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# 2021 Sports

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# 2021 Sports - January

## CRICKET

### Cricket-India retains Border-Gavaskar Trophy by Defeating Australia in 2020-21 Test Series

India won by defeating Australia in 2020-21 Test Series(4 Match) by 2-1 and retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in 2020-21 Edition. Ajinkya Rahane led the Indian Team in the absence of Virat Kohli who played only the First Test Match. India created history by defeating Australia for the 1st time at the Gabba, Brisbane in 32 years.

- Pat Cummins was the Player of the Series for picking up 21 wickets in the series.
- India's Stand-in Captain Ajinkya Rahane became the 1st Recipient of Mullagh Medal after he won Man of the Match at the Boxing Day Test held at MCG.
- Australia's Claire Polosak became the 1st Female Match Official in a Men's Test Match...[Click here for other interesting fact about this series](#)

## BADMINTON & TENNIS

### Overview of Yonex Thailand Open 2021 Super 1000 – Badminton Tournament

Yonex Thailand Open 2021 (Level – Super 1000), a first Badminton Tournament in 2021 took place at Impact arena, Bangkok, Thailand from January 12-17, 2021. It was organized by the Badminton Association of Thailand & sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF). India's Saina Nehwal lost in the women's singles second round to Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan.

- In the Latest World Junior Rankings released by BWF post COVID, In the Men's Category, Varun Kapur (Maharashtra) attained his Career-best ranking of World Number 2. In the Women's Category, Samiya Imad Farooqi (Telangana) attained her Career-best ranking of World Number 2.

#### Winners:

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	Angus Long (Hong Kong)
Women's Singles	Carolina Marin (Spain)	Tai Tzu-ying (Taiwan)
Men's Doubles	Lee Yang & Wang Chi-Lin (Taiwan)	Goh V Shem & Tan Wee Kiong (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Greysia Polii & Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia)	Jongkolphan Kititharakul & Rawinda Prajongjai (Thailand)
Mixed Doubles	Dechapol Puavaranukroh & Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)	Praveen Jordan & Melati Daeva Oktavianti (Malaysia)

## ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL

### India to host 2022 AFC Women's Football Asia Cup

India has got the hosting rights from Asian Football Confederation (b) to host 2022's Women's Football Asia Cup. The event is planned to start from 20th January, 2022 to 6th February, 2022. For the first time the event will feature 12 teams from across Asia. Ahmedabad and Navi Mumbai are the two possible venues to hold 2022 AFC's Women's Football Asia Cup. This event will act as a qualifier to the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup that is to be held in Australia and New Zealand. Earlier, India had hosted AFC Women's Asia Cup in 1980.

## OTHER SPORTS NEWS

### Goa's 14-year old Leon Mendonca becomes India's 67th Chess Grandmaster

14-year old Leon Mendonca from Goa became India's 67th Chess Grandmaster (GM) after winning his third & Final norm at the Vergani Cup, Italy. Mendonca is only the 2nd GM from Goa. He became the 29th Youngest GM in the world. Sergey Karjakin of Russia holds the record for the World's Youngest ever GM having qualified for the title at the age of 12 years and 7 months (achieved the title in 2003).

### ITBP wins 10th IHAI National Ice Hockey Championships held at Gulmarg, J&K

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) won the 10th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championships by defeating Ladakh in the finals held at Gulmarg Ice Rink, Gulmarg Development Authority, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). The event was held from January 16-22, 2021 and was organized by IHAI. ITBP is one of India's Primary Border Patrol Organizations responsible for Managing India's borders along China's Tibet Autonomous Region.

### Sport Minister Kiren Rijiju Launched the First Reference Material Synthesised by NDTL & NIPER

Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sport, launched the indigenously developed Reference Material(RM), synthesized by collaborative efforts of National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati. It is the 1st RM synthesized by NDTL and NIPER, Guwahati. He also released the Newsletter of NDTL during the event. This RM as one of the rarely available RMs which would be used to strengthen anti-doping measures in the laboratories accredited with the World Anti-Doping Agency(WADA).

## 2021 Sports - February

### CRICKET

#### Domestic Cricket: Tamil Nadu wins 2020-21 Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 competition

On January 31, 2021, Tamil Nadu Cricket Team defeated Baroda in the finals of the 2020-21 Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Competition held at Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat to win the trophy. The 12th Edition of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy was held from January 10-31, 2021. The Tamil Nadu cricket team was led by Dinesh Karthik.

#### Indian Cricketer Ashok Dinda Announced His Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket

On 2nd February 2021, Indian bowler Ashok Dinda announced his retirement from all formats of Cricket at the age of 36. He is one of the quick bowlers in Indian Domestic cricket. He Hails from West Bengal. He made his One Day International (ODI) debut in May 2010 against Zimbabwe.

#### ICC Announced BYJU's as Global Partner from 2021 - 2023

On 8th February 2021, The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced BYJU's as its global partner from 2021 to 2023. Under the 3-year agreement BYJU's will partner all the events of ICC from 2021 to 2023, including the Men's T20 World Cup in India, and the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in New Zealand. Under this partnership BYJU's will have extensive in-venue, broadcast, and digital rights to all ICC events.

#### Former Indian Cricketer Naman Ojha retires from all forms of Cricket

On 15th February 2021, Former Indian Wicketkeeper - Batsman Naman Ojha(37 years old) from Madhya Pradesh(MP) announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket(international and BCCI/MPCA domestic first-class cricket). He has represented India in all three formats and holds the record for the most dismissals (351) by a wicketkeeper in Ranji Trophy.

### South Africa's Faf du Plessis Announces Retirement from Test Cricket

On February 17, 2021, Former South African Captain & Batsman Francois 'Faf' du Plessis announced Retirement from Test Cricket format of the game. He is the only South African Captain to lead his team to a Test Series victory over Australia in both home (South Africa) & Away (Australia). The 36-year-old has played 69 Tests for South Africa & captained the team in 36 Tests.

### Sri Lankan Cricketer Dhammika Prasad announces Retirement from International Cricket

Sri Lankan Fast Bowler Dhammika Prasad announced his retirement from International Cricket at the age of 37. He has represented Sri Lanka in 25 Tests, 24 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 1 Twenty20 International (T20I).

### Sri Lankan Cricketer Upul Tharanga announces retirement from International Cricket

Former Sri Lankan Limited Overs Captain (ODIs & T20Is) & Batsman Upul Tharanga announced retirement from International cricket at the age of 36. He has represented Sri Lanka in 31 tests, 235 ODIs & 26 T20Is. He has scored 1754 runs in Tests, 407 runs in T20Is & 6951 runs in ODIs.

### Indian Cricketer Yusuf Pathan announces Retirement from all forms of Cricket

Former Indian Cricketer & All-Rounder Yusuf Pathan has announced retirement from all forms of Cricket at the age of 38. Yusuf Pathan hails from Vadodara (Baroda), Gujarat. Yusuf holds the record for the fastest century (off 37 balls) by an Indian in IPL. He has represented India in 57 ODIs & 22 T20Is scoring 1046 runs & 46 wickets across the 2 formats.

## BADMINTON & TENNIS

### Tennis: Overview of 2021 Australian Open

109th Edition of Australian Open (53rd in Open Era) took place from February 8-21, 2021 at the Melbourne, Australia. Chronologically, it is the First Grand Slam event (out of 4) of each Year in both the Men's & Women's Tour. It takes place on a Hard surface (called as Hard Courts)...[click here for more detail](#)

Winners of 2021 Australian Open

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Jennifer Brady (USA)
Men's Doubles	Ivan Dodig (Croatia) & Filip Polasek (Slovakia)	Rajeev Ram (USA) & Joe Salisbury (Great Britain)
Women's Doubles	Elise Mertens (Belgium) & Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Barbora Krejckova & Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic pair)
Mixed Doubles	Rajeev Ram (USA) & Barbora Krejckova (Czech Republic)	Matthew Ebden & Samantha Stosur (Australian pair)

### Tennis : India's Ankita Raina claims her Maiden WTA doubles title

India's Ankita Raina partnered with Russia's Kamilla Radhikova to defeat the Russian pair of Anna Blinkova & Anastasia Potapova in the final of Phillip Island Trophy Tennis Tournament at Melbourne, Australia to win her maiden WTA (Women's Tennis Association) 250 Doubles title. The win made Ankita India's First WTA Champion since Sania Mirza. The win will catapult her to a Ranking of 94 from the current 115 in the WTA Doubles chart. She will become the 2nd Indian player to crack the doubles top-100 since Sania Mirza.

## BOXING, WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING

### Boxing : Indian Contingent wins 12 Medals Tally at 30th 'Adriatic Pearl' Tournament

Indian Boxing Contingent finished with 12 medals at the 30th Youth International Boxing Tournament 'Adriatic Pearl' held at Budva, Montenegro from February 16-22, 2021. It finished 2nd in the overall medals tally, Uzbekistan took the 1st place while Ukraine finished 3rd in the medals tally.

List of Winners (Indian Women's Contingent)

Winners	Category	Medal
Alfiya Pathan	81+ Kg	Gold
Arundhati Choudhary	69 Kg	Gold
N Babyrojisana Chanu	51 Kg	Gold
Thokchom Sanamacha Chanu	75 Kg	Gold
Vinka	60 Kg	Gold
Raj Sahiba	75 Kg	Silver
Gitika	45-48 Kg	Silver
Lucky Rana	64 Kg	Silver
Preethi	57 Kg	Bronze
Neha	54 Kg	Bronze

List of Winners (Indian Men's Contingent)

Winners	Category	Medal
Priyanshu Dabas	46-49 kg	Bronze
Jugnoo	91+	Bronze

## ARCHERY & SHOOTING

### Shooting : India tops Medals tally by bagging 11 Medals at First Asian Online Shooting Championship

India's 24-Member Indian Shooting Contingent topped the Medals Tally by bagging 11 Medals – 4 Gold, 2 Silver & 5 Bronze Medals at the First Asian Online Shooting Championship organized by Kuwait Shooting Federation from January 29-30, 2021. The Indian Shooters participated in the online competition from the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi.

**Indian Medals Tally: Gold Medal**

Winner	Category
Saurabh Chaudhary	Men's 10m Air Pistol
Divyansh Singh Panwar	Men's 10m Air Rifle
Kynan Chenai	Men's Trap
Rajeshwari Kumari	Women's Trap

## OTHER SPORTS NEWS

### Karnataka to host 2nd Edition of Khelo India University Games in 2021

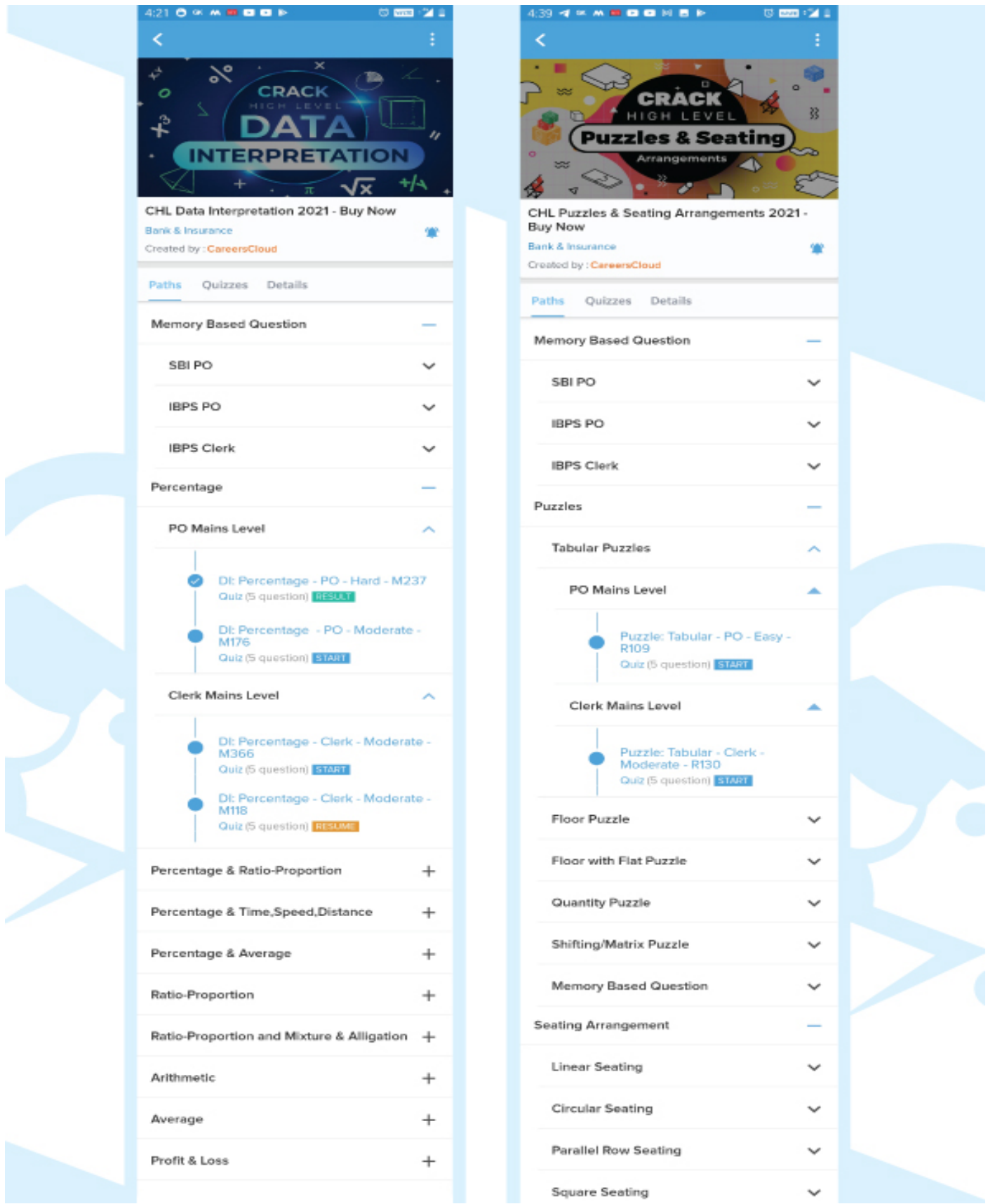
Karnataka is set to host the 2nd Edition of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) in 2021. The games will be hosted in Jain University, Bengaluru and other venues in Karnataka in collaboration with Association of Indian Universities (AIU). KIUG 2021 will see the addition of 2 new native sports namely 'Yogasana' & 'Mallakhamb' in the medal events. The total number of medal events/sports will be 19. KIUG is organised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) & Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports along with Association of Indian Universities, Indian Olympic Association & National Sports Federation.

