

# Sports News

## OAS Prelims 2020 Current Affairs

### January 2020

- India skipper Virat Kohli and pace bowler Jasprit Bumrah were the only Indians in Wisden's T20 International team of the decade.
- Indian paddler Manav Thakkar became world no.1 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category.
- Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy wins the World Women's Rapid Chess Championship held in Moscow, Russia. She won the title after drawing the Armageddon game against Lei Tingjie of China. Humpy lost the first tie-break game and then won the second to reach the Armageddon game.
- Assam Chief Minister has launched the torch relay of the Khelo India Youth Games in Guwahati, Assam. The 3rd edition of the tournament will be held in January 2020.
- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has withdrawn its boycott call for the 2022 Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham. The decision was taken during its Annual General Meeting held in New Delhi.
- Chief Executive Officer of "Khelo India Games" has announced that "Lawn bowls" and "cycling" will be included in the 3rd edition of Khelo India Games.
- The 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship -2020 has begun in Leh, Ladakh.
- Indian cyclist Esow Alben has bagged a gold in the men's Keirin individual event of the Six-Day Berlin Tournament. Esow was honoured with the Young Athlete of the Year Award at the Sportstar Aces Awards 2020 in Mumbai earlier this month.
- Indian women's team captain Rani Rampal became the 1st-ever hockey player worldwide to win the prestigious 'World Games Athlete of the Year' award 2019.
- Irfan Pathan announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Indian shooter Saurabh Chaudhary has won the men's 10 metres air pistol gold medal at the 63<sup>rd</sup> National Shooting Championship in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Krishnamachari Srikanth will be the recipient and former India women's captain Anjum Chopra is the co-recipient of the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award conferred by BCCI.
- The 1st edition of Khelo India University Games will held at the KIIT University in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- New Zealand's batsman Leo Carter has become the 7th batsman in the history of cricket to smash six 6s in an over against bowler Anton Devcich.
- India's P Magesh Chandran wins the title in the 95<sup>th</sup> edition of the prestigious Hastings International Chess Congress at Hastings in England.

- Italian footballer Daniele De Rossi who won the 2006 world cup title for Italy after defeating France, announced his retirement.
- Indian women weightlifter Sarbjeet Kaur has been banned for 4 years from the sport by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA).
- Ladakh women team beats Delhi team to win the 7th National Ice Hockey Championship women trophy.
- Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah will receive the BCCI's prestigious Polly Umrigar Award for his super performance in international cricket in the 2018-19 season.
- World no. 1 ranked Japanese badminton player Kento Momota won the Malaysia Masters 2020 title.
- Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon defeats Carolina Marin to win the Indonesia Badminton Masters 2020 women's singles title in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat defeated Ecuador's Luisa Elizabeth Melendres in 53 kg event to win gold medal at the Rome Ranking Series in Rome.
- Anshu Malik won the silver medal in the 57kg competition at the Rome Ranking Series in Rome.
- The team of the Indian Consulate defeated the Pakistan Consulate to win the Diplomat Cup Cricket Championship of 2020 held in Sharjah.
- Paralympian Deepa Malik, wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt, shooter Anjali Bhagwat, footballer Renedy Singh, mountaineer Bachendri Pal and cricketer Harbhajan Singh have been inducted into the government's All India Council of Sports (AICS).
- Indian shooters Apurvi Chandela has won the gold medal in 10m air rifle event in womens category of Meyton Cup held in Austria.
- Divyansh Singh Panwar has won the gold medal in 10m air rifle event in mens category of Meyton Cup held in Austria.
- The World Archery has conditionally lifted the suspension on India and hence enabled the Indian Archers to represent India in the upcoming International tournaments.
- The Rowing Federation of India has lifted the ban over Indian rower Dattu Bhokanal who was suspended against the charges of leaving a single sculls race midway during the 2018 Asian Games.
- Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and Government of Goa organised the 'Fit India Cyclothon' in Panaji, Goa to get the people involved in outdoor activities and starting a cycling culture in the state.
- Rubigula', Flame-Throated Bulbul, has been unveiled as the official mascot for the Goa 2020 National Games in Panaji, Goa. The Flame-Throated Bulbul is the state bird of Goa. Goa will be hosting the 36th edition of the National Games from 20th October to 4th November 2020.

**February 2020**

- The National Anti-Doping Agency has suspended weightlifter Ramshad AR for a period of 2 years after being found guilty of violating the anti-doping rule.

