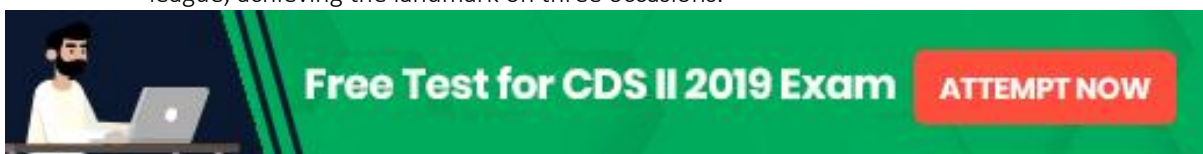


Sports Current Affairs

1. Pakistan's all-rounder & former captain **Shahid Afridi** released his controversial autobiography, titled -- **Game Changer**.
Note:
 - The book is co-authored by Afridi & journalist **Wajahat S Khan** and published by **HarperCollins India imprint Harper Sport**. Afridi stated that he was born in 1975 and not 1980 as stated in the official records.
 - Afridi played 27 Tests, 398 ODIs and 99 T20Is and retired from international cricket in 2017.
2. Indian golfer **Gaganjeet Bhullar** has won the 'Outstanding Achievement as a player' award at the fourth edition of the annual India Golf Industry Association (GIA) awards at the Delhi Golf Club.
Note:
 - Bhullar won the 2018 Fiji International, a European Tour event, and became the youngest golfer on the Asian Tour to achieve nine career victories on tour.
 - The **GIA awards** were held along with the 8th India Golf & Turf Expo (IGTE), South Asia's largest golf trade show.
3. Manchester City star has been named the 2019 footballer of the year award -- **Raheem Sterling**.
Note:
 - The winner is selected by a vote amongst the members of the Football Writers' Association (FWA), which comprises around 400 football journalists based throughout England.
 - 'Parris' (Manchester City and England forward) took the women's award by just a single vote, beating Vivianne Miedema (Arsenal and Netherlands striker) 11 votes to 10.
4. Austrian tennis player **Dominic Thiem** has won the Barcelona Open 2019.
Note:
 - He became the fourth player (after Rafael Nadal, Kei Nishikori and Fernando Verdasco) in the past 15 years to lift the title in Barcelona.
 - The Barcelona Open 2019 took place at the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.
5. First overseas player from India to join Hampshire -- **Ajinkya Rahane**.
Note:
 - Rahane will replace South Africa batsman Aiden Markram. He will play in the County Championship throughout the months of May, June, and July (subject to visa clearance).
 - Hampshire County Cricket Club (founded in 1863) is one of eighteen first-class county clubs within the domestic cricket structure of England and Wales.
6. Romania's player **Isac Doru** has been appointed as the new technical director for the Indian football team.
Note:
 - Isac will take over the role from interim technical director Savio Madeira. Doru was selected from a list of over 60 candidates who had applied for the post.
 - Mr. Doru comes with a rich experience of almost 29 years in international football across several countries including France, Japan, USA, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Qatar amongst others.
7. Rajasthan Royals leg-spinner **Shreyas Gopal** had claimed the hat-trick in the Indian Premier League (IPL)- 2019.
Note:
 - He dismissed Bangalore's **Virat Kohli** (25), **AB de Villiers** (10) and **Marcus Stoinis** (0) to achieve the feat. Gopal's hat-trick is the 19th instance of a bowler registering a hat-trick in the IPL history.
 - A hat-trick occurs in cricket when a bowler dismisses three batsmen with consecutive deliveries. Indian leg-spinner Amit Mishra holds the record for most hat-tricks in the IPL league, achieving the landmark on three occasions.



8. Pink city Jaipur will host the 8th Asian Youth Women Handball Championship from **21 to 30 August 2019**.

Note:

- The previous edition in 2017 was held at Jakarta in Indonesia.
- The Asian Women's Youth Handball Championship is the official competition for youth women's national handball teams of Asia, organised under the aegis of Asian Handball Federation. It takes place every two years.

9. Barcelona legend **Xavi Hernandez** has announced his retirement from professional football at the end of the current season.