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## 2021 Sports - March

### CRICKET

#### **Indian Cricketer Vinay Kumar announces retirement from First Class & International Cricket**

Former Indian Cricketer & Fast Bowler Ranganath Vinay Kumar announced his retirement from First Class & International Cricket at the age of 37. He hails from Davanagere, Karnataka and is affectionately called as 'The Davanagere Express'. He has played for Karnataka, Puducherry in the Ranji Trophy.

#### **Pollard becomes third batsman to hit six 6s in an over in international cricket**

West Indies limited-overs format skipper Kieron Pollard became the third batsman in the history of international cricket after Herschelle Gibbs(South Africa) and Yuvraj Singh(India) to hit six 6s in an over. He achieved the feat in the first T20I of the three-match series against Sri Lanka here at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua.

#### **VIVO regains IPL Title Sponsorship**

Chinese smartphone maker, VIVO, regained its Title Sponsorship in 2021's edition of Indian Premier League (IPL). Previously, in 2018 VIVO acquired the title sponsorship of IPL for 5 years at a cost of Rs. 2,199 crores, ie; 440 crores per year. Due to the backlash of Chinese products in 2020, VIVO took a temporary break from the IPL's title sponsorship, which was acquired by Dream11 at 50% cost of Rs. 222 crores for 2020 edition.

#### **Cricket: India retains Anthony de Mello Trophy by Defeating England in 2020-21 Test Series**

The Indian Cricket Team defeated England in the 4th Test Match held at Narendra Modi Stadium, World's Largest Cricket Stadium at Motera, Ahmedabad, Gujarat to win the Match & consequently the 2020-21 Test series by 3-1. With the win, India has yet again retained the Anthony de Mello Trophy. Player of the Series is Ravichandran Ashwin. The Anthony de Mello Trophy is awarded to the winner of the England-India Test Cricket series held in India. The trophy was already with the Indian Team as they had won the Test Series held in 2016-17.

#### **Ashwin, Beaumont Win ICC Player of Month Awards for February**

International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced India's Ravichandran Ashwin as the ICC men's player of the month (February) and England's Tammy Beaumont as the ICC Women's Player of the Month for February 2021.

#### **Mithali Raj becomes 1st Indian & 2nd International Woman Cricketer to score 10, 000**

##### **International Runs**

Mithali Raj became 1st Indian Woman Cricketer & 2nd International Women Cricketer (after England's Charlotte Edwards) to score 10, 000 runs in International Cricket across all 3 formats of Cricket. She achieved the record during the 3rd ODI Between India & South Africa Women's team at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow. Mithali Raj hails from Rajasthan; she made her debut for India in June 1999. She became the First Woman Cricketer to complete 7, 000 runs in Women's ODI cricket.

#### **Rawalpindi's KRL Stadium renamed after Shoaib Akhtar**

The cricket authorities in Rawalpindi has renamed historic KRL Stadium in Rawalpindi, Pakistan as Shoaib Akhtar Stadium to honour Akhtar for his services to Pakistan cricket for years.



### **Former Ireland Captain, Gary Wilson, retires from International Cricket**

On 19th March 2021, the 35-year-old Gary Wilson, Former captain of Ireland Cricket Team announced retirement from International Cricket. He represented the Ireland squad in 2 Cricket World Cups (2011, 2015) and 5 T20 World Cups (2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016). Currently, he is all set to take over the role of Head Coach and Pathway Manager for North West Warriors.

### **ICC Bans UAE Cricketers Mohammad Naveed & Shaiman Anwar for 8 Years**

On 16th March 2021, International Cricket Council (ICC) handed an 8-year ban to UAE cricketers, Former United Arab Emirates(UAE) captain Mohammad Naveed and batsman Shaiman Anwar from all forms of cricket. They were banned for breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

### **Mumbai Cricket Team Wins 2021's Vijay Hazare Trophy**

Mumbai cricket team won the 2021's Vijay Hazare Trophy in the finals against Uttar Pradesh, where the captain of Mumbai, Prithvi Shaw became the 1st player to score 800 runs in a single edition. Previously, Mayank Agarwal held the highest run scorer record with 723 runs from the 2018 edition. In the same match, Uttar Pradesh batsman, Madhav Kaushik, scored 158 runs recording the highest runs scored by a batsman in the tournament's final.

### **Cricket: India wins the 2020-21 Paytm T20I series against England**

The Indian Cricket Team defeated England in the 5th T20I Match held at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat to win the Match and consequently the 2020-21 Paytm T20I series by 3-2. Player of the Series is Virat Kohli and he became the 1st Cricketer to score 3,000 runs in T20 Internationals.

### **'Girl Gang' announced official song of ICC Women's World Cup 2022**

A song 'Girl Gang' by New Zealand singer Gin Wigmore, has been announced as the official song of the 12th edition of 2022 International Cricket Council(ICC) Women's World Cup at Mt Maunganui Beach, New Zealand. The tournament is set to be hosted in New Zealand from March 4 to April 3, 2022. The song is from Wigmore's fourth album Ivory released in 2017.

### **India Legends won 1st edition of 2020-21 Road Safety World Series T20 against Sri Lanka Legends**

India Legends cricket team against Sri Lanka Legends won the 1st Edition of the 2020-21 Road Safety World Series T20 tournament, organized by the Road Safety Cell of Maharashtra in the Finals. Tillakaratne Dilshan, captain of Sri Lanka Legends won the Player of the series. Sachin Tendulkar was the captain of India Legends. 7 Countries Participated in the series viz, India Legends, Sri Lanka Legends, South Africa Legends, West Indies Legends, England Legends, Bangladesh Legends, Australia Legends.

### **India beats England in 3-match ODI series**

In the recently concluded 3-match One Day International (ODI) Series between India & England which was hosted by India, Indian Cricket team under the captaincy of Virat Kohli won the series in a thrilling 2-1 lead. England opener Jonny Bairstow was awarded the Player of the Series. Virat Kohli became the 3rd Indian Captain to lead Indian side in 200 International matches [MS Dhoni in 332 matches & Mohammad Azharuddin in 221 matches].

## **BADMINTON & TENNIS**

### **Indian shuttlers Varun Kapur & Malvika Bansod wins 2021 Uganda International titles**

On 28th February 2021, Indian Shuttlers Varun Kapur & Malvika Bansod won the 2021's Uganda International Badminton's Men's & Women's Singles Titles that was held from 25th to 28th of February, 2021, at Lugogo Indoor Stadium, Kampala, Uganda.

### Badminton: PV Sindhu clinches Silver Medal at YONEX Swiss Open 2021

Indian Shuttler PV Sindhu clinched the Silver Medal in the 2021 Swiss Open Super 300 (Officially known as Yonex Swiss Open 2021) after she was defeated in the final by Spain's Carolina Marin. The tournament took place at St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, from March 2-7, 2021. It is organized by Swiss Badminton & sanctioned by the BWF.

Category	Winners	Runners
Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand)
Women's Singles	Carolina Marin (Spain)	PV Sindhu (India)
Men's Doubles	Kim Astrup & Anders Rasmussen (Denmark)	Mark Lamsfuss & Marvin Sidel (German)
Women's Doubles	Pearly Tan & Thinaah Muralitharan (Malaysia)	Gabriela & Stefani Stoeva (Bulgaria)
Mixed Doubles	Thom Gicquel & Delphine Delrue (France)	Mathias Christiansen & Alexandra Boje (Denmark)

### Sharath Kamal Becomes First Indian Paddler To Qualify For The 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

On 18th March 2021, Achanta Sharath Kamal, an Indian table tennis player, win over Muhammad Rameez (Pakistan) in the Asian Olympic Qualification tournament held in Doha, Qatar and became the first Indian Paddler to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. This marks the 4th appearance of Kamal at the Olympic games. Achanta Sharath Kamal was born on 12th July 1982 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

### Overview of Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships 2021

The 2021 All England Open (officially known as the Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships 2021) took place at Arena Birmingham in England from March 17-21, 2021. Organized by Badminton England; Sanctioned by BWF. Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia won the Men's Singles. Japan's Nozomi Okuhara won the Women's Singles.

#### Winners of the Tournament

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Lee Zii Jia (Malaysia)	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
Men's Doubles	Yuta Watanabe & Hiroyuki Endo (Japan)	Takeshi Kamura & Keigo Sonoda (Japan)
Women's Singles	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)	Pornpawee Chochuwong (Thailand)
Women's Doubles	Mayu Matsumoto & Wakana Nagahara (Japan)	Yuki Fukushima & Sayaka Hirota (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Yuta Watanabe & Arisa Higashino (Japan)	Yuki Kaneko & Misaki Matsutomo (Japan)

## ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL

### Odisha to host 2021 edition of Hero Indian Women's League Football

On 28th February, 2021 the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) has announced that the 2020-21 edition of Hero Indian Women's League Football tournament will be hosted by Odisha state. The event was postponed in 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic. Exact dates of the event are not yet finalised.

### **FIFA Collaboration with UNODC to Fight Against Match Manipulation**

On March 16, 2021, The Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) collaborated with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to launch the Global Integrity Programme a comprehensive international programme to fight and prevent match manipulation. It aims to protect the integrity of football and will play an important role in educating and building capacity within all 211 member associations to help fight match-fixing at a local level.

### **Federation Cup: Avinash Sable sets new national record in men's 3000m steeplechase**

Avinash Sable posted a new national record of 8 minutes 20.20 seconds as he won the men's 3000-metre steeplechase at the National Federation Cup. Avinash has already qualified for Tokyo Olympics. He broke his own record of 8:21.37 at the 2019 Doha World Championships.

### **Football-2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup Venue – Mumbai, Ahmedabad & Bhubaneswar**

On 26th March, 2021 the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) & the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 Local Organising Committee (LOC) announced the 3 final venues for the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup that will be held in India from January 20 to February 6, 2022. India will also host the FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup in 2022.

### **Dhanalakshmi dethrones Dutee Chand to win 100m title at Fed Cup**

Dhanalakshmi from Tamil Nadu has beaten Dutee Chand and Hima Das to win the 100 metre women's final at Federation Cup Athletics 2021 in Patiala, Punjab. She took 11:39 seconds to clinch the gold medal while Dutee Chand was second with 11.58 seconds. Hima Das was disqualified for a false start.

## **BOXING, WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING**

### **Wrestling: Vinesh Phogat wins Gold Medal at XXIV Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers & Coaches Memorial Tournament**

Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat won the Gold Medal in the Women's 53 Kg Category of XXIV Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial Tournament held at Kyiv (also known as Kiev), Ukraine. She defeated Vanesa Kaladzinskaya of Belarus in the Final.

The Event was held from February 26-28, 2021 and was organized by United World Wrestling. She is the only Indian Woman Wrestler to have qualified for the Tokyo Games.

### **Boxing: India bags 10 Medals at 35th Boxam International Tournament 2021**

India's 14-member Boxing Contingent bagged 10 Medals (1 Gold, 8 Silver, 1 Bronze) at the 35th Edition of the 2021 'Boxam' Elite International Tournament held at Castellon de la Plana, Spain. The event took place from March 1-7, 2021. It is hosted by the Spanish Boxing Federation. Manish Kaushik clinched the Gold Medal in the men's 63 Kg category. Six-time World Champion MC Mary Kom (51Kg) clinched the Bronze Medal in the women's 51 Kg category boxing...[Click here for Indian winner list](#)

### **NADA Disciplinary Panel Imposed Sanctions on Weightlifter Madhavan R & Boxer Ruchika for Violating Code**

On 9th March 2021, the Disciplinary Panel of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) imposed sanctions on Madhavan R, Weightlifter, and Ruchika, Boxer for the violation of NADA's code on the usage of prohibited substances. The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) has banned Madhavan R and Ruchika for 4 years and 2 years respectively.