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has suspended Indian wrestler Ravinder Kumar for 4 years for failing a dope test.
- Weightlifter Sambo Lapung has won the gold medal with a new national record of 188kg in clean and jerk event in men's 89kg event of the National Weightlifting Championships held in Kolkata.
- Rakhi Halder has won the gold medal in the 64kg event of the National Weightlifting Championships held in Kolkata.
- Hockey India and Sports Authority of India has announced the plan of establishing the High Performance Hockey Centres in seven places across India. It aims to provide state-of-the-art facilities to junior and sub-Junior players and to groom the young talent in view of 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games.
- The Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC) Red won the first Men's section Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020. They defeated Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) team 3-2 in a nail-biting thriller final match. 13 teams participated in the Khelo India Ice Hockey Championship.
- Kaamya Karthikeyan has become the youngest girl in the world to summit Mt Aconcagua. Mt Aconcagua is the highest peak in South America and outside of Asia. Kaamya Karthikeyan is a class VII student and summited Argentinian mountain which is 6962 meters tall.
- Sweden's Pole Vaulter, Armand Duplantis has break the Pole Vault World Record set by Renaud Lavillenie of France in 2014. Armand Duplantis break the world record with a jump of 20 feet 2.9 inches or 6.17 metres at Copernicus Cup in Torun, Poland.
- The International Hockey Federation has named Indian striker Lalremsiami as 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of Year.
- Aditya Mehta & Vidya Pillai has won the National Snooker Championship held in pune, Maharashtra. Aditya Mehta defeated the world champion Pankaj Advani to win the men's title of the National Snooker Championship.
- Australia was awarded the ICC (International Cricket Council) Women's Championship trophy 2020. Australia's team was led by Meghann Moira Lanning, which also won this trophy last time (ie 1st edition 2014– 16).
- The International Cricket Council has penalized three Bangladesh as well as two Indian U-19 cricketers. The list of punished players includes Towhid Hridoy, Shamim Hossain and Rakibul Hasan of Bangladesh, and Akash Singh and Ravi Bishnoi of India.
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has announced Khelo India winter games 2020 which will be held in the Union Territory of Ladakh later this month followed by a similar event in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in March.
- Ross Taylor of New Zealand has become the first player in the cricketing world to play 100 matches in all the three formats of the game i.e. One Day International matches, T20 International matches and Test matches.
- BCCI has announced the schedule for the 13th edition of the Indian Premier League 2020 which will commence on 29th March 2020 and conclude on 24th May 2020.
- The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has announced that India will host AFC Women's Asian Cup in 2022.

- India will host the FIFA Under-17 Women's Football World Cup 2020 comprising 5 cities namely Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Kolkata and Navi Mumbai.
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has received the Asian Football Confederation's "Grassroots Charter Bronze Level" membership to promote its basic-level events as AFC recognised.
- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced that India will host 2021 Junior Men's Hockey World Cup.
- Indian chess master Koneru Humpy has won the Cairns Cup chess tournament held at St.Louis, US.
- The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee has revealed the official Games motto: "United by Emotion" for Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- Asian Wrestling Championship 2020 begins in New Delhi.
- The National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) has imposed a ban of 4 years on Haryana's javelin thrower Amit Dahiya for avoiding sample collection and for his attempt of trying to cheat officials during the 2nd National Javelin Throw Open Championship 2019 held at SAI Centre in Sonipat.
- Indian left-arm spinner Pragyansh Ojha has announced his retirement from international and first-class cricket.
- FC Goa has become the first Indian club to qualify for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Champions League group stage.
- Five-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova has announced her retirement from tennis.
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh defeated Harutyun Bargseghyan of France to win the 34th Cannes Open in France. Siva Mahadevan of India secured the 10th place with six points.
- Russia will host the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Team World Cup 2020. The tournament will be coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the victory in World War II under the motto "Boxing for peace". This format is expected to make boxing more attractive to spectators and sponsors.
- 1st edition of the Khelo India University Games was launched at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium at Cuttack, Odisha. The tournament will feature the participation of about 3,400 athletes from 159 universities across the country across 17 disciplines.
- India will host the Commonwealth Shooting and Archery Championships in January 2022. The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) announced this decision after the Executive Board meeting in London.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) banned Oman player Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi from all forms of cricket for 7 years.

**March 2020**

- The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has announced the first edition of the Khelo India Women's Hockey League Under-21 in association with Hockey India.
- Due to Novel Coronavirus outbreak in China, the Badminton Asia Championships will be held in the capital of Philippines i.e. Manila.

