

NEWS BRIEF

"You have to start from zero again":
Smriti Mandhana after reaching 10k
international runs landmark

Thiruvananthapuram: Smriti Mandhana became the second Indian and fourth overall among women players to reach the glorious milestone of 10,000 runs in international cricket. The left-handed batter reached the milestone during the fourth T20I of the five-match series against Sri Lanka at the Greenfield International Stadium on Sunday. The left-handed batter became the fourth women batter after Mithali Raj, Suzie Bates, Charlotte Edwards and the second Indian after Mithali to achieve the 10,000-run milestone. In Test cricket, Mandhana has notched up 629 runs in seven matches and 12 innings at an average of 57.18, with two centuries and three fifties. With 5,322 runs in 117 ODIs and innings at an average of 48.38, with 14 centuries and 34 fifties, Mandhana is the sixth-highest run-getter in the ODI format. In T20Is, Mandhana has slammed 4,102 runs in 157 matches and 151 innings at an average of 29.94. SR of 124.22, a ton and 32 fifties. She is the second-highest run-getter in this format. The left-handed batter made 80 runs off 48 balls with the help of 11 fours and three sixes, which helped India to post their highest team total (221/2) in women's T20I cricket. In response, Women in Blue defended the target and Sri Lanka lost the match by 30 runs. The Harmanpreet Kaur-led India took an unbeaten 4-0 lead with one match left. After reaching the landmark of 10,000 runs in international cricket, Mandhana said that a player has to start from zero, and it's never been the case that a player has done in the last match or previous series. "I mean, that's never the case where we are like, we've done it before. I feel that, in cricket, you have to start from zero again. The scoreboard is always zero for zero. It's never what you've done in the last match or previous series as well," Mandhana said in a video posted on Instagram by the Indian cricket team. "My internal expectations for all three formats are very different. Of course, T20 is slightly in a way where you can't be extremely hard with yourself after getting out because you're playing at a pace where there are days where it'll come off, there are days where it won't," the Indian cricketer said. The left-handed batter opened up about not overthinking after getting dismissed or not having a great day on the field. "I'm really, really tough on myself with one-day cricket and test cricket because, of course, you have a lot of time. If you get out there, it feels like a sin for me. But there are days when you'll win the match for the country, but there are days when you won't be able to get runs. But I think you have to take both things at your stride because you can't overthink. It's just quick turnover. Like if I had thought a lot about the first three matches, we had only one day before this one." Mandhana added that the biggest thing for Indian women's cricket was lifting the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 title.

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NEW DELHI: The calendar year of 2025 saw several memorable performances from the cricketing world, from young, rising stars and veterans alike.

The legacies of some of the biggest names were sealed as some once-elusive tasks/titles were ticked off, while some young rising talent just started writing their story as the torch-bearers of the next generation, who could lift on their shoulders hopes of their countrymen and take forward cricket as not only as a sport, but also a moolah-making, superstar-producing and glamorous industry it has turned into over the years.

Here are the 10 best cricketers of the year, in no order:

Shubman Gill: Ever since his Under-19 World Cup days as Prithvi Shaw's deputy, Shubman was marked for greatness as his solid technique and attractive strokeplay had glimpses of icons Virat Kohli and Sachin Tendulkar. While Gill managed to carry forward his form into ODIs, he had failed to leave a massive stamp of authority in Test cricket despite a few flashes of a calculated genius.

Gill started off this year strongly in ODIs, with fine performances in bilaterals and a decent 188-run ICC Champions Trophy-winning campaign for India, including a ton against Bangladesh.

However, it was his first full-fledged Test tour to England, without senior stalwarts Rohit Sharma, Virat and Ravichandran Ashwin as his



guides, Gill, now a young Test captain, showed the world why he is rated as the 'Prince' of Indian cricket and an heir apparent to Virat. The lanky right-hander tore into records which would take up a whole chapter in a proper 'history of cricket' book within a single series, scoring 754 runs in five games at an average of 75.40, with four centuries and a best score of 269.

