matsu," claimed Japan's first ever Olympic badminton gold medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics in the women's doubles event.
- Takahashi also captained Japan to its first women's World Team Championships, (Uber Cup), in 2018.

Government enhances prize money of Khel Ratna, Arjuna, Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand Awards

- On the occasion of the National Sports Day on 29 August 2020, the Ministry of Sports has announced a hike in the award money for four of the seven categories of the National Sports and Adventure Awards.
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju officially announced the new massive hike in the prize money.

Award	Enhanced Prize
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award	Rs 25 lakh
Arjuna Award	Rs 15 lakh
Dhronacharya (Lifetime)	Rs 15 lakh
Dhronacharya (Regular)	Rs 10 lakh
Dhyan Chand Award	Rs 10 lakh

Lewis Hamilton wins F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2020

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One Belgian Grand Prix 2020 held on August 30, 2020.
- This was his 5th win of the season.
- Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) came second followed by Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) at third place.

India, Russia announced joint winners of FIDE Online Olympiad 2020 (Chess)

- India and Russia have been jointly announced the winner of first-ever FIDE Online Chess Olympiad 2020. This was the first time FIDE was holding the Olympiad in an online format.
- India were initially declared to have lost the final round against Russia. Two Indian players (Nihal Sarin and Divya Deshmukh) were declared to have lost on time in the final round after an apparent loss of internet connection for them.
- After this, FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich had made a decision to give gold medals of to both teams.

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Russia (Capital/Currency): Moscow/Russian Rouble

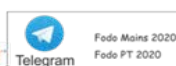
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- Prime Minister: Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin
- President: Vladimir Putin

FIDE

- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- Founded: 20 July 1924, Paris, France
- President: Arkady Dvorkovich
- CEO: Geoffrey D. Borg
- Membership: 195 national associations
- Formation: July 20, 1924

Arsenal beat Liverpool on penalties to win 2020

FA Community Shield

- Arsenal beat Premier League champions Liverpool by 5–4 on penalties to claim the 2020 FA Community Shield after a 1–1 draw.
- The annual football match was played between the winners of the previous season's Premier League,

Liverpool, and the previous season's FA Cup, Arsenal, on 29 August at the Wembley Stadium in London. □ Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored the goal for Arsenal while Takumi Minamino scored for Liverpool. □ This is the 16th time that Arsenal is winning the Community Shield title.

Dwayne Bravo becomes 1st bowler to scalp 500 wickets in T20 cricket

- West Indies All-Rounder, Dwayne John Bravo became the first bowler in cricket to scalp 500 wickets in Twenty20 matches.
- He achieved the feat in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) 2020 match between his team Trinbago Knight Riders and St Lucia Zouks.
- Bravo took the wicket of Rahkeem Cornwall (18) to register his 500th wicket. Dwayne Bravo achieved the feat in his 459th match in the shortest format.

Para swimmer Satyendra Singh first Divyang sportsperson of country to get prestigious Adventure Award

- Para-swimmer Satyendra Singh Lohia of Madhya Pradesh is the first Divyang Indian sportsperson of the country, who has been awarded today with the Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award.
- He is also the first Asian Divyang swimmer to cross the 42-kilometer Catalina Channel in the US in just 11 hours 34 minutes.
- Para-swimmer Satyendra Singh was also conferred with the Best Sportsperson National Award by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on World Divyang Day.
- He has also been awarded the highest sports award of Madhya Pradesh as well as many other national and international honours.

September 2020 – Important Sports Current Affairs

Sumit Nagal becomes 1st Indian to win grand slam singles main draw match in 7 years

- Sumit Nagal stormed into the second round of the ongoing US Open Tennis last night. Nagal defeated Bradley Klahn of USA 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in the first round of the US Open to progress further into the tournament.
- the 23-year-old Nagal has become the first Indian to win a singles main draw match at a Grand Slam in the last seven years.

Sports training camps in Uttar Pradesh to start from 1st October

- In Uttar Pradesh, sports training camps will start from 1st October and will continue till March next year.
- The state Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Upendra Tiwari said that sports activities will be back on the track once the situation normalises.
- Those who are interested in participating in these training camps

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Uttar Pradesh:

- Statehood Day: January 26, 1950
- Capital: Lucknow
- Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath
- Governor: Anandiben Patel
- Literacy Rate: 67.68%
- Nation Park: Dudhwa National Park

Olympic Ski Racing Champion Viktoria Rebensburg announces retirement at 30

- Olympic ski champion Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany has announced her retirement due to injury caused during a race in February 2020, which was keeping her from performing at her best.
- The 30-year-old German ski racer won the gold medal in the giant slalom at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

India's P Iniyan wins World Open Online Chess Tournament

- Indian Grandmaster P Iniyan has won the prestigious 48th Annual World Open online chess tournament.
- He scored 7.5 points out of a possible 9 with six victories and three draws to finish on top.
- A total number of 120 players from 16 countries participated in the event which included more than 30 Grandmasters.