- Tasnim Mir and Mansi Singh of India has won the bronze medal each in the girls' singles Badminton event at the Yonex Dutch Junior International 2020 held in Haarlem, Netherlands.
- All India Police Athletic Championship 2019 has commenced in the Panchkula District of Haryana.
- Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament which was scheduled to be held in Ipoh, Malaysia, has been postponed due to novel coronavirus outbreak across the world.
- Punjab University, Chandigarh topped the medals tally of the Khelo India University Games concluded in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Rafael Nadal defeated Taylor Fritz to win the men's ATP Mexico Open.
- West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard has become the 1st player in the history of T20 (Twenty20) cricket to feature in 500 matches during the field against Sri Lanka for the first T20I in Pallekele, Srilanka.
- Former India opener Wasim Jaffer has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He made his Test and ODI debut for India against South Africa in 2006.
- American golfer Tiger Woods will be elected in the World Golf Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2021.
- Saurashtra won their maiden Ranji Trophy title after earning a 44-run lead in the first innings against Bengal which eventually ended in a draw in the final in Rajkot, Gujarat.
- Former Czechoslovak Olympic javelin champion Dana Zatopkova passed away. She was an Olympic javelin champion won gold in the Helsinki Olympics in 1952 and won the Olympic silver in Rome in 1960.
- Vrinda Rathi and Janani Narayanan have been named in the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires.
- The French Open tennis tournament has been postponed by the French Tennis Federation due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ATK Football Club (FC) defeated Chennaiyin FC in the finals by 3-1 to win the ISL (Indian Super League) trophy.
- Viktor Axelsen of Denmark defeated Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien-chen by 21-13, 21-14 to win the men's singles title of All England Championship.
- Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei defeated Chinese Chen Yu Fei by 21-19, 21-15 to win the women's singles title of All England Championship.
- Indian paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal defeated Marcos Freitas by 4-2 in the final to win the ITTF Challenger Plus Oman Open.
- Indian shot-putter Navin Chikara was suspended for four years by World athletics body's (formerly known as International Association of Athletics Federations-IAAF), Athletics Integrity Unit for failing an out-of-competition dope test in 2018.
- The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 have been postponed by one year and will be held from 23 July to 8 August, 2021.

April 2020

- The 2021 World Athletics Championships which was originally scheduled to held in Eugene, Oregon from August 6-15, 2021 has been shifted to 2022.
- The tennis Grand Slam tournament Wimbledon 2020 has been canceled for the first time since World War II due to coronavirus pandemic.
- Olympic Council of Asia has announced the official mascots of the 19th Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou in 2022. The 3 robots: Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen which are collectively known as “The Smart Triplets” will be the official mascots of the 19th Asian Games.
- India football team retained its 108th spot in the latest FIFA rankings. While Belgium ranked first and world champion France is in 2nd place and Brazil is at 3rd spot.
- The late Kobe Bryant has been selected as a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He has been selected as the member of the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.
- The Independent Member Federation Sanctions Panel (IMFSP) of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has banned the Malaysia & Thailand weightlifters from competing in Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- FIFA, the world’s governing body for football announced that it took the decision to postpone the FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup tournament due to the coronavirus pandemic. The FIFA Under-17 Women’s World Cup was scheduled to be played in India between November 2nd to 21st.
- England’s all-rounder Ben Stokes has been named as the leading cricketer in the world in its 2020 edition by Wisden. In Women’s category, Australia’s Ellyse Perry has been named the Wisden’s Leading Female Cricketer in the World. The other Five Cricketers of the Year by Wisden’s are Jofra Archer (England), Pat Cummins (Australia), Simon Harmer (South Africa), Marnus Labuschagne (Australia) and Ellyse Perry (Australia-female).
- “Feifei” to be the mascot for Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games, China. 1st ‘fei’ of the mascot means the birds flying, implying inclusiveness, respect, and fraternity of human society while the 2nd ‘fei’ means the mental tenacity of the athletes with disabilities pursuing dreams and reaching beyond themselves.
- Indian Premier League (IPL) governing council of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) suspends IPL 2020 indefinitely due to Covid-19.
- World-famous cycle race tournament “Tour de France” has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- National Sports Federation of India has announced that India will host the Asian Boxing Championships for men and women in November-December 2020.
- Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc wins the Formula One Esports Chinese Virtual Grand Prix championship.
- World Badminton Champion, P V Sindhu has been selected as one of the ambassadors for Badminton World Federation (BWF)’s “I am badminton” awareness campaign.
- The 11th edition of World Games which is to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, US (United States) has unveiled an updated logo and title after being delayed a year because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

- Alireza Firouzja beats World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen in the final of the Banter Blitz Cup 2020 and to claim the \$14,000 prize.
- Deepak Agarwal has been banned by the ICC from all cricket for a period of 2 years after he accepted one charge of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.
- India lost the hosting rights of the men's World boxing championship 2021 to Serbia.
- Indian middle-distance runner, Jhuma Khatun was banned for 4 years for using banned substances by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for the doping case from 2018.