Note:

- Xavi helped Spain win the 2010 World Cup and the European Championships in 2008 and 2012.
- He holds a Barcelona record with 767 appearances and helped the club win 25 titles, including four Champions Leagues and eight Spanish leagues.

10. **Bajrang Punia** has become the **first Indian** to win the gold medal in the **65 kg freestyle** at the Ali Aliev wrestling tournament – **Kapiisk**.

Note:

- He defeated Viktor Rassadin of Russia. Earlier, Bajrang Punia had won a gold medal last week at the Asian Championships in Xi'an, China.
- Bajrang (part of the JSW Sports Excellence Program) will fight at the historic Madison Square Garden arena. He will take on former cadet world champion and two-time NCAA champion Yianni Diakomihalis.

11. **Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)** has decided to bid for the 2024 edition (take part-32 teams) of the biennial World Team Championships.

Note:

- The last big ITTF event that was staged in India was in 2012 when Hyderabad hosted the World Junior Championships.
- According to Federation secretary M P Singh, TTFI has recommended three names to the sports ministry for the Arjuna award and they are Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty and Madhurika Patkar.

12. Ace Indian squash players **Saurav Ghoshal and Joshna Chinappa** won their respective Asian Individual Squash Championship titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Note:

- Saurav Ghoshal defeated Leo Au Chun Ming (Hong Kong) 11-9, 11-2, 11-8 to win the men's title. Joshna Chinappa retained her title as she beat top seed Annie Au (Hong Kong) 11-5, 6-11, 11-8, 11-6 in the women's final event.
- Ghoshal who had become the first Indian male player to reach top ten of the world rankings is the finalist of the previous edition.

13. **Mumbai Indians (MI)** became IPL champions 2019 after defeating Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in Hyderabad.

Note:

- Chasing a victory target of 150 set by Mumbai, Chennai Super Kings were restricted to 148 for 7 in stipulated 20 overs. Earlier, Mumbai made 149 for 8 in stipulated 20 overs.
- Last ball dismissal of Shardul Thakur by paceman Lasith Malinga registered a final win for Mumbai over Chennai.

14. **Novak Djokovic** has won the 2019 Madrid Open title at the Park Manzanares in Madrid, Spain.

Note:

- He defeated Tsitsipas (Greece) 6–3, 6–4 in the final.
- Djokovic tied Nadal's record with 33 Masters 1000 singles titles. Dutch Kiki Bertens beat two-time Madrid Open champion Simona Halep (Romania) 6-4, 6-4 to take the women's title.



15. Pakistan's off-spinner **Sana Mir** has become the highest wicket-taking spinner in women's One-day International (ODI) history.

Note:

- She claimed her 147th ODI wicket in her 118th appearance.
- Currently, Mir is placed on the third position in the ICC's ODI bowling ranking, which is topped by Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami (218).

16. Indian racer **Jehan Daruvala** has won the inaugural round of the FIA Formula 3 Championship, one of the support events to Formula One in Barcelona.

Note:

- The all-new FIA F3 Championship was created by merging the erstwhile GP3 Championship and FIA F3 European Championship, resulting in an ultra-competitive 30 car grid.
- Jehan is the only Indian to win a Grand Prix when he won the New Zealand Grand Prix and later went on to become the only Indian to win a race in the erstwhile FIA F3 European Championship, which used slower cars.

17. **Manchester City** clinched their fourth Premier League title (football) after winning the 2018-19 season.

Note:

- Manchester City registered a 4-1 victory against Brighton to accumulate 98 points, while Liverpool, who were also in the title race, finished second with 97 points.
- Dominant Manchester City has successfully retained their Premier League title on the final day of an exhilarating 2018-19 campaign.

18. Indian captain **Virat Kohli** bagged the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year award during the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) International awards 2019.

Note:

- Pacer Jasprit Bumrah was adjudged as International Bowler of the Year. Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan was awarded for outstanding bowling and Australian batsman Aaron Finch for his exceptional performance in T20.
- Young prodigy Yashasvi Jaiswal was awarded Junior Cricketer of the Year, while chinaman Kuldeep Yadav took the home outstanding performance of the year award.
- Ashutosh Aman was awarded Domestic Cricketer of the Year. Legendary Mohinder Amarnath, who played a key role in India's 1983 World Cup triumph, was bestowed with the 'CCR International Lifetime Achievement Award'.