Dwayne Bravo becomes cricket ambassador for "SBOTOP" sportsbook brand

- West Indies cricket icon Dwayne Bravo has become the first cricket ambassador for "SBOTOP" sportsbook brand.
- Isle of Man betting group Celton Manx has appointed the West Indies cricketer as the cricket ambassador for its flagship sportsbook.

Pierre Gasly wins F1 Italian Grand Prix 2020

- Pierre Gasly (Scuderia AlphaTauri, France) has won the Formula One Italian

Grand Prix 2020 held on September 06, 2020.

- This is his first Grand Prix win.
- Carlos Sainz Jr. (McLaren, Spain) came second followed by Lance Stroll (Racing Point, Canada) in third place.
- Lewis Hamilton ended at 7th place after he earned a 10-second stop and go penalty. Apart from this, Charles Leclerc crashed out on the exit of Parabolica.

England cricketer Ian Bell announces retirement from professional cricket

- Cricketer Ian Bell from England has announced that he will retire from all forms of cricket at the end of the 2020 domestic season.
- Ian Bell, 38, retired from ODIs in 2015 to focus on Test cricket.
- He is a five-time Ashes winner and has spent his entire career with Warwickshire.

US Open 2020: Indo-Canadian pair of Bopanna-Shapovalov enter men's doubles quarterfinals

- The Indo-Canadian pair of Rohan Bopanna and Denis Shapovalov have reached the quarterfinals of the ongoing US Open tennis.
- They defeated the German pair Kevin Krawietz and Andrea Mies in the second-round clash that had lasted for an hour and 47 minutes.

BCCI announces schedule for IPL 2020 to be held in UAE

- BCCI has announced the schedule for IPL 2020 to be held in UAE.
- The evening matches of the tournament, which will be played in the United Arab Emirates, will start at 7:30 PM Indian time.
- There will be 10 double-headers, and the afternoon matches will begin at 3:30 PM.
- Dubai will host 24 games, 20 matches will be played in Abu Dhabi

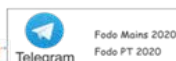
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while the remaining 12 matches are scheduled to be played in Sharjah.

- The final of the tournament will be played on November 10. Venues for the playoff and the final are yet to be announced.

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BCCI

- President: Sourav Ganguly
- Secretary: Jay Shah
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founded: December 1928
- Sponsors: BYJU'S, Paytm, Nike, Dream11, Hyundai Motor Company, Ambuja Cements

T20 cricket tournament inaugurated at Kungamdora Pattan in J&K

- Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Dr G N Itoo in presence of District Youth Services and Sports Officer inaugurated T20 cricket tournament at Kungamdora Pattan with strict adherence of SOPs and guidelines.

World Cup host Qatar set to play in Gold Cup next year in US

- World Cup host Qatar is set to play in the Gold Cup next year in the United States after accepting an invitation from soccer's governing body for North and Central America and the Caribbean.
- The Asian Cup champion will participate in the 2021 and 2023 Gold Cup tournaments as a guest under a memorandum of understanding signed in Bahrain in 2017.

Police Officer Poonam Khatri crowned Wushu World Champion

Indian Police Officer, Poonam Khatri has claimed World Championship status after her silver medal at the Wushu World Championship last year has been upgraded to a Gold medal. Poonam hails from Haryana's Jhajjar district.

- Poonam had lost the final to Iranian opponent Mariyam in the

Women's 75 kg category but after Mariyam recently failed the dope test, the gold medal has been awarded to Poonam Khatri.

- The information was clarified by Secretary-General of the Indian Wushu Association, Suhel Ahmed.

Lewis Hamilton wins F1 Tuscan Grand Prix 2020

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One Tuscan Grand Prix 2020 held on September 13, 2020. This was his 6th win of the season and 90th F1 win of his career.
- Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) came second followed by Alexander Albon (Red Bull – Thailand) at third place.
- The Tuscan Grand Prix (first edition) was the ninth race of the 2020 Formula One World Championship.