### **Wrestling: India bags 8 Medals at Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series 2021 held in Rome, Italy**

The 14-member Indian Wrestling Contingent bagged 8 medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver, 5 Bronze) at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series 2021 held at Rome, Italy from March 4-7, 2021. The series was conducted for

the categories of Freestyle, Greco-Roman & Women Wrestling. Around 26 Countries participated in the Tournament which was organized by the United World Wrestling (UWW).

Winner	Category	Medal
Bajrang Punia	Men's 65 Kg (Freestyle)	Gold
Vinesh Phogat	Women's 53 Kg	Gold
Sarita Mor	Women's 57 Kg	Silver
Vishal Kaliramana	Men's 70 Kg (Freestyle)	Bronze
Neeraj	Men's 63 Kg (Greco-Roman)	Bronze
Kuldeep Malik	Men's 72 Kg (Greco-Roman)	Bronze
Naveen	Men's 130 Kg (Greco-Roman)	Bronze
Arjun Halakurki	Men's 55 Kg (Greco-Roman)	Bronze

### India to host 2021's Asian Boxing Championship in May at New Delhi

On 15th March, 2021 International Boxing Association (AIBA) announced that 2021's Edition of Asian Boxing Championship will be held between May 21-31 at New Delhi, India. This will be the 1st boxing tournament in Asia in 2021, acting towards evaluating boxers' readiness for the Olympic games. 30th edition of Asian Amateur Boxing Championships that was held in 2019 saw participation from 34 countries. 2020's Event was cancelled on the rise of pandemic, and it is expected to see participants from 32 countries in the 2021's edition.

### Government Recognised Indian Style Wrestling Association as a National Sports Federation

On 8th March 2021, The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has officially recognised the Indian Style Wrestling Association of India (ISWAI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion and regulation of "Indian Style Wrestling" in India. With this recognition ISWAI is eligible to receive fund and support from the government.

## ARCHERY & SHOOTING

### Shooting – Indian Men Team Wins Bronze, Women's Team Wins Silver at ISSF World Cup 2021, Egypt

The ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) Shotgun World Cup 2021 was held in Cairo, Egypt from February 22-March 5, 2021. The Shotgun tournament took place for disciplines of Trap Shooting & Skeet Shooting. Russia topped the overall medal standings with 9 medals, followed by Croatia & Spain. India finished 7<sup>th</sup> place with 2 medals. The Indian Women's Trap Team trio of Kirti Gupta, Manisha Keer & Rajeshwari Kumari won the Silver medal in the event.

## OTHER SPORTS NEWS

### Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Restored the Recognition of GFI after 10 years

On 26th February 2021, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports restored the recognition of the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) as National Sports Federation after a decade. The recognition granted by the Ministry with immediate effect is for the period till 31st December 2021. GFI's accreditation was revoked by the ministry in 2011 exactly 10 year before due to fighting within the federation.

### J&K tops medal tally at Khelo India Winter Games held at Gulmarg, J&K

On 2nd March, 2021, Jammu & Kashmir retained the top spot in the 2nd Edition of Khelo India Winter Games, which was held at Gulmarg, J&K. Both the 1st & 2nd edition is held at Gulmarg, J&K. Jammu &

Kashmir retained the top spot for the second consecutive time. The event was organized by J&K Sports Council & Winter Games Association of J&K.

**Top 3 position:**

1. Jammu & Kashmir won 11 Gold, 18 Silver and 5 Bronze Medals.
2. Karnataka won 5 Gold, 4 Bronze Medals.
3. Maharashtra won 3 Gold, 3 Silver & 2 Bronze Medals.

**Bhavani Devi becomes 1st Indian Fencer to qualify for 2020 Tokyo Olympics**

Chadalavada Anandha Bhavani Devi who hails from Tamil Nadu became the 1st ever Indian Fencer to qualify for an Olympics. She was assured of qualification for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics after Hungary lost to South Korea in the Quarter-finals of Team event of 2021 Fencing Sabre World Cup being held at Budapest, Hungary. She was the first Indian to bag a silver medal at the 2014 Asian Championship U23 category in Philippines and first Indian to win a gold medal at the senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship in Canberra in the sabre event in 2019.

**India Finished 3rd in 2021 Para Shooting World Cup with 7 Medals**

India bagged 7 medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver & 4 Bronze) and finished at 3rd Position in the 2021 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup held at Al Ain, UAE from March 15-25, 2021. Ukraine topped the table with 11 Medals (5 Gold, 5 Silver, 1 Bronze), while UAE finished Second with 5 medals (3 Gold, 2 Silver). They are organized by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)...[Click here for complete detail.](#)

**Lewis Hamilton wins 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix of Formula One**

Mercedes Driver Lewis Hamilton (Great Britain) won the 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix (officially known as Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2021) held at Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhir, Bahrain on March 28, 2021. Red Bull Racing's driver Max Verstappen (Netherlands) finished 2nd in the race, while Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas (Finland) finished 3rd in the race. Bahrain Grand Prix is the inaugural GP of the 2021 Formula One World Championship.

## 2021 Sports - April

**CRICKET**

**Virat Kohli regains Top spot in ODI Batsman rankings; India at 8th spot in ICC WC Super League Standings**

After the 2021 England vs India 3-match One Day Internationals (ODI) series in March, 2021, Indian Skipper Virat Kohli regained the No.1 Spot in International Cricket Council (ICC) ODI Men's Batsman Rankings. With 2-1 victory in the 3-match series, India moved to 7th spot in the ICC World Cup (WC) Super League Standings.

**ICC bans Former Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak for 8 years; Babar Azam – ICC No.1 ODI batsman**

International Cricket Council (ICC) banned former Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak for 8-years from all forms of cricket for breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. During his tenure as the coach of Zimbabwe cricket team from 2016 to 2018 he leaked the team's internal information during the 2018 Tri-Series between Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

- Bhuvneshwar Kumar – India – Men's Player of the Month
- Lizelle Lee – South Africa – Women's Player of the Month
- Pakistan ODI captain, Babar Azam, replaced Indian Captain Virat Kohli to become the ICC Men's No.1 ODI Batsman.[Click here to know the details of up-to-date ICC Men's ODI Ranking](#)

### Former Sri Lankan Cricketer Dilhara Lokuhettige Banned For 8 Years

International Cricket Council (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) has imposed an 8 year ban on 40-years-old former Sri Lankan Cricketer Dilhara Lokuhettige from all forms of cricket for breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption code. The ban was backdated to 3rd April 2019 when he was provisionally suspended. He was the 4th former Sri Lanka player to be charged with corruption.

### Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium to host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Final

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has selected the Narendra Modi Stadium commonly known as the Motera Stadium in Motera, Ahmedabad, Gujarat to host the finals of the 7th International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup in November 2021. It has shortlisted eight venues to host the tournament of 2021 (October-November, 2021) which includes Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Dharamshala.

### ICC Banned UAE's Qadeer from Cricket for 5 years due to Corruption

In April 2021, the International Cricket Council's (ICC) banned the United Arab Emirates (UAE) cricketer Qadeer Ahmed Khan for five-years from all forms of cricket after he admitted to six breaches of ICC's anti-corruption code. On October, 16, 2019, he was provisionally suspended by ICC.

## BADMINTON & TENNIS

### Tennis: Overview of 2021 Miami Open

The 2021 Miami Open (also known as Miami Masters, presented by Itau) took place at Hard Rock Stadium, Miami, the USA from 22nd March – 4th April 2021. It is part of the Men's ATP Tour Masters 1000 Circuit & a Premier Mandatory event on the Women's WTA Tour. It is a Hard-Court Tournament.

Category	Winners	Runners-up
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Hubert Hurkacz (Poland)	Jannik Sinner (Italy)
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Bianca Andreescu (Canada)
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	Nikola Pietrangeli & Mate Pavic (Croatia)	Daniel Evans & Neal Skupski (Britain)
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	Shuko Aoyama & Ena Shibahara (Japan)	Hayley Carter (US) & Luisa Stefani (Brazil)

### Houston, USA to Host 2021 World Table Tennis Championship For 1st Time

International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) has confirmed that the World Table Tennis Championship 2021 will be held as per schedule from November 23 to 29, 2021 in Houston, United States of America (USA). This is for the 1st time USA will host the World Table Tennis Championship. The decision was made at a meeting of the ITTF executive committee on April 11.

### Tennis : Stefanos Tsitsipas wins 2021 Monte-Carlo Masters Title

Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece defeated Russia's Andrey Rublev to win the 2021 Monte-Carlo Masters Title, an ATP Masters 1000 title. It is his Maiden Masters 1000 Title. In the Doubles Category, Croatian Pair of Nikola Pietrangeli and Mate Pavic won the Doubles Title by defeating Neal Skupski & Daniel Evans of UK. Monte-Carlo Masters tournament was held from April 10-18, 2021 at Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, France.

### Tennis : Rafael Nadal wins 2021 Barcelona Open

Spain's Rafael Nadal defeated Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas to win the 2021 Barcelona Open (68th Edition) which held at Real Club de Tenis Barcelona, Spain. This is the 12th Barcelona Open Title for Rafael Nadal. Barcelona Open is an annual tennis tournament for male professional players and is

played on clay courts. In the Doubles Category, Juan Sebastian Cabal (Colombia) & Robert Farah (Colombia) won the Doubles Title by defeating Kevin Krawietz (Germany) & Horia Tecau (Romania).

## ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL

### FootBall – 9 cities in Australia & New Zealand to Host 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup

Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has announced the 9 host cities & 10 stadiums for the 2023 Women’s Football World Cup spread across Australia & New Zealand. Notably, the opening match will be held in Auckland, New Zealand and the Finals in Sydney, Australia and two of the semi-finals are split between the countries. Previously, New Zealand & Australia Co-hosted Cricket World Cup in 2015. Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney from Australia and Auckland, Dunedin, Hamilton and Wellington from New Zealand.

## BOXING, WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING

### Uzbekistan to host AIBA’s 2023 Men’s Boxing World Championship

On 2nd March 2021, the International Boxing Association (AIBA) announced Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan as the host city for 2023 Men’s Boxing World Championship. The biennial event is the highest event in the sport of Boxing. For the 1st time Uzbekistan is going to host the Boxing World Championship in its 22nd Edition in 2023. The next event, 22nd edition of the World championship will be conducted between 10th April to 24th April, 2021 at Belgrade, Serbia.

### Wrestling : India bags 14 Medals in Asian Wrestling Champions 2021 at Almaty, Kazakhstan

India bagged 14 Medals (5 Gold, 3 Silver, 6 Bronze) in the 2021 Asian Wrestling Championships held at Almaty, Kazakhstan from April 13-18, 2021. It is the 34<sup>th</sup> edition of the Asian Wrestling Championships. Iran & Kazakhstan both finished at the Top Position with 17 Medals each. It is organized by the United World Wrestling (UWW).

Rank	Country	Medals
	Iran	17 (Gold – 7, Silver- 5, Bronze -5)
1	Kazakhstan	17 (Gold – 7, Silver- 5, Bronze -5)
3	India	14 (Gold – 5, Silver – 3, Bronze – 6)

#### India’s Gold Medal Winners

Winner	Category	Medal
Ravi Kumar Dahiya	Men’s Freestyle – 57 Kg	Gold
Vinesh Phogat	Women’s Freestyle – 53 Kg	Gold
Anshu Malik	Women’s Freestyle – 57 Kg	Gold
Sarita Mor	Women’s Freestyle – 59 Kg	Gold
Divya Kakran	Women’s Freestyle – 72 Kg	Gold

[Click here to read more](#)

### India bags 11 medals tops Medals Tally at 2021 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships

India has bagged 11 Medals (8 Gold, 3 Bronze) at 2021 AIBA Youth Men’s and Women’s World Boxing Championships held in Kielce, Poland from April 10-24, 2021. India topped the overall medals tally, it was followed by Russia & Uzbekistan.