19. **Yosuke Asaji** has won the **Asia-Pacific Diamond Golf Cup 2019** by one shot at the Sobu Country Club.

Note:

- Rahil Gangjee (India) finished tied 39th and Viraj Madappa ended tied 53rd in the finals.
- Diamond Cup Golf (founded in 1973) is an annual golf tournament on the Japan Golf Tour.

20. **G.S. Lakshmi (India)** has become the first woman to be appointed to **ICC's international panel** of match referees.

Note:

- Now, she will be eligible to officiate in international games with immediate effect.
- Earlier, Claire Polosak had become the first ever woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI, Lakshmi first officiated as a match referee in domestic women's cricket in 2008-09. She has overseen three women's ODI matches and three women's T20 International matches.

21. British racing driver **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Spanish Grand Prix for a third consecutive year.

Note:

- He overtakes Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas at the first turn in Barcelona.
- Red Bull's Max Verstappen clinched the 3rd spot and was voted as the F1 driver of the day. Hamilton's win at the Spanish Grand Prix brings his tally to 76 F1 victories in all.

22. **Croatian World Cupper** has been appointed Indian football team head coach for a two-year term -- **Igor Stimac**.

Note:



- The appointment was made by the All India Football Federation's Executive Committee. The national team has been without a coach since the departure of Stephen Constantine in January, following the creditable show at the AFC Asian Cup.
 - Stimac was part of Croatia's 1998 World Cup squad that finished third in France, has over 18 years of coaching experience.
23. Veteran Nepali Sherpa **Kami Rita** scaled **Mount Everest** for the 23rd time.
- Note:**
- He broke his own record of the most successful ascents of the world's highest peak. The Sherpa climber first scaled the Mount Everest on 13th May 1994.
 - He has already climbed most of the peaks above 8,000 m including K2, Cho-Oyu, Lhoste, and Annapurna among others.
24. **South Korea** has abandoned its bid to stage **Asian Cup Football** tournament 2023.
- Note:**
- The Korea Football Association (KFA) had pulled out to strategically focus on a joint bid with North Korea to host the Women's World Cup in the same year.
 - The KFA announced the joint bid in March, but diplomatic contacts between Pyongyang and Seoul have since dwindled with North Korea-US nuclear talks deadlocked. The host will be designated on 4 June 2019, before the 69th FIFA Congress, in Paris, France.
25. Rafael Nadal has clinched the **Italian Open 2019 men's Tennis** title.
- Note:**
- This is Nadal's ninth Italian Open title and 81st title in his career. Nadal also broke a tie with Djokovic by claiming a record 34th ATP Masters 1000 crown.
 - In Women's single, Czech's Karolina Pliskova registered two straight-set victories against Britain's Johanna Konta 6-3, 6-4 to claim the Italian Open title.
26. The **India Open International Boxing Tournament** (2nd edition) was held in **Guwahati, Assam**.
- Note:**
- 200 players from 16 countries taken place in the event.
 - India will field a strong contingent of 38 men and 37 women in the tournament including Mary Kom in 51-kilogram category.
27. The **world body governing Badminton** (BFA) has launched two new formats of the game -- '**AirBadminton**' and '**Triples**'.
- Note:**
- **Air Badminton** will be outdoor sports (Traditional badminton- indoor game). In Triples format, the match will be played between a team of three players each with the presence of at least one female.
 - Infrastructure won't be a hindrance for people interested in Airbadminton as it can be played in different environments like grass in parks, on sands in beaches and the streets and bylanes.
28. Germany's double Olympic biathlon champion **announced her retirement** after struggling with health issues__ **Laura Dahlmeier**.
- Note:**
- She has won seven world championship gold medals, and in 2018 in Pyeongchang.
 - She became the first female biathlete to win both the sprint and the pursuit at the same Olympics.
29. **Apurvi Chand** has won the gold medal in women's 10 m Air Rifle competition at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle and Pistol tournament.
- Note:**
- She shot a score of 251 in the final to outshine Wang Luyao of China. This was Apurvi's second ISSF world cup gold of the year followed by a world record score in New Delhi (in Felndian Elavenil Valarivan missed out on a bronze medal to Xu Hong of China by just 0.1 points and finished fourth.