### May 2020

- Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has launched a campaign called "#WeWillWin" to pay tribute to health workers and other professionals who ensure the society continues to function among COVID-19 pandemic.
- World Anti-Doping Agency has banned Indian discus thrower Sandeep Kumari for 4 years after failing a drug test. National Dope Test Laboratory (NDTL) had failed to detect the banned substance "steroid" which was present in her blood sample.
- Swimming world governing body, Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) rescheduled the 2021 Fukuoka aquatics world championships to May 2022 to avoid a clash with the postponed Tokyo Olympics.
- The Tennis Integrity Unit has banned the Egypt's tennis player Youssef Hossam from professional tennis for life. He has been banned from the game following his conviction on multiple match fixing and associated corruption charges.
- The badminton World Championships 2020 has been postponed to November 2021. World Championships will be held at the Carolina Marin Stadium in Huelva, Spain.
- French cyclist Remy Di Gregorio has been banned for 4 years by the International Cycling Union for using a form of banned blood-boosting hormone EPO (Erythropoietin).
- China has won the 1st edition of FIDE Chess.com Online Nations Cup beating USA in the finals.
- FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2020 has been postponed to 2021 due to coronavirus pandemic.
- Para-athlete Deepa Malik has announced her retirement from Paralympics games in order to serve as the office-bearer in the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI).
- International Hockey Federation (FIH) has extended the term of Narinder Batra as President of FIH until May 2021.
- International Cricket Council's (ICC) Cricket Committee has recommended banning on the use of saliva to shine the ball. This committee is chaired by former India leg-spinner Anil Kumble. Apart from this, the committee also recommended increasing the use of DRS review per innings from two to three.
- Bundesliga primary football league of Germany becomes the world's first major sports event to resume after COVID-19 lockdown. The Bundesliga games began with empty stadium though the stadium had the capacity to hold more than 80,000 players.



- Two Indian Powerlifters namely Savita Kumari & Ankit Shishodia have been provisionally suspended by the National Anti Doping Agency. The powerlifters have been provisionally suspended for violating the anti-doping rules.
- 36th National Games, planned for October/November in Goa, has been deferred indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Sri Lankan fast bowler, Shehan Madushanka has been suspended from all forms of cricket with immediate effect for alleged possession of heroin.
- American tennis player Jamie Hampton has announced her retirement from the professional tennis.
- Spanish football player and Athletic Bilbao striker Aritz Aduriz has announced his retirement citing medical reasons.
- India's long-distance runner, Kiranjeet Kaur has been handed a four-year ban by World Athletics' anti-doping body for testing positive for a banned substance (Enobosarm).

### June 2020

- Khelo India e-Pathshala programme has been launched by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in collaboration with National Sporting Federations (NSF).
- Former Germany footballer Mario Gomez has announced his retirement from the sport. The German striker scored 31 goals in 78 appearances for the national team.
- The National Anti-Doping Agency's first mobile app named as "NADA App" has been launched. It aims to bridge the gap between NADA and the athletes by offering easily-accessible information on various aspects of sport, prohibited substances as well as dope-testing.
- India has been awarded the hosting rights of the 2022 Women's Asian Cup by the Asian Football Confederation. The tournament has been expanded from the previous slots of eight teams to 12 teams.
- International Weightlifting Federation has cleared India's lifter K Sanjita Chanu of anti-doping violation charges.
- Court of Arbitration for Sport has banned Former European high jump champion, Alexander Shustov for 4-years for the use or attempted use of a banned substance or method (doping).
- Athletics Integrity Unit has banned Gomathi Marimuthu for 4-years after she tested positive for banned substances.
- Oleksandr Gvozdyk, the former world light heavyweight boxing champion from Ukraine, has retired from the sport.
- India football team retained its 108th spot in the latest FIFA rankings. While Belgium ranked first and world champion France is in 2nd place and Brazil is at 3rd spot.
- Under the Sports Ministry's flagship programme "Khelo India Scheme", the ministry is going to set up Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE). One KISCE will be identified in each state and union territory (UT) to create a robust sporting ecosystem in the entire country, as well as to strengthen India's pursuit for excellence in Olympics, .



- Grandmaster Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan has won the World Stars Sharjah Online International Chess Championship. Indian Grandmaster Pentala Harikrishna finished second in the Championship.
- Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) has announced that the 4th edition of Asian Youth Para Games will be held in Bahrain in December 2021.
- International Tennis Federation has declared the list of players, who have been chosen for the ITF World Tennis Tour Player Panels. India's Niki Poonacha has been elected as a player member to ITF World Tennis Tour Player Men's panels.
- New Zealand wicketkeeper-batswoman Rachel Priest has announced her retirement from International Cricket.
- Liverpool has won the English Premier League 2019-20 title. This is club's overall 19th league title win, while this victory is their first in the Premier League era. The club won the title after Manchester City's loss to Chelsea with score 2-1.
- FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 will be hosted by Australia and New Zealand.
- According to a poll conducted by Wisden India, Rahul Dravid is the greatest Indian Test batsman of all time.
- Indian umpire Nitin Menon has been inducted into International Cricket Council's Elite Panel of Umpires for the upcoming 2020-21 season. He has replaced England's umpire Nigel Llong.

