

## **Sports Current Affairs**

### **Cricket**

#### **1st female cricketer to play 200 ODIs**

- India captain Mithali Raj became the first female cricketer to play 200 ODIs, adding another achievement to her illustrious career.

#### **India Vs New Zealand ODI Series**

- India beat New Zealand by 35 runs in the fifth and the final ODI to win five-match series 4-1.

#### **Ranji Trophy**

- Vidharbha lifted the Ranji Trophy for the second time in a row, defeating Saurashtra by 78 runs at Nagpur.

#### **Leading run-scorer in T20 Format**

- Rohit with 2,288 runs, overtook Martin Guptill, who has 2,272 runs, to become the leading run-scorer in the shortest format of the game. Rohit Sharma now also holds the record for most fifty-plus scores in T20s. His fifty in the second T20 helped him go past Virat Kohli, who has 19.

#### **Chris Gayle announces retirement from One-day Internationals**

- West Indian batsman Chris Gayle has announced that he will retire from One-day Internationals after the forthcoming World Cup.

#### **Irani Cup Cricket**

- Ranji champions Vidarbha beat Rest of India in Nagpur to retain the Irani Cup. Vidarbha has now become the third team after Mumbai and Karnataka to clinch two Irani Cup titles in a row.

#### **New Zealand Vs Bangladesh ODI Series**

- New Zealand has clinched the 3-match ODI series against Bangladesh 3-0.

#### **SC appoints former judge Justice DK Jain as ombudsman for BCCI**

- The role of the ombudsman would be to resolve the disputes relating to the players within the state cricket associations as also financial issues.

**No IPL opening ceremony this year**

- The IPL will not have an opening ceremony this year after the Committee of Administrators (CoA) running Indian cricket decided to allocate the money to the families of the CRPF personnel killed in the Pulwama terror attack.

**First team from Asia to win a Test series in South Africa**

- Sri Lanka beat South Africa in the second and final test and won the series 2-0. Sri Lanka becomes the first team from Asia to win a Test series in South Africa.

**Sanath Jayasuriya banned from cricket**

- Former Sri Lanka Cricket captain Sanath Jayasuriya has been banned from cricket for two years. The charges include refusal to cooperate with an Anti Corruption Unit (ACU) investigation, obstructing or delaying the investigation, including concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other relevant information.

**India Vs Australia T20 Series**

- India lost the T-20 series against Australia 2-0.

**Tennis****Italy beat India to make Davis Cup World finals**

- Italy beat India 3-1 to storm into the first-ever Davis Cup World finals.

**Chennai Open ATP Challenger tournament**

- Prajnesh Gunneswaran to lead India's challenge in Chennai open.
- In Tennis, the Indian campaign at the ATP Chennai Open Challenger tournament came to an end after Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Sasikumar Mukund losing their respective Singles semi-final matches.
- In Tennis, France's Corentin Moutet has clinched the Chennai Open ATP Challenger tournament title after beating Andrew Harris of Australia 6-3, 6-3 in the singles final.

**Federation Cup Tennis tournament**

- India defeated Thailand 2 - 1 in the world play off Asia Oceania group one of Federation Cup Tennis tournament in Astana.

**Tennis: Prajnesh Gunneswaran breaks into men's singles top 100**

- Prajnesh Gunneswaran has made it to the top-100 of Men's Singles Tennis rankings with a jump of six places that took him to 97.

**Sofia Open Tennis**

- India's top doubles pair Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan entered the semi-finals of Sofia Open Tennis in Bulgaria. Sofia Open is a men's ATP World Tour 250 series tournament played on indoor hard courts in Bulgaria.

**Qatar Open Tennis**

- Top seed and world number three Simona Halep will face Belgian Elise Mertens in the finals of the Qatar Total Open at Doha. Halep is bidding to become the fourth two-time champion in Doha following Anastasia Myskina, Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka. The Romanian would secure her 200th career main draw win by lifting the title.
- Belgium's Elise Mertens has claimed the biggest title of her career by beating top seed Simona Halep 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to win the Qatar Open.