Winner	Category	Medal
Sachin	56 Kg Men’s Bantamweight	Gold

Gitika Narwal	48 Kg Women's Light flyweight	Gold
Naorem Babyrojisana Chanu	51 Kg Women's Flyweight	Gold
Poonam Punia	57 Kg Women's Featherweight	Gold
Vinka	60 Kg Women's Lightweight	Gold
Arundhati Choudhary	69 Kg Women's Welterweight	Gold
Thokchom Sanamacha Chanu	75 Kg Women's Middleweight	Gold
Alfiya Pathan	#ERROR!	Gold
Bishwamithra Chongtham	49 Kg Men's Lightweight	Bronze
Ankit Narwal	64 Kg Men's Light welterweight	Bronze
Vishal Gupta	91 Kg Men's Heavyweight	Bronze

### India's Mirabai Chanu, Jhilli Dalabehera win Medals in the 2020 Asian Weightlifting Championships

India won 2 medals (1 Gold, 1 Bronze) in the 2020 Asian Weightlifting Championships held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan from April 16-25, 2021. The two medallists are – Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (Manipur) – Bronze Medal in Women's 49 Kg weightlifting & Jhilli Dalabehera (Odisha) – Gold Medal in Women's 45 Kg weightlifting. With 2 Medals India finished at 8th Place in the overall table, which was topped by China, Iran. It was the 49th Men's & 30th Women's Championship and hosted by Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF).

## ARCHERY & SHOOTING

### Shooting: India bags 30 Medals, Tops Medals Tally at New Delhi ISSF World Cup 2021

2021 ISSF World Cup took place at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, New Delhi from March 18-29, 2021. India topped the Medals Tally with 30 Medals (15 Gold, 9 Silver, 6 Bronze), while USA Grabbed the 2nd place with 8 Medals & Italy took the 3rd place with 4 Medals. The World Cup featured events across 3 disciplines (Rifle, Pistol & Shotgun).

- Yashaswini Singh Deswal (World No.1 in 10m Air Pistol Women) won the Gold medal in the Women's 10m Air Pistol event.
- Manu Bhaker (World No.2 in 10m Air Pistol Women) won the silver medal in the Women's 10m Air Pistol event & grabbed Bronze medal in the Women's 25m Pistol event.
- Chinki Yadav (World No.1 in 25m Pistol Women) won the Gold medal in the Women's 25m Pistol event.
- Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar (World No.1 in 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men) clinched the gold medal in the individual event of 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men. [Click here for complete medal tally](#)

### India Won 4 Medals in 2021 Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 1 in Guatemala

India won 4 medals (3 Gold, 1 Bronze) in the 2021 Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 1 held in Guatemala from 19th to 25th April, 2021. Atanu Das defeated Daniel Castro of Spain to win the men's individual recurve gold medals & Deepika Kumari defeated Mackenzie Brown of the USA to win the Women individual recurve gold medals. Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Komalika Bari won gold medal in the Women Recurve Team. Atanu Das with Ankita Bhakat won bronze medal in mixed team.



## OTHER SPORTS NEWS

### **Kamalpreet Kaur – India’s Latest Discus Throw Sensation**

Kamalpreet Kaur, an Indian women’s Discus thrower qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games set to be held in Japan (from July 23 – 8 August, 2021), after she sent the discus to 65.06 metres at the 24th Federation cup Senior Athletics Championships held in Patiala, Punjab. With this, she set a new national record & breached the Olympic Qualification mark of 63.50 m. She became the 1st Indian women to breach the 65m Barrier in discus throw.

### **Nethra Kumanan Becomes 1st Indian woman Sailor to Qualify for Olympics**

Nethra Kumanan (23 years old) became the 1st Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Olympics under the laser radial category. She will be the 10th Indian to qualify for a sailing event in the Olympics. She secured the place through her performance at the Mussanah Open Championship, a qualifier for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. 4 Indian Sailors including Nethra were qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. For the first time India will be competing in more than 1 sailing event at the 2020 Tokyo Games.

### **Chess : Praggnanandhaa wins Polgar Challenge 2021**

Indian Grand Master, R. Praggnanandhaa won the Polgar Challenge 2021 after he finished with 15.5 points in the event. He finishes the campaign with a hard-fought draw against Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb). The Polgar Challenge was a four-day online rapid tournament held from April 8-11, it is part of the Julius Baer Challengers Chess Tour. With the victory, Praggnanandhaa qualified for the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour event which is set to be held on April 24, 2021.

### **Formula One : Max Verstappen wins Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2021**

On April 18, 2021, Red Bull Racing’s Max Verstappen (Netherlands) won the 2021 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix held at Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari Circuit in Imola, Italy. Mercedes Driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) finished in Second Place while McLaren’s Lando Norris finished Third Place. The F1 Championships are organised by Federation Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA).

### **TN’s Arjun Kalyan becomes India’s 68th Chess GrandMaster**

18-year-old Arjun Kalyan from TamilNadu(TN) became India’s 68th Chess GrandMaster(GM) after winning against Dragan Kotic of Montenegro in the 5th round of the ongoing GM Round Robin “Rujna Zora-3” in Serbia.

### **Haryana & Delhi to Host 4th Khelo India Youth Games 2021**

Haryana & Delhi is set to host the 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021, which will be held from 21st November 2021 to 5th December 2021. It will be held in Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh cities of Haryana & in Delhi. This will be the first time that the Khelo India Youth games are held away from the January window and in multiple cities. The games will be organised by Haryana Government and Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

## 2021 Sports - May

### CRICKET

#### Sri Lankan Cricketer Thisara Perera retires from International Cricket

Sri Lanka all-rounder and former limited overs captain for Sri Lanka – Thisara Perera announced his retirement from International Cricket at the age of 32.

Thisara Perera has represented Sri Lanka in 6 Tests, 166 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 84 Twenty20 Internationals (T20I).

#### ICC Banned Sri Lanka's Nuwan Zoysa from Cricket for 6 years due to Corruption

In April 2021, the International Cricket Council (ICC) banned Sri Lanka's former cricket player and coach Nuwan Zoysa for 6 years from all forms of cricket after found breaching the ICC's anti-corruption code. On October 31, 2018, he was provisionally suspended by ICC.

#### ICC Men's Team Ranking 2021 Annual Update

International Cricket Council (ICC) released the men's team rankings following the annual update carried out on 3rd May 2021.

**Twenty20(T20):-**India has retained its 2nd place on the ICC team ranking in the Twenty20(T20) Format. England placed 1<sup>st</sup> position.

**ODI Ranking :-**India has dropped to the 3rd position in the ODI Ranking. 1<sup>st</sup> is New Zealand and 2<sup>nd</sup> is Australia.

#### Cricket : England player Harry Gurney announces Retirement

England's Fast bowler Harry Frederick Gurney announced his retirement from Cricket at the age of 34. He has represented the England Cricket Team in 10 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 2 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is). He picked up 11 wickets in 10 ODIs & 3 wickets in his T20I career.

#### India retains top spot in ICC Test Team rankings after annual update

India remained the number one Test side after the annual update of the ICC team rankings followed by New Zealand & England, Ravichandran Ashwin Remains In Second Position in ICC Test Player Rankings for Bowling, he is the only Indian bowler to feature in the top ten ICC rankings, Australian Bowler Pat Cummins who tops the list.

#### Ireland and England Fast-Bowler Boyd Rankin Retires from International Cricket

Former Ireland and England fast bowler Boyd Rankin announced his retirement from international cricket ending an 18 yearlong cricket career. Boyd Rankin is the only cricketer who have played for two countries in all three formats of the game.

#### Asia Cup 2021 Postponed to 2023 by ACC

**2021 edition of the Asia Cup** has been postponed by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) to be held in 2023 due to COVID-19. ACC had postponed the 2020 edition of the Asia cup successively for 2 years, as initially it was postponed to June 2021 and allotted to Sri Lanka (shifted from Pakistan) and now again postponed to 2023 as there is already an Asia Cup in 2022 which will be hosted by Pakistan. There has been no Asia Cup since 2018.

**BADMINTON & TENNIS**

**Tennis - 2021 Madrid Open**

2021 Madrid Open was a clay-court event held from 30th April 2021 – 9th May 2021.

**Place** - Manzanares Park Tennis Center (also known as Manolo Santana Stadium), Madrid, Spain.

Category	Winner	Runners-up
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev (Germany)	Matteo Berrettini (Italy)
Women's Singles	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
Men's Doubles	Horacio Zeballos (Argentina) & Marcel Granollers (Spain)	Nikola Pietrangeli & Mate Pavic (Croatian Pair)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejčíková & Katerina Siniaková (Czech Republican Pair)	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Demi Schuurs (Netherlands)

**Kazakhstan Tennis player Roman Khassanov given 10-year ban**

The International Tennis Integrity Agency announced that Roman Khassanov a tennis player who represented Kazakhstan in the Davis Cup has been banned for 10 years after admitting to a string of corruption charges.

**Table Tennis – ITTF partners with Stupa Sports Analytics to provide performance analytics**

**Tie up b/w** - International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) & Stupa Sports Analytics, an Indian company.

**Purpose** - To provide Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled real-time match and practice solutions to leading players in all its 226 member associations.

**Tennis – 2021 Italian Open**

2021 Italian Open also known as Rome Masters or Internazionali BNL d'Italia) is a Clay court Tournament and also an ATP Tour Masters 1000 event & a WTA 1000 event from May 8-16, 2021.

**Edition** -78<sup>th</sup>, **Held at** - Foro Italico venue in Rome, Italy.

Category	Winner	Runners-up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Women's Singles	Iga Swiatek (Poland)	Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)
Men's Doubles	Nikola Pietrangeli & Mate Pavic (Croatian Pair)	Rajeev Ram (US) & Joe Salisbury (UK)
Women's Doubles	Sharon Fichman (Canada) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)	Kristina Mladenovic (France) & Marketa Vondrousova (Czech Republic)

**Barbora Strycova, former World No.1 doubles player retires from Tennis**

Barbora Strycova, a 35-year-old tennis player from Czech Republic announced retirement from Tennis. **Her records** -Hold 2 WTA singles titles and 31 doubles titles, and bronze Medalist in doubles in the 2016 Rio Olympics. She also was ranked WTA World No.1 in Doubles and World No. 16 in Singles in her sports journey.

### Tennis: 2021 Geneva Open & 2021 ATP Lyon Open

**18<sup>th</sup> Edition of 2021 Geneva Open**, a Men's Clay Court tournament and is part of the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Tour 250 series held at Tennis Club de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland.

- ✓ **Singles Title :-** Casper Ruud (Norway) defeated Denis Shapovalov (Canada) to win the Singles.
- ✓ **Doubles Title :-** Australian Pair of John Peers and Michael Venus win the Doubles.

**2021 ATP Lyon Open (4th Edition)**, a Men's Clay Court tournament held at Vélodrome Georges Preveral, Lyon, France.

- ✓ **Singles Title:-** Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) defeated Cameron Norrie (Britain) to win the Singles.
- ✓ **Doubles Title:-** Hugo Nys (Monaco) & Tim Putz (Germany) won the doubles.

## ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL

### Football- Manchester City won the 2020-21 League Cup title

**Manchester City** clinched a fourth consecutive **2020-21 League Cup or EFL Cup or Carabao Cup Football title** after beating Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley Stadium, England.

- ❖ It has now matched Liverpool's record of eight League Cup titles.

### Football - Manchester City Won Premier League 2020-21

Manchester City won the 2020-21 Premier League by defeating Manchester United. 2020-21 Premier League is the 29th edition of Premier League, the top English professional league for association football clubs.

### FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup to be Held in India in October 11-30, 2022

On the 71st Federation Internationale de Football Association(FIFA) Congress, the FIFA Council approved key dates for the international match calendars. In which it also announced the dates of the 2022 U-17 Women's world Cup in India to be held from October 11 to 30 in 2022. This will be the 2nd FIFA tournament hosted by India, after the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017.

### Germany Footballer Sami Khedira announced retirement

Germany's midfielder 2014 FIFA World Cup-winner Sami Khedira announced retirement, He began his football career at VfB Stuttgart and won the Bundesliga title in 2007. He has also won the La Liga and UEFA Champions League with Real Madrid, and five Serie A titles with Juventus. Khedira played 77 games for Germany scoring seven goals and helped them win the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

### Football : Barcelona Won its 1st Women's Champions League Title

Barcelona beat Chelsea and won the **UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Women's Champions League 2020/21** by scoring 4-0. It was Barcelona's first Champions League title. Barcelona also became the first team from Spain to win Europe's top club competition.

## BOXING, WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING

### Boxer Amit Panghal Won Bronze Medal at 2021 St. Petersburg Governor's Cup

Indian Boxer, **Amit Panghal** won the **Bronze medal** in the 52Kg

Category at the **2021 St Petersburg Governor's Cup** in St. Petersburg, Russia.

- ❖ He lost against Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan.
- ❖ Amit Panghal was the only Indian medallist at the Governor's Cup.

### 2021 ASBC Asian Elite Men & Women Boxing Championships Relocated to Dubai

Boxing Federation of India (BFI), in consultation with the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) decided to conduct the **2021 Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships** in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Delhi.

- ❖ The tournament was scheduled to be held at Delhi's Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.
- ❖ Under the championship, the Indian women's team will be led by the MC Mary Kom (51kg) and the men's team is not yet announced.

### 2021 Men's World Boxing Championships schedule has been revealed

International Boxing Association (AIBA) headquartered at Lausanne in Switzerland, has announced that the 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships is scheduled to be held from October 26 to November 6, 2021.