### July 2020

- National Anti-Doping Agency's first mobile app named as "NADA App" has been launched. It aims to bridge the gap between NADA and the athletes by offering easily-accessible information on various aspects of sport, prohibited substances as well as dope-testing.
- India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has been named as India's most valuable Test player in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by the Wisden magazine. He was also rated as the second-most valuable Test player worldwide behind Sri Lanka legend Muttiah Muralitharan.
- Former world number one badminton player and the two-times Olympic badminton champion from China, Lin Dan has announced his retirement from the sport.
- At the Cricket South Africa annual awards 2020, Quinton de Kock was named as the men's cricketer of the year, while Laura Wolvaardt was named as the women's cricketer of the year.
- Mercedes's, Valtteri Bottas (Finland) has won the Austrian Grand Prix 2020 at Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria. This was the first race of 2020 Formula One season.
- G Akash has become India's 66th Chess Grandmaster. The second council meet of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) for the year 2020 confirmed Akash's GM title. Along with him, Ameya Audi of Goa has earned International Master title.
- The 31-year-old Egyptian Squash player, Raneem El Welily announced her retirement. She was the world's top-ranked Women Squash Player.
- Lewis Hamilton has won the Styrian Grand Prix 2020 at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria.

- Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has postponed the Asia Cup cricket tournament until June 2021. Originally Pakistan was to host the Asia Cup 2020, but due to security reasons amid COVID-19 pandemic, it has been rescheduled to be held in Sri Lanka.
- Former captain of Australia national soccer team, Mile Jedinak has announced his retirement from the sport.
- Youth Olympic Games to be hosted in Dakar in 2022 have been postponed. Games will now be held in 2026.
- Real Madrid has been crowned La Liga Champions for the 34th time after defeating Villarreal 2–1 at Estadio Alfredo Di Stefano in Madrid.
- The Youth Olympic Games in Dakar will be celebrated in 2026 after Senegal and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) “mutually agreed” to postpone the games to be held in 2022.
- Lewis Hamilton won the Formula-1 Hungarian Grand Prix 2020 at Hungaroring, Mogyoród, Hungary.
- International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that the T20 Men’s World Cup, scheduled to be played in Australia in October-November 2020, has been formally postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19.
- Sri Lankan bowling allrounder, Sripali Weerakkody has announced her retirement from International Cricket with immediate effect.
- Haryana will host the 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games in 2021.
- Bangladeshi cricketer, Kazi Anik Islam has been handed a 2-year ban by the national cricket board for failing a dope test in 2018.
- Leicester City striker, Jamie Vardy has bagged the Premier League Golden Boot football award after netting 23 goals across the 2019/20 season. Manchester City’s Brazilian keeper Ederson won the Golden Glove award.
- England cricketer, Stuart Broad has become 7<sup>th</sup> bowler to take 500 wickets in the International Test cricket.
- Radoslaw Wojtaszek of Poland, has finished on top in the rapid section of the 53rd Biel International Chess Festival in Switzerland. Indian Grandmaster, P Harikrishna finished second in the event.
- Rajat Bhatia has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He started his career with Tamil Nadu in 1999-2000 and also played for Delhi Daredevils, Rajasthan Royals, Kolkata Knight Riders and Rising Pune Supergiants in the Indian Premier League.

### August 2020

- Mercedes driver, Lewis Hamilton has won the Formula One British Grand Prix 2020 held at the Silverstone Circuit, United Kingdom.
- India has withdrawn from the women’s world team Squash championship scheduled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 15th to 20th December, due to lack of preparation, time and match-readiness of its players.

- The Indian Government has provisionally granted permission for the 13th edition of Indian Premier League's (IPL's) 2020 to be rescheduled in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from September 19 to November 10, 2020, due to COVID-19 outbreak. BCCI has also decided to host a Women's T20 Challenge to be held from November 1 to 10 in UAE.
- World Cup winner German footballer, Benedikt Howedes has retired from football.
- Former Real Madrid and Spain goalkeeper, Iker Casillas have retired from football.
- The International Cricket Council has confirmed that the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020 that was postponed due to Covid-19 will be held in Australia in 2022. India will host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 as planned. ICC has also decided to postpone the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2021 in New Zealand till February-March 2022 because of the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on cricket globally.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will organise the "Fit India Freedom Run" from 15th August to 02nd October 2020 to mark the 74th Independence Day of India on August 15 to 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2.
- Red Bull racer, Max Verstappen has won the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand Prix.
- Indian Umpire, KN Ananthapadmanabhan has been included in ICC's international panel of umpires.
- Former Indian Captain and the World Cup winner, Mahendra Singh Dhoni has announced his retirement from the International Cricket. He represented India in 350 ODI's, 98 T20 Internationals (T20Is) and 90 test matches.
- Indian batsman Suresh Raina has announced his retirement from the International Cricket. He made his international debut against Sri Lanka in 2005 and represented India in 226 ODIs, 78 T20Is and 18 Tests in his cricketing career that spanned over 13 years.
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One Spanish Grand Prix 2020 held at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, Spain. Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands) came second followed by Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) at third.
- "Fit India Youth Club" initiative has been launched by the Union Minister of Youth and Sports, Kiren Rijju. Fit India Youth Club is an nation-wide initiative which has been launched to promote fitness among every citizen.
- All India Football Federation (AIFF) has launched the web platform "E-Pathshala" in partnership with the Sports Authority of India (SAI). It has been split into three parts: My Football Culture, My Skills and My Training.
- The title sponsorship rights of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 has been bagged by the fantasy gaming start-up "Dream 11". The fantasy gaming start-up has bagged the title sponsorship rights for Rs 222 crore.
- England World Cup winner all-rounder, Laura Marsh has announced her retirement from all forms of cricket.
- The governing body for the Olympic Movement in India, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and INOX Group has signed a sponsorship agreement to support Team India for Tokyo Olympics, which was rescheduled to be held from July 23 to August 8, 2021.
- Ronnie O'Sullivan defeated Kyren Wilson with a score of 18-8 to win the World Snooker Championship 2020.