Japan's Naomi Osaka beats Victoria Azarenka to win US Open Tennis Tournament

- In Tennis, Japan's Naomi Osaka defeated Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, to clinch the Women's Singles title in the 2020 US Open Tennis tournament. This is the third Grand Slam title for the fourth seed Osaka.
- The 22-year old Osaka previously won the title at the 2018 US Open and 2019 Australian Open.
- She is now the first Asian player to win three Grand Slam singles titles. The victory has moved up Osaka to number 3 in the world rankings.
- **Dominic Thiem wins US Open Men's Tennis Tournament 2020**
- Austria's Dominic Thiem defeated Alexander Zverev to win the men's singles title at the 2020 US Open tournament.
- It was Thiem's first Grand Slam title, and he becomes the first player in the

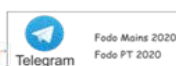
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Open Era to rally from two sets down in a US Open final.

Kiren Rijju to lay foundation stones for various sports facilities in Leh

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijju is laying foundation stones for various sports facilities in Leh.
- The Minister will lay foundation for a Synthetic Track & Astro Turf for football in Leh at an open stadium and for a Gymnasium hall in NDS indoor stadium in Leh.
- With a Special focus to tap the natural talent in Ladakh, the sports ministry is developing infrastructure in the region.
- The facilities to be created in Leh will be a step forward for sports Development in the Union Territory Ladakh.

BWF Postpones Thomas And Uber Cup Finals To 2021

- The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has announced that the Thomas Cup and the Uber Cup, which were scheduled to be held from 3 to 11 October 2020 in Denmark, has been postponed for 2021.
- This decision has been taken following the withdrawal of many participating countries from the tournament due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The alternative dates to reschedule the World Men's and Women's Team Championships is yet to be decided by BWF.

PT POINTERS:

BWF

- Founded: 5 July 1934
- President: Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen
- Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Membership: 194 member associations

- Formation: 1934
- Type of business: Sports governing body

Tata Motors's Altroz named official partner of Dream11 IPL 2020

- Tata Motors's Altroz named official partner of Dream11 IPL 2020.
- Tata Motors has announced that its premium hatchback Altroz will be the Official Partner for Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020.
- The IPL begins on September 19 and will be played across 3 venues, located in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates, for a total of 50 days.
- Tata Motors has been associated with the BCCI for the past 3 years.

PT POINTERS:

BCCI:

- President: Sourav Ganguly
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founded: December 1928

Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat join online Fit India Freedom Run event at SAI Sonapat

- The Sports Authority of India's Northern Regional Centre in Sonapatorganised an online interaction earlier today with 391 participants on the Fit India Freedom Run.
- Star wrestlers and Khel Ratna winners in 2019 and 2020 respectively Bajrang Punia and VineshPhogat were among the speakers at the event that lasted for one and a half hours.
- The event was inaugurated by Lalita Sharma, Regional Director, SAI NRC Sonapat.
- The event was also attended by representatives from the print and electronic media.
- Pushpendra Garg, High Performance Director, Sports Authority of India and a Khel Ratna Awardee, spoke on the benefits of fitness and the Fit India Freedom Run.

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- Satish Sarhadi, CEO, SAI National Boxing Academy, Rohtak gave the closing remarks for the event.

PT POINTERS:

SAI

- Founder: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Founded: 1982
- Headquarters location: New Delhi

ITF Renames Fed Cup as Billie Jean King Cup

- The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has renamed the Fed Cup, an annual team competition in women tennis, as the "Billie Jean King Cup."
- Billie Jean King was a pioneer in women's tennis who helped the United States win the inaugural event. □ The Billie Jean King Cup is the world's largest annual women's international team sports competition in terms of the number of nations that compete.

PT POINTERS:

International Tennis Federation (ITF)

- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom
- President: David Haggerty
- Founded: 1 March 1913

The 36th National Games allotted to Goa have been postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic

- The 36th National Games allotted to Goa, which was scheduled from October 20 to November 4, 2020, had been postponed due to outbreak of the Covid-19.
- Central assistance of Rs.97.80 crore has been released to the Government of Goa for creation / development of sports infrastructure for 36th National Games.

Colonel Dr Girija Mungali appointed in Asian Football Confederation task-force

- Retd. Colonel Dr. Girija Shanker Mungali has been appointed a member of the Asian Football Confederation's task force.

- The task force consists of 7 members.
- The force aims to regulate football clubs in Asia and Australia.

Simona Halep & Novak Djokovic wins 2020 Italian Open title

- Novak Djokovic has defeated Argentine Diego Schwartzman, 7-6, 5-3, to win 2020 Men's Single Italian Open title and his fifth overall Rome title.
- In Women's single, Simona Halep defeated champion Karolina Pliskova, 6-0, 2-1, to win her first Italian Open title.