**Host country** - Belgrade, Serbia

The previous edition of Championships was hosted by Ekaterinburg, Russia in 2019.

### Arjan Singh Bhullar become first Indian-origin fighter to win MMA world champion

Indo-Canadian Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) Arjan Singh Bhullar defeated Brandon Vera to become the heavyweight world champion at the Singapore-based One Championship and became the first Indian-origin fighter to win an MMA world champion title.

### Indian rowers Arjun Lal and Arvind Singh qualifies for Tokyo Olympics 2020

Indian rowers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh have qualified for the Tokyo Olympics 2020 in men's lightweight double sculls event after finishing second in the final race of the Asia/Oceania Continental Qualifying Regatta in Tokyo, Japan and will be the only Indian rowers in Tokyo Olympics.

## OTHER SPORTS NEWS

### Srihari Nataraj creates national record in 50m backstroke swimming

Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj won his second Gold in 50m backstroke swimming and made a national record in Uzbekistan Open Championship.

- ❖ This was Srihari's third national record. He had made a new record twice in 100m backstroke.
- ❖ Indian swimmers got a total of 29 medals, which comprise 18 Gold, seven Silver and two Bronze in the event.

### Lewis Hamilton wins F1 Portugese GP 2021; Jack Miller wins 2021 Spanish Grand Prix of MotoGP

- ❖ **Mercedes' driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) won the Portuguese Grand Prix 2021** of Formula One (F1) held at Algarve International Circuit in Portimao, Portugal. It is Hamilton's 97th Career Victory.
- ❖ **Australia's Jack Miller (Ducati) won the 2021 Spanish GP** held at Circuito de Jerez, Andalusia, Spain. Italy's Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati) finished 2nd, followed by Italy's Franco Morbidelli (Yamaha).

### **Indian Gymnast Pranati Nayak Gets Asian quota, to compete at 2020 Tokyo Olympics**

Pranati Nayak, Indian Gymnast from West Bengal, is set to compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She has won the bronze in vault at the Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championship 2019. She has qualified through the Asian quota. She is the 2nd reserve after Elpitiya Badalge Dona Milka Geh of Sri Lanka for the Asian quota.

### **Mark Selby Won the 2021 World Snooker Championship**

Mark Selby, an English professional Snooker Player won the 2021 World Snooker Championship He defeated Shaun Murphy(English professional snooker player).

**Held at** - Sheffield, England.

**Organized by** - World Snooker Tour, a subsidiary of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA).

### **Formula One: Lewis Hamilton wins Spanish Grand Prix 2021**

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) won the Spanish Grand Prix 2021 for the 6th time (5th consecutive victory). The Spanish GP was held at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya in Montmela, Spain. Lewis Hamilton also became the 1st Formula One driver to seal 100 pole positions (1st position in the starting grid when the race is starting).

### **New Zealand hosts the Women's Rugby on October 2022**

World Rugby announced that, New Zealand is set to host the Women's Rugby Tournament, Rugby World Cup from 8th October 2022 to 12th November 2022. The Tournament was originally to be held in 2021, but was officially postponed by a year in March 2021 due to COVID-19.

### **AICF Launched an initiative Against COVID-19**

All India Chess Federation (AICF) launched an initiative to support the chess community affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Initiative name** – 'Checkmate Covid Initiative'

The initiative was launched at the virtual event in the presence of Arkady Dvorkovich, president of FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs – International Chess Federation), Viswanathan Anand, 5 time world Champion, World Rapid Chess Champion Koneru Humpy, Sanjay Kapoor, president of AICF and Bharat Singh Chauhan, Secretary of AICF.

### **English Golfer Richard Bland Won Betfred British Masters 2021; Indian Golfer Shubhankar Sharma tied 34th**

English professional golfer Richard Bland won the Betfred British Masters 2021 hosted by Danny Willett. He won his first European Tour victory defeating Guido Migliozzi of Italy. Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma ended tied 34th, he was the only Indian to make the cut among the 4 participants(Ajeetesh Sandhu, SSP Chawrasia and Gaganjeet Bhullar).

### **Max Verstappen wins F1 Monaco GP; Jack Miller wins French MotoGP**

- ✓ **Formula One – Monaco GP 2021 : Red Bull Racing Honda's Max Verstappen** from Netherlands won the 2021 F1 Monaco Grand Prix held at Circuit de Monaco, Monte Carlo. Organised by Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).
- ✓ **MotoGP – 2021 French MotoGP - Ducati's Jack Miller** from Australia won the 2021 French MotoGP (2021 SHARK Helmets Grand Prix de) held at the Le Mans Bugatti Grand Prix race circuit, Le Mans, France. Organized by Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM).

### Indian women's pair Qualify For Tokyo Paralympics 2021

**Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar** have qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics 2021 and these two Indian women's pair became the first Indian para shuttlers to qualify for the Tokyo Paralympics.

- ✓ Palak Kohli is ranked no.11 in the world and she is becoming the youngest para-badminton player in the world to qualify for Tokyo 2021 Paralympics.

### Phil Mickelson won 2021 PGA Championship

A 50-year old **World Golf Hall of Fame member, American Golfer Phil Mickelson** won the 2021 PGA Championship, who surpassed Julius Boros( 48) to become the oldest major championship winner in the history of golf after capturing his sixth major. This was the 45 titles since 1991 and became the first player in PGA Tour history to win tournaments 30 years apart.

### India's Tejaswin Shankar Wins Consecutive High Jump Titles In USA

**India's Tejaswin Shankar** won back-to-back men's high jump titles in the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Manhattan, USA. The Delhi-based national record in men's high jump is studying business administration at Kansas State University, USA.

- ✓ He cleared the bar at 2.28m to win high jump gold, but his efforts fell short of the Tokyo Olympic Games qualification standard of 2.33m. Shankar had also won the men's high jump title in the 2019 edition.

## 2021 Sports - June

### CRICKET

#### ICC Expands Men's T20 & 50 over ODI World Cup for Upcoming Events

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the Global Cricketing Calendar for 2024-2031.

- ✓ **ICC Men's Cricket World Cup(50 Over):-** ICC expanded the participating teams from 10 to 14 teams with 54-match events for the 2027 and 2031 Men's ODI Cricket World cup.
- ✓ **ICC Men's T20 World Cup:-** ICC also increased the number of teams to 20, playing 55-matches in total from 2024 - 2030 Men's T20 World Cup and it will take place only every two years.
- ✓ **India's Shafali Verma, 17 years old** becomes the World No.1 Batter in ICC Women's T20 format as on June 2021.

#### BharatPe Becomes ICC's Official Partner Till 2023

International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that it has entered into a strategic partnership with BharatPe for being its global tournament sponsor from 2021 to 2023. As per the agreement, BharatPe will promote the association across broadcast and digital platforms, as well as execute in-venue brand activations at all the ICC events.

#### IPL's Remaining Matches To Be Held In UAE In September-October 2021

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) announced to complete the remaining matches of VIVO Indian Premier League(IPL) 2021 season in the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E) in the months of September-October 2021. 14th edition of IPL postponed on May after several players and support staff across teams tested positive for COVID-19. As many as 29 matches were held this season before the tournament came to a halt.

#### Indian Cricketer Shafali Verma Became the 1st Women Cricketer to Hit 3 Sixes in Test Match

Indian women cricketer Shafali Verma (17 years old), became the first women's cricketer to hit 3 sixes in a test match. She achieved the feat during the one-off test match between India and England held in Bristol, England. Shafali Verma became the youngest woman, and the fourth overall, to score twin half-centuries in her debut Test match.

### Ireland Cricketer Kevin O'Brien Retired from ODIs

Ireland Cricketer Kevin O'Brien has announced his retirement from One-day International (ODI) Cricket after a 15-year long career. He played 153 ODIs and scored 3619 runs at an average of 29.42 and a strike rate of 88.79. He scored two centuries in the format with the highest score of 142 runs.

### Cricket: New Zealand win Inaugural Edition of ICC World Test Championship 2021

New Zealand defeated India in the finals of the 2019-2021 ICC World Test Championship to win the Inaugural Edition of ICC World Test Championship 2021 (for men). The finals were held at Rose Bowl, Southampton, England from June 18-23, 2021. New Zealand's Kyle Jamieson was named as the Player of the Match Award.

- ✓ According to ICC's latest rankings released on June 22, 2021 – India's Ravindra Jadeja was ranked as the World's No. 1 All-rounder in Test Cricket (replacing West Indian Jason Holder).

## BADMINTON & TENNIS

### Emilia-Romagna Open Tennis 2021

Emilia-Romagna Open tennis tournament 2021 **held at Parma, Italy**. It was the 1st edition of the Clay court event. It was part of the 2021 Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour and the 2021 Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour.

- ✓ **Men's Singles** - Sebastian Korda, the 1st American defeated Italy's Marco Cecchinato to men's single title.
- ✓ **Men's Doubles** - Simone Bolelli of Italy & Argentina's Máximo González won the Men's Doubles Title.
- ✓ **Women's Singles** - Coco Gauff, a 17-year old American Tennis player becoming the youngest player to win both the Women's Singles and Doubles Title at the Emilia-Romagna Open. She defeated China's Wang Qiang.
- ✓ **Women's Doubles** - Coco Gauff (America) & Caty McNally (America) won the Women's Doubles Titles.

### Tennis: 2021 Belgrade Open

**First Edition of 2021 Belgrade Open Singles** final held at the Novak Tennis Center, Belgrade, Serbia. It is an outdoor clay courts tournament which is part of the ATP Tour 250 Tennis Tournament.

- ✓ **Men's Singles** - Novak Djokovic, a Serbian tennis player won his 83rd Career Title by defeating Alex Molcan Slovak tennis player.
- ✓ **Men's Doubles** - Jonathan Erlich and Andrei Vasilevski, Israeli-Belarusian team won the doubles title at the Belgrade open by defeating Sweden's Andre Goransson and Rafael Matos.

### Tennis: Overview of 125th Edition of French Open 2021

125th Edition of French Open 2021 (also known as Roland Garros) took place at Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France.

It is **Clay-Court** tournament and **organized by** the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

- ✓ **Men's Singles** - Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) to win the title
- ✓ **Women's Singles** - Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) defeated Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia).
- ✓ **Men's Doubles** - Pierre-Hugues Herbert & Nicolas Mahut (France) defeated Alexander Bublik & Andrey Golubev (Kazakhstan)
- ✓ **Women's Doubles** - Barbora Krejčíková & Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic) defeated Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) & Iga Świątek (Poland).

**Mixed Doubles** - Desirae Krawczyk (USA) & Joe Salisbury (UK) defeated Elena Vesnina & Aslan Karatsev (Russia).

## ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL

### Football: Chelsea Won the UEFA Champions League 2020/2021

Chelsea won the UEFA Champions League 2020/2021 title second time after defeating Manchester City in the final. This is Europe's premier club football tournament.

- ✓ **Held in** - Estadio do Dragao in Porto, Portugal.



- ✓ **Organized by** - Union of European Football Associations (**UEFA**).

### Football: Atletico Madrid Won 2020-21 La Liga Title

**Atletico Madrid has won the 2020-21 La Liga Title** or officially known as LaLiga Santander and were crowned as champions of Spain by defeating Real Valladolid in the last match.

- ✓ **Held in** - Zorilla stadium in Valladolid, Spain.
- ✓ **Administered by** - the Liga Nacional de Futbol Profesional.

### Indian Football player Sunil Chhetri Became 2nd Highest International Goal Scorer

Sunil Chhetri, 36-year-old Indian Footballer, became the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest International goal scorer among the active players. He overtook Lionel Messi of Argentina by scoring his 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Goal during the FIFA 2022 World Cup qualifiers against Bangladesh.

- ✓ Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal tops the list with 103 international goals.
- ✓ Sunil Chhetri has been placed 11th on the all-time goal-scorers list in Men's International Football.

### Laurel Hubbard: First transgender athlete to compete at Olympics

New Zealand's Laurel Hubbard has become the first ever transgender athlete picked to compete at an Olympics, She will compete in the women's 87-kg weightlifting category for Tokyo Olympics 2020. Hubbard has satisfied the IOC's requirements for trans women.

## BOXING, WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING

### 2021 ASBC Asian Boxing Championships Held in Dubai

**Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC)** Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships was conducted between May 21 to June 1 in Dubai, UAE.

- ✓ **Organized by** - Boxing Federation of India (BFI) in association with UAE Boxing Federation.
- ✓ Indian was ended up with their best ever tally of 15 medals which includes 2 Golds, 5 Silvers and 8 Bronze Medals. Sanjeet Kumar won Gold medal in 91kg Men category. Pooja rani won Gold in 75kg category.

### Achinta Sheuli Bags Silver at 2021 World Junior Weightlifting Championship

**Indian weightlifter Achinta Sheuli from West Bengal** has bagged a silver medal in the men's 73kg category at the International Weightlifting Federation's Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2021 held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan as well as he broke three national records.