- Legendary South African all-rounder Jaques Kallis, Pakistan batting great Zaheer Abbas and Pune-born former Australian captain Lisa Sthalekar have been inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame
- Australian all-rounder Cameron White has announced his retirement from all forms of professional cricket.
- German professional sports club, Bayern Munich has won the UEFA Champions League 2019-20 title by defeating Paris Saint-Germain 1-0.
- German Golfer Sophia Popov has won the Women's British Open 2020 title (rebranded as 2020 AIG Women's Open).
- Indian Table Tennis star, Poulomi Ghatak has announced retirement.
- England's James Anderson has become the first-ever fast bowler to take 600 wickets in a Test Match Cricket.
- The most successful men's doubles pair in tennis history, Mike Bryan and Bob Bryan have announced their retirement from the sport.
- India will host the BRICS Games 2021, which will be aligned with the Khelo India Games scheduled for next year.
- West Indies All-Rounder, Dwayne John Bravo has become the first bowler to scalp 500 wickets in Twenty20 cricket.
- Sri Lankan Opening batsman, Nishad Tharanga Paranavitana has announced retirement from all forms of International Cricket.
- India and Russia have become the joint winners of FIDE online Chess Olympiad. World chess governing body FIDE declared both the finalists as joint winners after at least two games in the second match were affected by internet connectivity issues.

### September 2020

- Indian Grandmaster P Iniyani has won the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual World Open online chess tournament.
- Mercedes driver, Lewis Hamilton has won the Formula One Belgian Grand Prix 2020 at SpaFrancorchamps, Belgium.
- Pierre Gasly (Scuderia AlphaTauri, France) has won the Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2020 held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Italy. This is his first Grand Prix win. Lewis Hamilton ended at 7<sup>th</sup> place after he earned a 10-second stop and go penalty.
- England cricketer, Ian Bell has announced that he will retire from all forms of cricket at the end of the 2020 domestic season.
- Indian Police Officer, Poonam Khatri has claimed World Championship status after her silver medal at the Wushu World Championship last year has been upgraded to a Gold medal.
- Japan's Naomi Osaka defeated Victoria Azarenka of Belarus to clinch the Women's Singles title in the 2020 US Open Tennis tournament.
- Austria's Dominic Thiem defeated Alexander Zverev to win the men's singles title at the 2020 US Open tournament.

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One Tuscan Grand Prix 2020 held at Mugello Circuit, Italy. This was his 6th win of the season and 90th F1 win of his career.
- The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has announced that the Thomas Cup and the Uber Cup, which were scheduled to be held from 3 to 11 October 2020 in Denmark, has been postponed for 2021.
- Novak Djokovic has defeated Argentine Diego Schwartzman, 7-6, 5-3, to win 2020 Men's Single Italian Open title and his fifth overall Rome title. In Women's single, Simona Halep defeated champion Karolina Pliskova, 6-0, 2-1, to win her first Italian Open title.
- The top-ranked Women's Tennis Association (WTA) player in the world and a former professional cricket player, Ashleigh Barty has now added another feat in her sporting list by winning Brookwater Golf Club women's championship.
- Retired Colonel Dr Girija Shanker Mungali has been appointed as one of the seven members of the Asian Football Confederation's task force. The taskforce will regulate the football clubs in Asia and Australia. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Club Licensing Committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) has won the Formula One Russian Grand Prix 2020 held at Sochi Autodrom, Russia.