**Badminton****Senior National Badminton Championship**

- Saina Nehwal won her fourth title at the Yonex-Sunrise 83rd Senior Nationals, defeating P.V.Sindhu convincingly 21-18, 21-15 in Guwahati.
- Sourabh Verma completed a hat-trick of titles, claiming the men's singles crown after defeating young Lakshya Sen in straight games of 21-18, 21-13.
- Earlier, the pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and Chirag Shetty outclassed top seed duo Arjun M.R and Shlok Ramachandran in straight games of 21-13, 22-20 to clinch the Men's Doubles title.

**Chess****Cannes International Open trophy**

- In Chess, Indian Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta lifted the Cannes International Open trophy.

**ISSF Shooting World Cup****International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shooting World Cup**

- Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore will inaugurate the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup in New Delhi. Various events in the world cup will start from February 23rd and end on the 27th.

- In shooting, Hungary's Veronika Major won a gold medal in 10-metre air pistol event at the ongoing ISSF World Cup in New Delhi.
- Apurvi Chandela has won the gold medal in the women's 10-metre air rifle event at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi. This is India's first medal of the ISSF World Cup 2019. She set a new world record by registering a score of 252.9 points in the final.
- Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker claimed a gold medal for India in 10-metre air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup in New Delhi.

## **Others**

### **Government increases sports budget by over Rs 214 cr**

- The government increased the sports budget by over 214 crore rupees for the next financial year, including a hike in funds for the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and incentives for sportspersons.
- The overall sports budget for 2019-2020 was increased from 2002 crore rupees to 2216.

### **Kolkata Marathon**

- Anjali Saraogi retained her title in the IDBI Federal Life Insurance Kolkata Marathon with career-best timing. Tlading Wahlang won the men's full marathon.

### **EGAT Cup**

- World champion Indian weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu notched up a gold medal at the EGAT Cup in Thailand.
- Chanu won the 49kg category gold with an effort of 192 kg in the silver level Olympic qualifying event.
- Jeremy Lalrinnunga clinched silver in men's 67-kilogram category, fetching India's second medal in the EGAT's Cup International Weightlifting Championships in Thailand.

### **9th Senior Women's Hockey National Championship**

- 9th Senior Women's Hockey National Championship will kick off in Hisar, Haryana.

### **IPC lifts Russia's doping ban**

- The International Paralympics Committee (IPC) said that it will conditionally readmit Russia by next month, lifting a suspension imposed over a doping scandal.

### **“Statesman Challenger” trophy**

- John Morris Ajax Fire Engine on Belsize Chassis (1914) of Pre-world war-I vintage has participated in the Statesman 53rd edition Vintage car rally and has been awarded with Statesman Challenger Trophy.

**Gold Cup 2019**

- Myanmar and Nepal will meet in the summit clash of the Women's Hero Gold Cup 2019 Football tournament at Bhubaneswar. This became evident after Myanmar defeated India 2-0 in the last Round Robin match and Nepal beat Iran 3-0 in the other match to enter the finals.

**Strandja Memorial Tournament**

- Nikhat Zareen (51kg category) and Meena Kumari Devi (54kg category) became the first Indian women boxers to win gold medals at the Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria. Manju Rani won silver medal in the (48kg). Pwilao Basumatari (64kg), Neeraj (60kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) had settled for bronze medals.

**Makran Cup Boxing**

- At the Makran Cup underway at Chabahar in Iran, Commonwealth Games silver-medallist Manish Kaushik (60 kg), former national champion Duryodhan Singh Negi (69 kg) and Rohit Tokas (64 kg) made their way into the semi-finals.

**Women's Cup football**

- India lost to Uzbekistan 0-1 in their opening match of the Turkish Women's Cup football in Alanya, Turkey.

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