### Indian Women Wrestler Vinesh Phogat wins gold at Poland Open ranking Series

Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat won the women's 53kg category gold medal at the Poland Open ranking Series, she played the final against Khrystyna Bereza of Ukraine. This was India's second medal at the event after Ravi Kumar Dahiya's won silver in the men's 61kg category.

## ARCHERY & SHOOTING

### Madhya Pradesh shooter Rubina Francis creates world record at World shooting Para Sport Cup

Para shooter Rubina Francis from Madhya Pradesh has set a world record, who won gold with 238.1 points in the 10-metre air pistol para women's event at World shooting Para Sport Cup in Lima, Peru. He beat the record of Aysegul Pehlivanlar of Turkey and holds the Paralympic quota for India at the Tokyo Olympic 2020.

### Deepika Kumari wins Hat-trick Gold Medals in Archery World Cup Stage-3 to Reclaim World No.1 Position

Indian Woman archer Deepika Kumari created history by winning Gold in all 3 recurve events – Women's individual, team and mixed pair events in the Archery World Cup Stage-3 event that was held in Paris, France.

- ✓ **Women's Individual** – Deepika Kumari won Gold against Russia's Elena Osipova with a 6-0 victory

- ✓ **Women's Team** – Team India's Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Komalika Bari won Gold against Mexican **Women's Team Mixed pair** – Deepika paired with her husband Atanu Das winning Gold medal against Netherland's Sjef van den Berg and Gabriela Schloesser.

## OTHER SPORTS NEWS

### Oman preferred to host the first FIH Hockey5s World Cup 2024

Hockey5s World Cup is a brand-new International Hockey Federation (FIH) competition set to be host by the country Oman in January 2024 and all matches will be held in its capital Muscat.

**Hockey5s** – It is a short format of the sport with maximum of five players such as 4 field players and one goalkeeper from each team on a field.

### Sergio Perez wins F1's Azerbaijan Grand Prix; Miguel Oliveira wins Catalunya MotoGP

- ✓ **Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021** :- Red Bull Racing's **Sergio Perez (Mexico)** won the Formula One Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021 held at Baku City Circuit, Baku, capital of Azerbaijan. F1 Championships are organised by Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).
- ✓ **Catalunya MotoGP 2021** :- KTM's **Miguel Oliveira (Portugal)** won the 2021 Catalunya MotoGP held at Barcelona, Spain. MotoGP championships are organized by Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM).

### FIH world rankings 2021: Indian Men's team at 4<sup>th</sup> , Women's Team at 9<sup>th</sup>

Under International Hockey Federation (FIH) world rankings 2021 in Hockey, both Indian men's and women's teams ranked 4th and 9th (same as 2020 ranking). Belgium and Netherlands lead the men's and women's rankings.

### Aruna Tanwar Became the 1st Indian to Qualify for the Paralympic Games in Taekwondo

A 5-time national champion, Aruna Tanwar was awarded a wild card entry for the upcoming Tokyo Paralympic Games, which will make her the 1st Taekwondo athlete from India to qualify for the Paralympics. Indian Taekwondo president Namdev Shirgaonkar stated Aruna Tanwar as the 1st Indian to qualify for competing in the global multi-para sport event.

### Filipino Japanese Yuka Saso wins U.S. Women's Open 2021

Yuka Saso became the first Filipino (Philippines) player to win a major Golf Tournament, Saso a dual citizen with a Filipino mother and Japanese father tied Park Inbee as the youngest champion at the tournament, after winning the 76<sup>th</sup> US Women's Open golf championship 2021 at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

### Neeraj Chopra wins gold medal in Meeting Cidade de Lisboa in Portugal

Indian Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra from Haryana won the gold medal in the Meeting Cidade de (Meeting, City of Lisbon) in Lisbon, Portugal, with a throw of 83.18 meters recorded with his sixth and last attempt. He had qualified for the Tokyo Olympics 2020 with a throw of 87.86m in South Africa (January 2020).

### F1 Champion Michael Schumacher with 91 Wins is Out of Coma After 6 Years

Formula One(F1) Champion Michael Schumacher, a retired German racing driver who has recorded the most wins – 91, pole positions – 68 and Podium finishes – 155 has got out of coma after 6 years. Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton hold the record for the most World Drivers' Championships with 7 championship.

### F1: Red Bull's Max Verstappen wins 2021 French GP

Red Bull Racing Honda's Max Verstappen (**Netherlands**) won the 2021 French Grand Prix (GP) held at Paul Ricard Circuit, France. It was the 7th GP of 2021. Mercedes' driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) finished 2nd, while Red Bull Racing Honda's Sergio Perez (Mexico) finished 3rd in the race.

### Chess: India's D.Gukesh wins Gelfand Challenge

World's second youngest Grandmaster D.Gukesh of India won the \$15,000 Gelfand Challenge chess title after winning all four rounds and finishing at the top of the table. Along with it, he also won a 'wild card' for the elite Meltwaters Champions Chess Tour.

### IOA ropes in MPL, Amul, JSW Group as sponsors for Tokyo Olympics 2020

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has roped in mobile gaming platform **MPL Sports Foundation as the principal sponsor for 2020 Tokyo Olympics, 2022 Asian Games & Birmingham Commonwealth Games**. The association is for one-and-a-half years (till December 31, 2022). As per the deal, It will pay a total of Rs.8 crore to IOA.

- ✓ **Amul** has agreed to be a sponsor for the Tokyo Olympics with an amount of Rs 1 crore for a period till 31st December, 2021. Similarly, IOA also roped in **JSW Group as sponsor for Tokyo Olympics** with a sponsor amount of Rs 1 crore.

### Australian Swimmer Kaylee McKeown Breaks 100-meter Backstroke World Record

Australian Swimmer **Kaylee McKeown breaks the 100-meter** backstroke world record at the South Australian Aquatic Centre with a time of 57.45 seconds, from the previous mark of 57.57 seconds set by American Regan Smith in 2019. Emily Seebohm finished 2nd in 58.59 seconds to qualify for her 4<sup>th</sup> Olympics.

- ✓ **Ethiopia's Letesenbet Gidey** sets the women's 10,000 meters new world record of 29 minutes and 1.03 seconds at Ethiopia's Olympic trials held in the Netherlands.

### Kiren Rijiju Launched India's Olympic Theme Song Titled "Lakshya Tera Samne Hai"

Minister of State (Independent Charge) Kiren Rijiju, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (**MoYAS**) launched the official Olympic theme song titled "**Lakshya Tera Samne Hai**" of the Indian contingent for the Tokyo Olympics or Summer Games (July 23 to August 8, 2021). The song has been composed and sung by singer Mohit Chauhan.

### F1: Max Verstappen Wins Styrian Grand Prix 2021; Fabio Quartararo Wins Dutch MotoGP 2021

Red Bull Racing Honda's Max Verstappen (Netherlands) won the Styrian Grand Prix 2021 held at Red Bull Ring race track in Spielberg, Austria. It is the Verstappen's 14th Career victory and 4th win of the 2021 season. In MotoGP, Yamaha's Fabio Quartararo (France) won the Dutch MotoGP 2021 held at TT Circuit Assen, Assen, Netherlands.

### Sajan Prakash Becomes First-Ever Indian Swimmer to Make Olympic 'A' Cut

27-year-old Indian Swimmer Sajan Prakash from Kerala has become first-ever Indian swimmer to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic 2020 by breaching the 'A' standard time in the men's 200m butterfly event at the 2021 Sette Colli Trophy in Rome, Italy. He competed in the Olympic Games Rio 2016 under the universality quota.

### Shafali Verma becomes youngest Indian to make debut in all formats

Indian opener Shafali Verma becomes youngest Indian to make debut in all formats, Verma who hails from Haryana took 17 years and 150 days to make her debut across all three-cricket format for India and she became the fifth youngest cricketer overall in the list, headed by Afghanistan's Mujeeb Ur Rahman.

## 2021 Sports - July

### CRICKET

#### ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 Shifted to UAE – Oman

**International Cricket Council (ICC)** has shifted the venue of ICC Men's T20 World Cup Tournament from India to **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** and **Oman**, due to India's prevailing pandemic situation. The tournament will be hosted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) at 4 venues from 17 October to 14 November 2021.

#### Indian Cricketer Mithali Raj Became Leading Scorer in All forms of Women's International Cricket

Indian cricketer and **women's ODI Captain Mithali Raj (38 years old)** became the leading scorer in women's international cricket in all three formats. She overtook former England's batter Charlotte Edward's tally of 10273 runs during the 3rd and final One-Day Internationals (ODI) between England and India held in Worcester, Massachusetts, United States.

- ✓ She is the only Indian cricketer and 2nd international cricketer to score more than 10000 runs in Women's International Cricket.

#### Indian Bowler Pankaj Singh retires from all forms of Cricket

**Bowler Pankaj Singh**, who represented India in **2 Test matches & 1 One-Day International**, officially retired from all forms of Cricket. He has also played 117 first-class games, with 28 five-wicket hauls. He has been a part of Rajasthan Cricket Association for the last 15-years, and represented Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

#### Chris Gayle becomes 1st Cricketer to Score 14,000 runs in T20

West Indies cricketer Chris Gayle popularly known as "Universal Boss" created history by becoming the 1st ever batsman to score 14,000 runs in T20 format. He achieved this feat during the ongoing T20 Internationals between Australia & West Indies. He also holds the record for Highest individual score of 175 runs in T20 format in 2013 Indian Premier League (IPL).

#### Babar Azam becomes fastest Cricketer to score 14 ODI centuries

Captain of Pakistan Cricket team, Babar Azam became the fastest batsman to score 14 centuries in the history of **One Day International (ODI) cricket**. He attained this feat on his 81st innings during the ongoing Pakistan vs England ODI series, thereby overtaking South Africa's Hashim Amla (84 innings) who previously held the record. While Indian Captain Virat Kohli took 103 innings to reach his 14th century.

Notably, the record for highest number of Centuries is held by **India's Sachin Tendulkar (49)** followed by Virat Kohli (43).

#### Madhya Pradesh Cricketer Anshula Rao becomes 1st Woman Cricketer to be banned for doping

Anshula Rao, a woman cricketer from Madhya Pradesh, was banned for 4-years by the National Anti-Doping Agency after failing a dope test. She is the 1st Woman Cricketer to be banned for use of illegal substances, for intentionally using 19-Norandrosterone, a performance-enhancing steroid.

#### Cricket – ICC Welcomes Mongolia, Tajikistan and Switzerland as New Members

Mongolia, Tajikistan and Switzerland were inducted as Members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) during ICC's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. With this, the total number of ICC members stands at

106 (12 Full Members, 94 Associate Members). Mongolia and Tajikistan were inducted as the 22nd and 23rd Members of the Asian region, whereas Switzerland is Europe's 35th Member.

### Bangladesh's Mahmudullah retires from Test Cricket

Bangladeshi Cricketer Mahmudullah announced retirement from Test Cricket in the middle of the ongoing Test Series between Bangladesh & Zimbabwe, after scoring a century in his 50th International Test match. He has scored 2914 runs from 50 test matches. He also represented Bangladesh in 197 ODIs and 89 T20Is.

### Mithali Raj reclaims No.1 Spot in ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings

Indian Women's Team Captain (for ODIs) Mithali Raj has reclaimed the No.1 spot in the latest MRF Tyres ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings. It is the 9th time that Mithali Raj is topping the rankings. In the latest MRF Tyres ICC Women's T20I Batting Rankings, India's Shafali Verma topped & Smriti Mandhana attained a career-best 3rd ranking.

## BADMINTON & TENNIS

### Tennis – Overview of Wimbledon Championships 2021

The 134<sup>th</sup> Edition (**127<sup>th</sup> staging of the Ladies' Singles Championship Grass court event, the 53<sup>rd</sup> in the Open Era**) of **Wimbledon Championships 2021** was held at the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, UK from 28th June – 11th July, 2021. The 2020 Wimbledon Championships were cancelled due to COVID-19 (1st cancellation of the Tournament since World War II).

- ✓ **Men's Singles** - Novak Djokovic (Serbia) won the title against Matteo **Berrettini (Italy)**. It is **Djokovic's 6th Wimbledon Title** (3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive one) & 20<sup>th</sup> Grand Slam Title.
- ✓ **Women's Singles** - Ashleigh Barty (Australia) won the title against Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)
- ✓ **Men's doubles** - Croatian Pair of Nikola Mektic & Mate Pavic won the title against Marcel Granollers (Spain) & Horacio Zeballos (Argentina).
- ✓ **women's doubles** - Elise Mertens (Belgium) & Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) won the title against Russian pair of Veronika Kudermetova and Elena Vesnina.
- ✓ **Mixed Doubles** - Neal Skupski (UK) & Desirae Krawczyk (US) won the title against Joe Salisbury (UK) & Harriet Dart (UK).
- ✓ **Indian-origin Samir Banerjee** wins Boys Singles Title at Wimbledon.

