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**Nigeria set to host 2020 FIFA women U-20 World cup**

India and South Korea presented their bids for the 2020 U20 Women’s World Cup but India named the 2020 U17 Women’s World Cup host. The last FIFA event held in Nigeria The 2009 FIFA U-17 World Cup was won by Switzerland.

**Shane Lowry claimed the British Open 2019 at Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland**

Irishman Shane Lowry claimed the British Open 2019 at Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland. It is his first major golfing title. He defeated Tommy Fleetwood and won the title. He is the second player from the country to claim the title. Earlier, the title was claimed by Padraig Harrington in 2007 and 2008.

**Three Indian boxers enter quarters of Thailand International Tournament**

There are 247 boxers from 37 countries are taking part in the tournament to test themselves against some of the world's best pugilists ahead of the World Championships slated later in the year. Five women and six men from India will meet and they will continue till July 27.

**Adam Peaty breaks 57 seconds barrier and 100m breaststroke world record**

Britain swimmer Adam Peaty break the world record in the men’s 100-meter breaststroke at the World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea. He compensated the previous record of 57.10 seconds. This record was made by at last year’s European Championships. He won the semi-finals in 56.88 seconds.

**India is to host the ISSF Combined World Cup from March 15-26, 2020**

India is to host the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Combined World Cup from March 15-26, 2020. The events will be held in New Delhi, India. ISSF finalised and approved the final dates of the events. The ISSF Combined World Cup includes events in rifle, pistol and shotgun.

**Vijayveer wins his 3rd gold at Junior Shooting World Cup**

Vijayveer Sidhu took his third gold medal of the ongoing ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. He combined with Rajkaranwar Singh Sandhu and Adarsh Singh to clinch the men's 25m pistol event. For Adarsh, it was his second gold of the competition.

**IAF to host the 24 Hours Asia and Oceania Championships in 2020-21 in Bengaluru**

The Indian Athletics Federation (IAF) has decided to host a 24 Hours Asia and Oceania Championships in 2020 and a 100 km Asia and Oceania Championships in 2021 in Bangalore. It aims to boost the ultra race in India. Ultra races are played at a set distance, such as 50 km, 100 km and longer events, or a set time, such as 6 hours, 24 hours and multi-day events.

**Indians bagged 6 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze at Kladno Memorial Athletics Meet at Kladno**
Indian athlete Mohammad Anas won gold in men’s 400m and Hima Das won gold in women’s 200m event at Kladno Memorial Athletics Meet at Kladno in Czech Republic. Indians bagged 6 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze. Mohammad Anas: Anas won his own national record in men’s 400m race and clocked with an effort of 45.21 seconds.

**Sharath Kamal voted IOC Sportsperson of the Year**

Sharath Kamal voted the Sportsperson of the Year in the annual Indian Oil Sports Conclave. The other nominees were cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara, Grandmaster B Adhiban, hockey player Simranjeet Singh and table tennis player Manika Batra.

**Amir Khan clinched the WBC International Welterweight 2019 title in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

British-Pakistani Boxer Amir Khan clinched the WBC International Welterweight 2019 title in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The Olympic silver medallist defeated the Australian boxer Billy Dib. The event was organised by Khan’s Super Boxing League in association with the General Sports Authority of Saudi Arabia.

**FanMojo appointed Prithvi Shaw as its brand ambassador**

FanMojo has appointed Prithvi Shaw as its brand ambassador. FanMojo is a fantasy sports platform and it is owned by mobile tech company U2opia Global. A lot of former as well as current cricketers including Kapil Dev, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli and Murali Karthik have associated themselves with various Fantasy cricket league.

**Kiran More appointed as USA cricket teams interim coach**

Former India wicketkeeper-batsman Kiran More takes charge as the interim coach of the senior USA cricket team. He replaces the head coach Pubudu Dassanayake. Kiran More appointed as the USA’s director of cricket in June 2019. He served as the chairman of the Indian selection committee and the wicketkeeping-consultant of Mumbai Indians in the IPL.

**PV Sindhu to spearhead Indian campaign at Indonesia Open Badminton**

PV Sindhu won the Indian campaign at the Indonesia Open Badminton tournament beginning. The tournament took place at Jakarta. Sindhu will play her opening game against Japan's Aya Ohori tomorrow. Saina Nehwal will not take part in the tournament.

**Simona Halep won the Wimbledon Championship 2019 title**

Simona Halep won the Wimbledon Championship 2019 title. She created Wimbledon history by becoming the first Romanian to win the Grand slam 2019 title. She secured 6-2, 6-2 and defeated seven-time champion Serena Williams.

**Djokovic won Federer to win fifth Wimbledon title**
Novak Djokovic won his fifth Wimbledon title. He defeated Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, 4-6, 13-12 in a match that lasted for more than four hours. The match to be decided in the fifth set. Federer and Djokovic won two sets each in the longest ever final.

**Mexico wins CONCACAF Gold Cup final**

Mexico defeated USA to claim their eighth CONCACAF Gold Cup title. Jonathan Dos Santos scored the winning goal in 73rd min for Mexico in the thrilling final. The teams met five previous times in the Gold Cup final, but this year’s edition held additional value: The Americans had a chance to reestablish confidence in a program haunted by its failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup.

**Indian pair won a bronze medal in the World Tour Platinum Australian Open 2019**

The Indian pair, G. Sathiyan and Anthony Amalraj, won a bronze medal in the World Tour Platinum Australian Open 2019 in the men’s doubles competition on 12 July. This was the first ever medal for India in the Australian Open.

**Magnus Carlsen of Norway won the 2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour title**

Magnus Carlsen of Norway won the 2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour title. He secured eight points and defeated Wesley So of United States with seven points. Viswanathan Anand ended up with 4.5 points and finished 11th.