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- Australian woman cricketer and wicketkeeper, Alyssa Healy broke the record of "Most Dismissal by Wicket Keeper" by MS Dhoni's who made 91 dismissals in 98 T20 Internationals(T20Is) for India.
- India's Visnu Shivaraj Pandian has won the 10m air rifle event at the fifth edition of the International Online Shooting Championship. The 16-year-old Visnu shot 251.4 to win the title by a clear margin of two points. The world No. 27 Etienne Germond of France came second followed by Martin Strempl of Austria at third place.
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the 2020 Eifel Grand Prix, held at the Nürburgring in Nürburg, Germany. Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second followed by Daniel Ricciardo (Renault, Australia) at third position.
- The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Miami Heat to win the National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship 2020. This is the 17th NBA title win for LA Lakers and also their first since 2010, after late Kobe Bryant's fifth and final title a decade ago. LeBron James of the Lakers' was named the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the fourth time in his career.
- Romania's 2008 Olympic champion, Constantina Dita has been named an ambassador for the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020. The 2020 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships, originally scheduled for 29 March 2020 in Gdynia, Poland, was postponed until 17 October 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Commonwealth Games medallist in Badminton, Chetan Anand has been roped in as the brand ambassador for India's first-ever homegrown professional badminton brand "Transform".

- Pakistani pace bowler, Umar Gul has announced that he will retire from all forms of cricket. The 36-yearold Gul, who played his last match for Pakistan an ODI in 2016, featured for Balochistan team in the National T20 Cup.
- In Badminton, former World Champion Nozomi Okuhara of Japan clinched the Denmark Open 2020 title beating three-time world champion Carolina Marin in women's singles. In the men's singles final, world number seven Anders Antonsen of Denmark defeated his compatriot Rasmus Gemke.
- In Shooting, the world number one Elavenil Valarivan of India won the gold medal in women's event of the 2020 Sheikh Russel International Air Rifle Championship. The event was organised by Bangladesh Shooting Sport Federation (BSSF).
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the 2020 Portuguese Grand Prix, held at Algarve International Circuit, Portugal. This was the 12<sup>th</sup> round of the 2020 Formula One World Championship. This is Hamilton's 8th win of the season and 92<sup>nd</sup> career race victory.
- Tanmay Manoj Srivastava, who was part of India's Under-19 World Cup-winning team in 2008 announced his retirement from all forms of domestic cricket. He played 90 first-class games, scoring 4918 runs.

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- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced Jio as the Title Sponsor of the 2020 edition of the Women's T20 Challenge. The partnership will also have the support of Reliance Foundation Education and Sports For All (RF ESA).
- Indian boxers Amit Panghal, Sanjeet and Ashish Kumar have won gold medals at the recently concluded Alexis Valentine International Boxing Tournament held in Nantes, France. The tournament was the first international event that Indian boxers were a part of since the lockdown.
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020 at Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari race track, Italy.
- Australian all-rounder, Shane Watson has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. The 39-yearold will hang up his boots after an illustrious career during which he won two ICC Men's Cricket World Cups and two ICC Champions Trophy titles. He played 59 Tests, 190 ODIs and 58 T20Is.
- West Indies batsman, Marlon Samuels has announced his retirement from professional cricket. The 39-year-old had informed Cricket West Indies (CWI) about his retirement in June this year, having last played for his country in December 2018 against Bangladesh.
- Russian, Daniil Medvedev has won Paris Master 2020 title in tennis when he beat Alexander Zverev 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 in Paris. He became the fourth Russian to capture the Rolex Paris Masters title.
- The world number one Chen Meng beat Chinese compatriot Sun Yingsha to win her maiden International Table Tennis Federation(ITTF) Women's World Cup table tennis title in held in Weihai, China. The 2020 ITTF Women's World Cup was the 24th edition of the ITTF-sanctioned event.



- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Turkish Grand Prix 2020 at Istanbul Park, Turkey. Sergio Perez (Racing Point-BWT- Mexico) secured the second position and Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari finished third.
- Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic has given the ATP Tour No. 1 trophy on 15 November 2020, for finishing 2020 as the year-end No. 1 (world number one). With this, he has become the only second player in tennis history, after Pete Sampras, to receive the trophy sixth time.
- Indian cricketer, Sudeep Tyagi has announced his retirement from all forms of the cricket.
- The 2021 U-17 Women's World Cup, which was scheduled to be held in India, has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It has also been decided that India will host the 2022 edition of the World Cup. While Costa Rica will get the chance to host the 2022 U20 Women's World Cup.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced its partnership with Mobile Premier League (MPL) Sports, the athleisure wear and sports merchandise brand from Mobile Premier League, India's largest esports platform, as the new kit sponsor and official merchandise partner for the Indian Cricket Team.
- In Tennis, Daniil Medvedev (Russia) beat Dominic Thiem (Austria) to win the 2020 ATP Tour Finals, held in London. This is the biggest title of his career. The 24-year-old will finish the year at fourth position in the world rankings. In the doubles final, DutchCroatian duo Wesley Koolhof and Nikola Mektic claimed their first title together after surpassing Jurgen Melzer and Edouard Roger-Vasselin.
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the "Fit India School Week" program in the presence of Fit India Mission. Sports Minister encourages school children to participate in the Fit India movement.
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- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the 2020 Bahrain Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit, Bahrain. The race was the fifteenth round of the 2020 Formula One World Championship. This is the 11th victory for Hamilton of the season, and 95th F1 win of his career.
- Virat Kohli became the fastest to reach 12,000 runs in One-day International cricket. Kohli breached the mark in the third ODI against Australia in Canberra. He got to the milestone in his 242<sup>nd</sup> inning thus bettering the previous record set by Sachin Tendulkar, who got his 12000th run in his 300th inning.