### India to host BWF World Badminton Championships 2026; Sudirman Cup 2023 switched to China

India is all set to host the **BWF's (Badminton World Federation) World Badminton Championships in 2026**. This information was provided by the sport's global governing body, Badminton World Federation (BWF). This will be the 2nd time that India will host this event after 2009 in Hyderabad, Telangana.

## ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL

### Mumbai & Pune to Host 2022's AFC Women's Asia Cup Football Tournament

Asian Football Confederation (**AFC**) has changed the host cities of **2022's Women's Asia Cup Tournament** from the previously selected Bhubaneswar & Ahmedabad to newer venues at Mumbai & Pune both from Maharashtra. This move was taken by AFC to minimize the travel time and maintain an optimum bio-secure bubble for the players.

- ✓ The 4 spots for the finals were topped by India, Japan, Australia, China. While 28 other teams will compete for the remaining 8 spots.

**Germany’s Toni Kroos Announces Retirement from International Football**

Germany midfielder Toni Kroos has announced his retirement from international football after the **European Championship 2020 (due to pandemic it postponed to 2021)** but he will continue his club career with Real Madrid. He made his international debut in January 2010 against **Argentina**, **Kroos** was an integral part of the German team that won the 2014 FIFA World Cup.

**Football: Italy Wins UEFA EURO 2020**

Italy National Football Team won the **16th Edition of ‘2020 UEFA European Football Championship (UEFA Euro 2020)’** by defeating **England** on penalties in the finals held at Wembley Stadium, London, UK. This is Italy’s 2nd European Championship Title (1st one was in 1968).

- ✓ **UEFA European Championship** is a Quadrennial men’s football championship event (held once in 4 years) organized by UEFA.
- ✓ **Defending Champions-** Portugal

Category	Winner
Alipay Top Scorer Award (Also known as Golden Boot Award)	Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)
Player of the Tournament (Also known as Golden Ball Award)	Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy)
Young Player of the Tournament	Pedro González López (Spain)

**Argentina wins Copa America 2021**

On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021, **Argentina won the 2021’s Copa America football tournament** against Brazil in the finals on a 1-0 victory. The **2021 Copa America tournament was hosted by Brazil** and the finals took place at Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- ✓ Argentina under the **Captaincy of Lionel Messi** won the 1<sup>st</sup> title for the country after a gap of 28 years. This also makes the 1st major International Trophy for Messi.
- ✓ Oldest-running International Football Tournament, contested among the South American nations.
- ✓ Qatar is set to host the 2022’s FIFA World Cup.

**Football: Gokulam Kerala FC to Represent India in AFC Women’s Club Championship 2021**

**Gokulam Kerala FC (GKFC)** has been nominated by **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** to represent India in the AFC Women’s Club Championship 2020-21 to be held in Amman, Jordan from November 7-12, 2021. The AFC championship is hosted by Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

- ✓ It is the 1st time that a club from India is taking part in the women’s continental cup.

**BOXING, WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING**

**Sports Ministry recognizes WAKO India Kickboxing Federation**

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recognized **WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as National Sports Federation (NSF)** of India. In June 2021, International Olympics Committee (IOC) recognized **“World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO)”**, the international federation for Kickboxing, as a full-time member of Olympic games. Kickboxing is set to be a permanent member from 2021’s Tokyo Olympics.

## India wins 13 Medals at World Cadet Wrestling Championships 2021

India has finished the World Cadet Wrestling Championships 2021 with 13 Medals (5 Gold, 1 Silver, 7 Bronze). The World Cadet Wrestling Championships 2021 was held from July 19-25, 2021 at Budapest, Hungary. Indian Men's Team were crowned as Freestyle Champions.

- ✓ It is India's 1st ever team freestyle world title at any level. While the Women's Wrestling Team clinched the Silver Medal.

## ARCHERY & SHOOTING

### India bags 4 Medals at ISSF Shooting World Cup 2021

ISSF World Cup 2021 Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun held at Osijek, Croatia.

India bagged 4 Medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze) and finished 10<sup>th</sup> at the above event. The Medals table was topped by Russia with 18 Medals followed by Italy & Germany with 10 Medals each. The 2021 ISSF World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events, governed by ISSF.

## OTHER SPORTS NEWS

### Indian American Abhimanyu Mishra Became the Youngest Chess Grandmaster

Indian American chess player **Abhimanyu Mishra (12 years 4 months, 25 days old)** became the youngest ever Chess Grandmaster after he scored his third Grandmaster (GM) norm in **Budapest, Hungary**. He won the title against 15-year-old Indian chess player Leon Luke Mendonca.

- ✓ Abhimanyu Mishra broke the record of Grandmaster Sergey Karjakin who held the position for 19 years. He became the youngest grandmaster at the age of 12 years and seven months.

### Indian Men and Women Hockey teams remain at 4th & 10th in FIH rankings

In the recent rankings released by the International Hockey Federation (FIH), the positions of Indian Men's and Women's Hockey teams remain unaltered at 4th and 10th position respectively. Australian Men's team moved up to the top position, while Netherlands Women Team remains at the Top position in the World Hockey Rankings.

### Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix 2021

Red Bull Racing driver Max Verstappen (Belgium) won the Austrian Grand Prix 2021, making his 3rd consecutive win and 5th win in 2021. He was quickly followed by Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas and McLaren's Lando Norris in 2nd & 3rd positions respectively. **Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)** organized Austrian Grand Prix 2021.

### Nihal Sarin wins Silver Lake Open Chess tournament in Serbia

In July 2021, Nihal Sarin (16-year-old) from Kerala won the Silver Lake Open Chess tournament in Serbia. He won 8 points from 9 rounds and defeated Serbia's Branko Damjanovic in the finals. India's Raunak Sadhwani and Abhimanyu Puranik with 7 points each have secured the 2nd & 3rd places in the tournament

### Harika Dronavalli becomes runner-up in Women's Speed Chess Championship

**Indian Grandmaster Harika Dronavalli** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with 15-13 points in the Women's Speed Chess Championship finals after losing to China's Hou Yifan, the current World No.1 player. The 2021 Women's Speed Chess Championship is conducted in online mode by FIDE Chess.com.

- ✓ Arjuna Award winner Harika Dronavalli has previously won 3 Bronze Medals in Women's World Chess Championship, on 2012, 2015 and 2017.

## Jabir 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Male to Participate in 400m Hurdles in Olympics; Maana Patel 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Indian Female Swimmer at Olympics

Indian Navy's athlete MP Jabir will be 1st Indian male athlete to participate in the **400m hurdles in Olympics** when he competes at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. Jabir hails from Malappuram, Kerala and is currently **ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the World Athletics' Road to Olympics rankings**, where 40 athletes qualify.

- ✓ **Maana Patel** became the 1st Indian female ever to qualify for the Olympics. **Maana Patel** who hails from Ahmedabad, Gujarat will compete in the Women's 100m backstroke event of Tokyo Olympics 2020.

## Indian Chess Grandmaster Nihal Sarin Wins Serbia Open 2021

On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021, **Indian Chess Grandmaster Nihal Sarin** won the Serbia Open Chess Championship in **Belgrade, Serbia**. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive win for the 16-year-old from Kerala, after he won the Silver Lake Open Chess Tournament in June 2021.

- ✓ In the **Serbian Open**, he secured top position with 7.5 points out of 9, which is 0.5 points higher than his nearest competition. Arjun Erigaisi finished in 7<sup>th</sup> position with 7 points.

## Vishwanathan Anand finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2021 Croatia Grand Chess Tour

**India's Vishwanathan Anand** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the **2021 Croatia Grand Chess Tour Rapid** and Blitz tournament held at Zagreb, Croatia from July 5-12, 2021. Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the tournament. GCT is a circuit of international events, The inaugural Grand Chess Tour was held in 2015.

- ✓ According to **July rankings of FIDE (International Chess Federation)**, Norway's Magnus Carlsen is the World Number -1. Vishwanathan Anand is the top ranked Indian at 15.
- ✓ In the **Women's section – Hou Yifan (China)** is the World Number 1. Koneru Humpy is the highest ranked Indian at Number 3.

## Haryana postpones '2021-Khelo India Youth Games' to February 2022

Haryana State government which is set to host the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Khelo India Youth Games in November 2021, has postponed the event to February 2022. This comes after reviewing the situation of possible 3rd wave of COVID-19 in India, by the Organising-cum-Coordination Committee chaired by Haryana Chief Minister – Manohar Lal Khattar.

- ✓ The event is planned to be **held in 5 cities** – 3 in Haryana (Panchkula, Shahbad, Ambala) & 2 Union Territories (Delhi & Chandigarh). Mascot for 2021 – 'Dhakad'
- ✓ A total of 25 Sporting events, including 5 indigenous games (Yoga, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamb) will be conducted for Under18 age group.

## Karnataka set to host 2nd Edition of Khelo India University Games in March 2022

Karnataka, the host of 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) announced that the 12-day long event will be conducted from 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Bangalore. Decisions were taken to invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Chief Guest for the event's inauguration, which is planned to be held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bangalore, Karnataka.

- ✓ A total of 18 sporting events will be conducted in KIUG, with the inclusion of 2 new indigenous games – Yogasana & Mallakhamb
- ✓ **Hosts** – Karnataka in partnership with the Association of Indian Universities.

## F1: Lewis Hamilton wins British Grand Prix 2021

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) won the **British Grand Prix 2021** held at Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone, United Kingdom (UK). This is Hamilton's 8 victory at the British GP (his victory coming in 2008) & overall 99<sup>th</sup> GP victory. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monaco) finished 2<sup>nd</sup> while Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas (Finland) finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### Viswanathan Anand wins NC World Masters of Sparkassen Chess Trophy

India's Viswanathan Anand defeated Russia's Vladimir Kramnik to win the 'No-Castling (NC) World Masters' event of the Sparkassen Trophy held at Dortmund, Germany. The 'No-Castling Chess' is a new format of chess conceived by Vladimir Kramnik which aims to make Chess less predictable and more dynamic.

- ✓ NC World Masters is part of the **48<sup>th</sup> Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Meeting** held from July 10-18, 2021.

### 2032 Summer Olympics to be hosted by Brisbane, Australia

International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the honor of hosting the Games of the **35<sup>th</sup> Olympiad or 2032 Summer Olympics** to Australia's Brisbane city. Brisbane was selected unanimously by the IOC's 15-member executive board as the host city for the 2032 Olympics.

- ✓ This will be the 3rd time Australia will host an Olympic game, after the Melbourne games in 1956 and Sydney games in 2000.
- ✓ Notably, Australia's Queensland has recently hosted the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Venues of Upcoming Summer Olympic games:
  - 2020 Olympics – Tokyo, Japan
  - 2024 Olympics – Paris, France
  - 2028 Olympics – Los Angeles, USA

### Highlights of Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics

**32<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Olympic Games** is set to take place in Tokyo, Japan from 23rd July, 2021 – 8th August, 2021. As many as 204 countries are participating in the games. The Tokyo **2020 Paralympic Games** will be held from 24th August – 5th September, 2021.

- ✓ The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will be held from 24th August – 5th September, 2021
- ✓ Summer Olympic Mascot – '**MIRAITOWA**'; Paralympic Mascot – **Someity**.
- ✓ Karate, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, Surfing, and 4x400m mixed relay are set to make their Olympic debut in the 2020 Olympics.
- ✓ The Olympics are organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)...[Click here for full detail](#)....

### Hockey India launches 'Heroes Connect' Web-based Platform

Hockey India (HI) has launched its own player-oriented web-based engagement platform called 'Heroes Connect'. It will create a detailed database of the players who have represented India in both men's & women's games. The platform will encourage former & current Indian hockey players to initiate constructive discussions around Hockey.

## 2021 Sports - August

### CRICKET

#### Sri Lanka Cricketer Isuru Udana retires from International Cricket

Sri Lankan All-Rounder Isuru Udana (33) announced his retirement from international cricket. However, Udana will continue playing domestic cricket and will be available for franchise tournaments. Isuru Udana is a left arm bowler. He made his debut in the 2009 T20 World cup held in England.

#### Nepal Cricketer Paras Khadka retires from international cricket

Former Nepal Cricket Team Captain Paras Khadka (34) announced his retirement from international cricket. He is the 1st Nepalese batsman to score a century in both ODI and T20 formats. He has played

10 One Day internationals (ODIs) and 33 Twenty 20 International (T20Is) scoring 1114 runs and 17 wickets.

- ✓ He served as the Captain of Nepal from 2009 to 2019, making him the longest-serving captain in Associate Cricket at the time of resignation from the role.

### **England's James Anderson overtakes Anil Kumble as 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest wicket-taker in Test Cricket**

England Fast Bowler James Anderson overtook India's Anil Kumble tally of 619 wickets to become the 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Wicket-Taker in Test Cricket. Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan (800) & Australia's Shane Warne (708) are leading wicket takers in Test Cricket.