**Sunil Chhetri and Ashalata Devi conferred with top honours at AIFF Awards**

Sunil Chhetri, Indian men’s football team captain named the Men’s Footballer of the year 2019 at the All India Football Federation’s (AIFF) Awards. He won the award for the third consecutive year. He is also the second-highest active international scorer after Portugal’s Cristiano Ronaldo.

**Dutee Chand bags Gold medal in 100-metres event at World Universiade**

India’s Dutee Chand clinched a Gold medal in the 100-metre dash. The event at the World Universiade at Napoli in Italy. She is a 23-year-old sprinter clocked 11.32 seconds race from start to finish. Del Ponte of Switzerland won the Silver medal.

**Dravid appointed as the Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru**

Former India captain Rahul Dravid has been appointed as the Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. The appointment was announced and approved by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on 8 July. He is currently the vice-president of India Cements.

**MS Dhoni became the only second Indian player to reach the 350-game mark in ODI**

MS Dhoni became the only second Indian player to reach the 350-game mark in One-Day International cricket (ODI). The first Indian to set the record was Sachin Tendulkar.

**Commonwealth Weightlifting C’ship: India win 13 medals on opening day**
India won 13 medals on the opening day of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship. The event is held in Apia, Samoa. The medals comprised 8 Gold, 3 silver and 2 Bronze. Mirabai Chanu led the Indian medal rush in the senior women's 49 kg event.

**Vinesh Phogat won gold medal in the 53 kg category at the Grand Prix of Spain 2019**

India’s top wrestler Vinesh Phogat won her first gold medal after shifting to 53kg category and Divya Kakran claimed the top honours in the 68kg category at the Grand Prix of Spain 2019 at Madrid, Spain. In the championship, India finished second with 130 points in team championship behind Russia which secured 165.

**Brazil won the Copa America 2019 title**

Brazil won its first Copa America 2019 title since 2007. It defeated Peru and secured 3-1. The team already owns the fifth and ninth Copa América trophy. The event was hosted by Brazil. Everton was named player of the final and also finished as one of the tournament's top scorers with three goals.

**India vs New Zealand World Cup 2019 Semifinal Match : India look to set the record**

India's World Cup 2019 semi-final match New Zealand is expected to be the semi-final match between India and New Zealand. India won seven out of their nine matches in the World Cup 2019 league stage. They defeated Pakistan and the West Indies. India and New Zealand involved in World Cup matches since 1975.

**U.S. womens national soccer team won the FIFA Womens World Cup 2019**

The U.S. women’s national soccer team (USWNT) won the FIFA Women’s World Cup for a record-extending fourth time on July 7 in Lyon, France. The team defeated the Netherlands and secured 2-0 to win the women’s World Cup.

**Virat Kohli retains top position among batsmen in latest ICC rankings**

Team India skipper Virat Kohli retained the top position among batsmen in the latest ICC rankings. Rohit Sharma bridged the gap at No. 2 following record five World Cup tons. Pakistan's Babar Azam got third place. Australia opener David Warner re-entered the top 10 at number six.

**Arinjeeta Dey won a silver medal for India in World Youth Cup 2019**

Karate girl, Arinjeeta Dey (Barasat, West Bengal) won a silver medal under the 12 category in the World Youth Cup 2019. The competition was held in Umag, Croatia (from July 1 to July 5, 2019). It was organized by World Karate Federation affiliated to the International Olympic Association.

**Shoaib Malik announced his retirement from ODI**

Pakistan cricketer Shoaib Malik announced his retirement from One Day International (ODI) cricket after the country's final league clash against Bangladesh in World Cup 2019. He will now focus on the T20s.
Elavenil Valarivan won the gold medal in 10m women’s air rifle at ISSF World Cup 2019

Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan won the gold medal in 10m women's air rifle event of the season's first junior ISSF World Cup 2019 on 4 July. She defeated Chinese Taipei's Lin Ying-Shin to win the title. She shot 249.8 in the women's final.

Hima Das won the women's 200m gold in the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix in Poland

Star Indian sprinter Hima Das won the women's 200m gold in the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix in Poland. She was clocked 23.65s on her way to the 200m gold. This was Hima's first competitive 200m race of the year 2019.

Vaibhav Yadav, Indian pro boxer won World Boxing Council (WBC) Asia title

Indian pro boxer Vaibhav Yadav became the WBC Asia silver welterweight champion. They defeat Thailand's Fahpetch Singmanassak in the title bout held in Pattaya, Thailand. Yadav, a cousin of Commonwealth Games gold-medallist Vikas Krishan clinched a third-round knockout over Singmanassak.

Hyderabad Sailing Week, 34th edition of the National level sailing championship, began in Telangana on 2 July

Hyderabad Sailing Week, the 34th edition of the National level sailing championship, began in Telangana on 2 July. It was inaugurated by the Telangana Governor ESL Narasimhan. It will be at the Hussain Sagar Lake. The event will take place between July 2 till July 7.

Odisha to host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019

Department of Sports and Youth Service of the Odisha government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and Odissi Tennis Association (OSTTA). They decided to host the 21st Commonwealth Championship for the year 2019.

Max Verstappen won 2019 Austrian Grand Prix

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the 2019 Austrian Grand Prix. He defeated Ferrari's, Charles Leclerc Mercedes Valtteri Bottas met continuous win and finishes with the third one. Ferrari’s Sebastian Ve became fourth. Five-times world champion Mercedes Lewis Hamilton won fifth place. About 2019 Austrian Grand Prix 2019 Austrian Grand Prix which is formally known as the Formula 1 my World Großer Preis von Österreich 2019 was a Formula One motor race