- Dawid Malan of England has attained the highest ever rating points for batsmen in the MRF Tyres ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings. The 33-year-old Malan has reached 915 points, and thus became the first player to cross the 900-point mark in the format.
- New Zealand all-rounder, Corey Anderson has announced his retirement from international cricket. Anderson has played 13 Tests, 49 ODIs and 31 T20Is for New Zealand, scoring 2277 runs with two hundred and 10 half-centuries and 90 wickets.
- Jehan Daruvala created history, as he became the first Indian to win a Formula 2 race at the 2020 Sakhir Grand Prix, Bahrain. This was the final race of the F2 season. The Formula 2 Championship is a second-tier single-seater racing championship.
- Sri Lanka will host the Asia Cup in June 2021 while Pakistan has earned the rights to host the tournament in 2022. As per the original schedule, the tournament was supposed to be hosted by Pakistan in 2020, however, it got postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Sergio Perez (Mexico-Racing Point-BWT Mercedes), won the 2020 Sakhir Grand Prix at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, Bahrain. Esteban Ocon (Renault-France) secured the second position, followed by and Lance Stroll (Racing Point-BWT Mercedes-Canada) at third place.
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has launched the second edition of Fit India Cyclothon through a virtual platform. The mega cycling event will run for 25 days, beginning from 7th December till 31st December 2020.
- Swedish pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis and Venezuelan triple jumper Yulimar Rojas are the 2020 Male and Female World Athletes of the Year. They are their countries' first recipients of the prestigious athletics award announced during the virtual awards.
- India's wicketkeeper-batsman Parthiv Patel has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. The 35-year-old left-hander, who made his international debut in 2002, played 25 Tests, 38 ODIs and two T20Is for India.
- Madagascar has replaced the Maldives as the host of the 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic. The event had been awarded to the Maldives last year, but members of the Indian Ocean Island Games Federation voted to move the Games to Madagascar.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has registered 'Breakdancing' as the newest entry into Olympics and an official Olympic sport, with the aim to attract a new and younger audience. Breakdancing will be known as 'Breaking' in Olympics event. Breaking will make its Olympic Games debut at the 2024 Paris Games (2024 Summer Olympics).
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) won the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2020, held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. This was his second victory of the season and 10th victory of his career.
- Indian Tennis player, Ankita Raina clinched her third doubles title of the season after she won the 2020 Al Habtoor Tennis Challenge jointly with her Georgian partner Ekaterine Gorgodze in Dubai.

- The 2030 Asian Games were awarded to Doha, Qatar and the 2034 event went to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia after a deal was struck between the rival nations. Doha beat Riyadh for the 2030 Games in the vote at the Olympic Council of Asia's (OCA) general assembly.
- Pakistan's star pacer, Mohammad Amir has announced his retirement from international cricket citing 'mental torture' by the management as the reason behind his decision.
- The Sports Ministry has approved the inclusion of four indigenous Games to be a part of Khelo India Youth Games 2021, which is scheduled to be held in Haryana. The four new games are, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba.
- Formula 1 world champion, Lewis Hamilton has won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2020. This is the second time that the 35-year-old Hamilton has been crowned Sports Personality of the Year. Prior to this, he won the award in 2014.
- FIFA has cancelled men's U-20 and U-17 World Cup tournaments in 2021 for the novel coronavirus. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau of the FIFA Council has decided to cancel the 2021 editions of the men's FIFA U-20 World Cup and FIFA U-17 World Cup, and to appoint Indonesia and Peru respectively, who were due to host the tournaments in 2021, as the hosts of the 2023 editions.
- Former Indian captain and wicket-keeper batsman Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been named as the captain of the ICC ODI Team of the Decade. Dhoni has also been named the skipper of the ICC T20I Team of the Decade. Similarly, Virat Kohli has been named the captain of the ICC Test Team of the Decade. Ravi Ashwin is the only other Indian in this list.
- Indian wrestler, Anshu Malik has become the first wrestler of the country to finish on the podium position at the Individual Wrestling World Cup in Belgrade, Serbia.
- The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has imposed a 5-year ban on Russian shuttler Nikita Khakimov for charges of "betting, wagering and irregular match results. Khakimov was part of the Russian men's team that won the bronze medal at the 2020 European Team Championships.

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