### **Cricket: ICC's Latest Test Players Rankings**

According to the latest Test Players Rankings released by **International Cricket Council (ICC)**, Indian Bowler Jasprit Bumrah has been ranked in the 9<sup>th</sup> position in the bowler's rankings, while Indian Captain Virat Kohli slipped to 5<sup>th</sup> Position in the rankings for Batsmen.

- ✓ Shikhar Dhawan became the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest batsman to reach 6000 runs in One Day Internationals. He is the 10<sup>th</sup> Indian batsman to achieve the feat.

### **Former Indian Cricketer Unmukt Chand retires from Indian Cricket**

Former Indian Cricketer Unmukt Chand (28) announced his retirement from Indian Cricket. He was the captain of the Indian Under-19 team which won the World Cup in 2012 held at Australia. A right-handed batsman who has played 77 Twenty 20 Internationals (T20s) with 1565 runs, 120 List A matches scoring 4505 runs and 67 First Class Cricket matches scoring 3379 runs.

### **Indian Cricketer Stuart Binny Retires from International Cricket**

Indian All-rounder & Right handed batsman Stuart Binny has announced his retirement from International cricket and First-class Cricket at the age of 37. Binny has represented India in all 3 formats: He has played 6 Tests, 14 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 3 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).

## **BADMINTON & TENNIS**

### **Manika Batra and G Sathiyam win Mixed Doubles Final in Table Tennis at WTT Contender 2021**

Indian duo of table tennis players Manika Batra and G Sathiyam defeated Hungary's Dora Madarasz and Nandor Ecseki with 3-1 in the final match of World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender 2021 which held at Budapest, capital of Hungary. With this achievement, they became the first table tennis players from India to win a WTT Contender title.

### **Indian Table Tennis Player G.Sathiyam wins 2021 ITTF Czech International Open**

Indian Table Tennis Player Sathiyam Gnanasekaran won the 2021 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Czech International Open. The tournament was held from 21-25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Sathiyam beat Yevhen Ryschchepa of Ukraine in the finals in straight sets 11-9, 11-6, 11-6, 14-12. He did not lose a single set throughout the tournament.

## **ATHLETIC & FOOTBALL**

### **Football: USMNT won CONCACAF Gold Cup 2021**

The United States (US) men's national team (USMNT) won the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup defeating Mexico 1-0 during the finals held at Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nevada, US. The 2021 championship marks the 7<sup>th</sup> Gold Cup Title of the US. The 2021 CONCACAF Gold cup was the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the biennial international men's football championship of the North, Central American, and Caribbean regions organized by CONCACAF.

## Kolkata to host 130<sup>th</sup> Edition of Durand Cup in September 2021

130<sup>th</sup> Edition of Durand Cup, an annual Domestic Football League in India, will be held in Kolkata, West Bengal (from September 5th to October 3rd of 2021). The 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. The month-long tournament will feature 16 teams playing against each other, including 4 defense teams. In 2019, Gokulam Kerala FC who won the cup in 2019 are the defending Champions.

## ARCHERY & SHOOTING

### Overview of the World Archery Youth Championships 2021 held in Wroclaw, Poland

16<sup>th</sup> Edition of World Archery Youth Championships 2021 held in Wroclaw, Poland (from 09th to 15th August 2021).

India (1st) topped the Medals tally with 15 Medals (8-Gold, 2-Silver, 5-Bronze), followed by France (2nd) and Mexico (3rd). It was organised by World Archery Federation, the governing body of the sport of Archery... [Click here for more detail](#)....

## OTHER SPORTS NEWS

### Part-I: Overview of Ongoing Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Olympic Games is taking place in Tokyo, Japan from 23rd July, 2021 to 8th August, 2021.

- ✓ The Specific Motto of the Tokyo Olympics is '**United by Emotion**'.
- ✓ Japanese Emperor Naruhito officially declared the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics open, while Japanese Women's Tennis Players lit up the Olympic Cauldron.
- ✓ The Opening ceremony took place at the newly-built National Stadium, Tokyo... [Click here for more](#)..

### Part-II: Overview of Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics

The 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of Olympic Games took place in Tokyo, Japan from 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021 – 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. India finished with 7 Medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze) and has been ranked at 48<sup>th</sup> Position. This was India's highest ever medals tally in an Olympics (Previous one was 6 medals 2016 Rio Olympics). The US topped the Medals tally with 113 Medals (39 G, 41 S, 33 B) followed by China & Japan... [Click here for full detail](#)...

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#### Overall Medals Tally of India

Name	Sport	Event	Medal
Neeraj Chopra	Athletics	Men's javelin throw	Gold
Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting	Women's 49 kg	Silver
Ravi Kumar Dahiya	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 57 kg	Silver
P. V. Sindhu	Badminton	Women's singles	Bronze
Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing	Women's WelterWeight (64-69kg)	Bronze
India men's national field hockey team (Captain -Manpreet Singh)	Field hockey	Men's tournament	Bronze
Bajrang Punia	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 65 kg	Bronze

### Part-1: Overview of Ongoing Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games

The 16<sup>th</sup> Edition of Paralympic Games is taking place in Tokyo, Japan from 24<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

A total of 22 sports are scheduled. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time, Badminton and Taekwondo will be making their debut at the 2020 Paralympic Games by replacing Sailing & 7-a-side Football. India has won 7 Medals– 2 Gold, 4 Silver & 1 Bronze till August 30.

- ✓ Avani Lekhara (Rajasthan) has won the Gold Medal in the Women's R2 10 m Air Rifle Standing 1 (SH 1) Shooting.
- ✓ Sumit Antil (Haryana) has won the Gold Medal in the Men's Javelin Throw F-64 event.
- ✓ Devendra Jhaharia (Rajasthan) has won the Silver Medal in the Men's Javelin Throw, F-46 category.
- ✓ Bhavinaben Patel (Gujarat) won the Silver Medal in the Women's Singles Class 4 Table Tennis event.
- ✓ Yogesh Kathuniya (Delhi) has won the Silver Medal in Men's Discus Throw F-56.
- ✓ Nishad Kumar (Himachal Pradesh) has won the Silver medal in the Men's High Jump T-47 category.
- ✓ Vinod Kumar lost his bronze medal that he clinched in the men's F52 discus throw event on 29th August after the competition panel found that he was 'ineligible' under disability classification assessment....[Click here for more detail...](#)

### Overview of Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games

Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games will be held from 24th August – 5th September, 2021. The official Mascot is 'Someity'. For the 1st time, Badminton & Taekwondo will be Introduced by replacing Sailing and 7-a-side football.

Anurag Thakur and Nisith Pramanik launched Theme Song 'Kar De Kamaal Tu' for Paralympics.

- ✓ Prachi Yadav is set to become India's 1st paracanoe at the Tokyo Para Games
- ✓ Avani Lekhara will be the 1st Indian woman para shooter to compete at the Paralympics...[click here for full detail..](#)

### Neeraj Chopra ranked 2nd in World Athletics Men's Javelin Throw Ranking 2021

Indian Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra was ranked 2nd (up from 16) in the recently released World Athletics Men's Javelin Throw Ranking 2021. Neeraj was also ranked 129th in the Men's Overall Athletics Ranking. Neeraj Chopra won Gold Medal in Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Germany's Johannes Vetter (World No. 1) continued to be No.1 in the Men's Javelin Throw Ranking.

### Overview of World Athletics U20 Championships, 2021 in Nairobi, Kenya

World Athletics Under20 Championships, 2021 held in the city of Nairobi, Kenya. The tournament was held from 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021. India finished at the 21st place by winning 3 Medals (2-Silver & 1-Bronze). Kenya ranked 1st place by winning 16 Medals (8-Gold, 1-Silver & 7-Bronze).

- ✓ Shaili Singh wins Silver in Long jump
- ✓ Amit Kumar won Silver in Men's 10,000 m Race
- ✓ India's 4×400 Mixed Relay Team Won Bronze Medal...[Click here for more detail...](#)

### F1: Esteban Ocon wins Hungarian Grand Prix 2021

**Alpine Renault's Esteban Ocon (France)** won the Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix 2021 held at Hungaroring, Budapest, Hungary. It is Esteban Ocon's maiden F1 victory. The F1 Championships are organised by Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

- ✓ Mercedes' driver Lewis Hamilton (United Kingdom) finished 2nd, while Scuderia Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr (Spain) finished 3rd.

### Pakistan's Rizwan breaks World Record for most runs scored in T20I in a year

Pakistan's Wicketkeeper-Batsman Mohammad Rizwan has set a new World Record for most runs scored in a calendar year in Twenty20 (T20) International cricket. He has scored 752 runs in 2021 (14 innings of 15 matches).

He has surpassed Ireland's Paul Stirling, who aggregated 748 runs in 20 innings of 20 matches at an average of 41.55 in 2019.

### **Chess: Poland's Jan-Krzysztof Duda wins FIDE World Cup 2021**

Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Poland) defeated Sergey Karjakin (Russia) to win the 9th Edition of FIDE (International Chess Federation) World Cup 2021. FIDE World Cup 2021 was held at Sochi, Russia from July 12 – August 6th, 2021. Grand Master (GM) Magnus Carlsen (Norway) finished 3rd in the World Cup defeating GM Vladimir Fedoseev (Russia).

The Indian challenge at the FIDE World Cup 2021 ended as Vidit Santosh Gujrathi lost to Jan-Krzysztof Duda in the second game of the Men's quarterfinals.

### **Maharashtra's Harshit Raja becomes India's 69<sup>th</sup> Chess Grand Master**

20-year-old Harshit Raja from Pune, Maharashtra became the 69<sup>th</sup> Chess Grand Master of India after drawing his game against Dennis Wagner at the Biel Masters Open. He won Silver in Under-13 National Chess Championship in 2014 held at Jamshedpur and Gold in School Games Federation of India (SGFI) Nationals held in Tamil Nadu in 2014.

### **India's Raunak Sadhwani wins Spilimbergo Open Chess Tournament 2021**

Indian Chess Grandmaster (GM) Raunak Sadhwani won the **19<sup>th</sup> Spilimbergo 2021 Open Master** by drawing the final round against GM Adam Gozak (Hungary). The tournament was held in Spilimbergo, Italy from 11th August to 15th August 2021. Raunak Sadhwani is the 65<sup>th</sup> GM of India. He was born in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

### **Indian GM Narayanan finishes second in RTU Open Chess Tournament 2021**

Germany's Alexander Donchenko won the Riga Technical University (RTU) open Chess Tournament 2021 while Indian Grand Master (GM) S.L. Narayanan came second in the tournament. The tournament was held in Riga (Latvia) from August 7, 2021 to August 15, 2021. It was the 10<sup>th</sup> RTU tournament.

### **AICF & CPAI Joined hands to Administer the Chess Games in India**

All India Chess Federation (AICF), India's Chess Administrative body and the Chess Players Association of India (CPAI) has announced their Merger plan to administer the chess games in the country at a joint press conference in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

### **Odisha Extended Sponsorship to Hockey India by 10 More Years**

Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha, has announced that the government of Odisha has decided to continue the sponsorship of Hockey India for 10 more years (the current sponsorship ends in 2023). In 2018, after Sahara India withdrew its sponsorship, the government of Odisha signed a deal with Hockey India to sponsor the men's and women's hockey teams for a period of 5 years (2023).

### **India's GM Arjun Erigaisi wins II Terras de Tras-os-Montes Chess Open 2021**

Indian Chess Grand Master (GM) Arjun Erigaisi won **II Terras de Tras-os-Montes Chess Open 2021** held in Braganca, Portugal. The tournament was held from August 19th-24th, 2021. Arjun was born in 2003 at Warangal, Telangana. He is the 54<sup>th</sup> GM from India.

### **India's GM Sethuraman wins 26<sup>th</sup> Ciutat de Barcelona Chess Open, 2021**

Indian Grand Master (GM) SP Sethuraman won the 26<sup>th</sup> Ciutat de Barcelona Chess Open, 2021. The tournament was held from 18th-26th August, 2021 in Barcelona, Spain. Sethuraman & Yuffa Daniil (2nd Spot) of Russia Scored 7.5 points but Sethuraman emerged winner on the basis of better tie-break score. He remained undefeated throughout the tournament by winning 6 games & drawing 3 matches.

### **Indian Army Organised 400 Km "Jazbaa-E-Tiranga" Relay Marathon at J&K**

Indian army has organised a 400 Km "JAZBAA-E- TIRANGA" Relay Marathon in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) as a part of the Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> year of

independence. The relay was flagged off and led by Major General Rajeev Puri, General Officer Commanding (GOC), Ace of Spades Division.

### **Formula One: Max Verstappen Wins Belgian Grand Prix, 2021**

Red Bull driver Max Verstappen (Netherlands) has been declared the winner of the Belgian Grand Prix (GP), 2021. It was the Shortest ever Grand Prix in terms of distance Completed. The Belgian Grand Prix was held at the Circuit de Spa- Francorchamps, Belgium from August 27th-29th, 2021.

Mercedes drivers from Britain George Russell Williams & Lewis Hamilton finished in 2nd & 3rd place respectively.

## **GA Questions Asked in Exams**

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