- The 2019 ISSF World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation.
30. **China** has won the **badminton world mixed-team championship**, Sudirman Cup 2019(16th edition) in Nanning.
- Note:**
- They beat **Japan** in men's doubles, women's singles and men's singles to clinch the title for an 11th time. In the latest Men' singles match Shi Yuqi stunned world champion Kento Momota 15-21, 21-5, 21-11.
 - Japan have never won the Sudirman Cup. The 2019 Sudirman Cup is the biennial international badminton championship contested by the mixed national
31. India's **Mahesh Mangaonkar** triumphed for the second time in the Sekisui Open in **Kriens, Switzerland**.
- Note:**
- Top-seeded Mahesh beat third seed Bernat Jaume (Spain) in four games 11-9, 3-11, 11-5, 11-5 to win his 8th PSA title.
 - Sekisui Open is a Challenger tour event of the Professional Squash Association (PSA), the world body which governs the sports.
32. **Lewis Hamilton** has won the **Monaco Grand Prix** 2019.
- Note:**
- **Hamilton** struggled with grip in the latter stages and was under constant pressure from Red Bull's Max Verstappen. The **Monaco Grand Prix** (Run since 1929) is a Formula One motor race held each year on the Circuit de Monaco.
 - It is widely considered to be one of the most important and prestigious automobile races in the world and, with the Indianapolis 500 and the 24 Hours of Le Mans, forms the Triple Crown of Motorsport.
33. **Saurabh Chaudhary** has won **10m Air Pistol Gold** beating his own World Record in ISSF shooting World Cup, in Munich, Germany.
- Note:**
- Mr. Chaudhary scored 246.3 bettering his previous best of 245 points that were set in New Delhi World Cup Shooting in February 2019. Chaudhary has already secured a berth for the Tokyo Olympics.
34. **Anton Aditya Subowo** was re-elected as the **President of Badminton Asia** for another four years.
- Note:**
- There were seven other people who were selected as the vice-presidents of Badminton Asia. The Badminton Association of India's president Himanta Biswa Sarma has also been elected as the vice-president.
 - Badminton Asia also got in a new Secretary-General in Moosa Nashid from the Maldives. A total of 40 countries voted for the posts of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary-General.
35. **ICC (International Cricket Council)** has launched the **criiio campaign** on the eve of the men's World Cup.
- Note:**
- According to ICC, fans to join the social cricket tribe by sharing pictures and videos of where and how they play cricket across the world using the newly launched hashtag #criiio and visiting the site criiio.com.
 - ICC Men's Cricket World Cup brings together the best ten teams and players in the world. Criiio is a celebration of all the brilliant and unique ways people play the game which can be played anywhere, by anyone and at any time.
36. Indian shooter **Manu Bhaker** secured India its seventh Olympic quota with a fourth-place finish in the women's 10-meter air pistol event of the **ISSF World Cup** in Munich, Germany.
- Note:**



- This is India's first quota in women's 10-meter pistol. Bhaker shot 201 in the final to secure the quota for the Tokyo Games.
- Saurabh Chaudhary has won quota place in men's 10-meter air pistol at the World Cup in Delhi and Abhishek Verma grabbed the quota place in the same event at the World Cup in Beijing.

Complete list of Awards at PL 2019:

S. No	Award	Winner (Team)
1.	Man of the Match (Final)	Jasprit Bumrah (MI)
2.	Orange Cap (Most Runs)	David Warner (SH) 692 runs
3.	Purple Cap (Most Wickets)	Imran Tahir (CSK)- 26 wickets
4.	Emerging Player (future star of International Cricket)	Shubman Gill (KKR)
5.	Stylish Player	KL Rahul (KXIP)
6.	Perfect Catch	Kieron Pollard (MI)
7.	Super Striker	Andre Russell (KKR)
8.	Most Valuable Player (earning more points in the whole season)	Andre Russell (KKR)
9.	Fair play Award (best spirit of the game throughout the season)	Sunrisers Hyderabad
10.	Gamechanger of the Match	Rahul Chahar (Mumbai Indians)



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