Winners List

- Men's Single- Novak Djokovic
- Women's Single- Simona Halep
- Men's Double- Marcel Granollers / Horacio Zeballos
- Women's Double- Hsieh Su-wei / Barbora Strýcová

Multi-talented Tennis world No. 1 and former cricketer Ash Barty wins Golf Club Championship

- Ashleigh Barty, who is the top-ranked WTA player in the world, and a former professional cricket player, has now added another feat in her sporting list by winning golf club championship.
- The 24-year-old, world number one Australian, has won the Brookwater Golf Club women's championship.
- Ash Barty had withdrawn from participating in US Open and French Open due to coronavirus pandemic.

Valtteri Bottas wins Russian Grand Prix 2020

- Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) has won the Formula One Russian Grand Prix 2020 held on 27 September 2020.
- This is his second win of the season.
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second followed by the 6-time world-champion Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain), who stood third because of penalties.

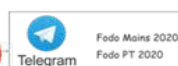
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BCCI Appoints Neetu David as head of India women's selection committee for 4 years

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed Neetu David, one of finest woman cricketers of India in the late '90s and early 2000, as the Chairman of the 5 member women's national selection panel.
- The other member of the newly-elected panel includes Mithu Mukherjee, Renu Margrate, Arati Vaidya and V Kalpana.
- The Neetu David-led panel has been appointed for a period of four years. It replaces previous panel, led by Hemlata Kala, whose term ended in March 2020.
- The first assignment of the David-led panel will be to pick three teams for the Women's T20 Challenge, to held in UAE in November 2020 alongside the IPL play-offs.

PT POINTERS:

BCCI

- President: Sourav Ganguly (Term ended, still holding the office until further interference by Hon. Supreme court of India)
- Secretary: Jay Shah (Term ended, still holding the office until further interference by Hon. Supreme court of

India)

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Vice president(s): vacant
- Founded: December 1928
- Sponsors: BYJU'S, Paytm, Nike, Dream11, Hyundai Motor Company, Ambuja Cements **Gurpreet Sandhu & Sanju Yadav Declared Winners of AIFF Player of The Year Awards**
- In Football, the Indian men's team Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu has won the 2019-'20 AIFF Player of the year awards in men's category.
- The women's squad's midfielder Sanju Yadav from Haryana has won the 2019-'20 AIFF Player of the year awards in women's category.

Australia's Alyssa Healy breaks MS Dhoni's T20I record

- Australia wicketkeeper Alyssa Healy has broken MS Dhoni's record for the most number of dismissals by a wicketkeeper in T20 internationals.
- She went past Dhoni's tally of 91 during the 2nd T20I between Australia women and New Zealand women at the Allan Border Field in Brisbane.

All the best
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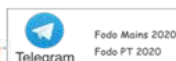
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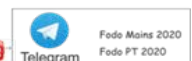
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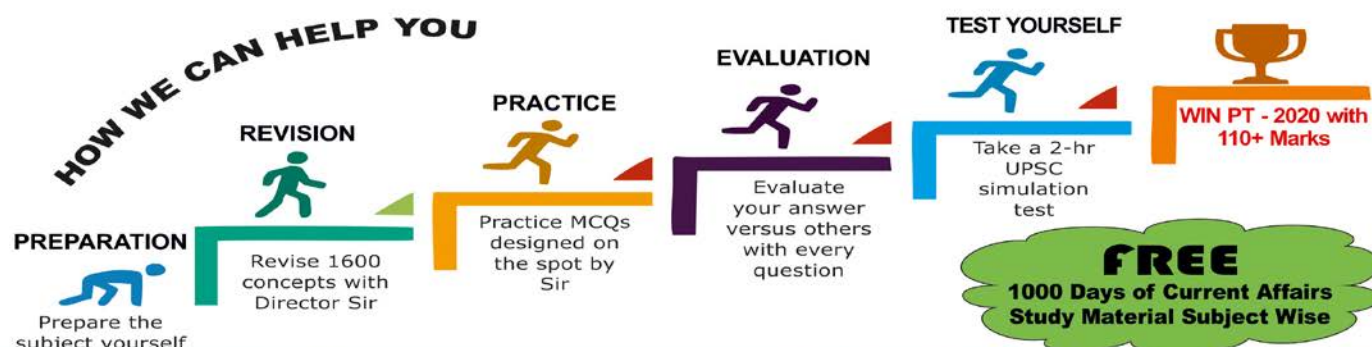


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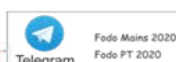
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