Some of the biggest records he broke included:

*Fourth Indian after Vijay Hazare,

England icon Graham Gooch's 456 runs (333 and 123 runs against India at Lord's in 1990)

*Joint-most Test centuries as a captain in a series besides Gavaskar, Don Bradman

*Outclassing Virat's 692-run tour in Australia to have best-ever SENA series by an Indian batter

*Second-highest most runs by an Indian in a series (after Gavaskar's 774 against West Indies in 1981)

*Second-highest runs by a captain during a series (after Bradman's 810 runs against England in 1936/37)

*Most runs by an Indian batter against England in a series

Gill ended the year as top run-getter in men's international cricket, with 1,764 runs in 35 matches at an average of 49.00, seven centuries and three fifties in 42 innings. In Tests, he scored 983 runs in nine matches at an average of 70.21, with five centuries and a fifty. In 11 ODIs, he made 490 runs at an average of 49.00, with two centuries and fifties each.

T20Is was his sole format of struggle, scoring just 291 runs in 15 innings with no fifty at an average of just over 24.

The elevation to Indian captaincy in Tests and ODIs made the year more special for him. He led India to a hard-fought 2-2 draw in England, in one of the finest Test series in a while.

Jacob Duffy: The Kiwi pacer ends the year with most international wickets, having taken 81 wickets in 36 matches at an average of 17.11, with four four-fers and three five-fers, hav-

ing overtaken icon Richard Hadlee's 40-year-old record for most wickets by a Kiwi bowler in a year.

He also ended the year as the 2nd-ranked T20I bowler in ICC Rankings and was an absolute steal deal for defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) for Rs two crores in the IPL auction. Temba Bavuma: Social media could have meme'd the batter for his short stature to absolutely no end, but Bavuma defied all the memes, slurs, odds and star-power stacked against him as the Proteas captain captured two big prizes this year, the ICC World Test Championship title, SA's first major world title at Lord's after beating a powerhouse Aussie unit and sealed the Rainbow Nation's first Test series win in India, that too a 2-0 whitewash, for the first time since 1999/2000.

While his 714 runs in 15 matches at an average of 44.62, with a century and six fifties in 17 innings might not be a massive number, but Bavuma pick and chose the moments to channelise the crisis-handling, gritty, old-school South African in him, to be his 66-run knock in WTC final despite an injured hamstring while chasing a massive 282 in a low-scoring match or his fighting 55* on a tough Kolkata pitch which was a point of difference as India failed to chase down even a meagre 124 without their injured skipper, Gill. It was his half-century which dragged Proteas to a 120-odd lead when gaining even a 100-run lead seemed challenging.

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday congratulated Indian Grandmasters Humpy Koneru and Arjun Erigaisi for winning bronze in the open section of the FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship, held in Doha.

Erigaisi claimed a historic bronze medal at the FIDE World Rapid Championship in Doha, scoring 9.5 points—just one point behind world champion Magnus Carlsen. With his bronze medal, he became only the second Indian male player, after five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand, to secure a podium finish at a World Rapid Championship.

"Proud of Arjun Erigaisi for winning the bronze medal in the open section at the FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship in Doha. His grit is noteworthy. Wishing him the very best for his future endeavours," PM Modi shared on X.

In the women's World Rapid Championship being held simultaneously, Humpy claimed bronze, in addition to the gold medal she won twice in 2019 and 2024.

"Congratulations to Koneru Humpy, who finished strongly at the 2025 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship in Doha, securing the Bronze medal in the women's

section. Her dedication towards the game is commendable. Best wishes for the endeavours ahead," PM Modi said in another X post.

In the Women's Rapid, three players were tied for the lead going into the final round: Zhu Jiner, Aleksandra Goryachkina, and defending champion Humpy Koneru, all on 8/10 points.

In Round 11, both Zhu and Goryachkina drew their games. Koneru, the only leader with a chance to take sole first place, had a winning endgame against compatriot Shri B. Savitha but misplaced in time trouble, allowing Savitha to escape with a draw.

Humpy finished tied for the top spot with eventual winner Aleksandra Goryachkina, a two-time World Junior Girls' Champion, and China's Zhu Jiner, scoring 8.5 points from 11 rounds.

According to the regulations, in the event of a tie for first place, only the top two players (based on tiebreaks) advanced to the playoff finals. To Koneru's misfortune, she wasn't one of them.

In the tie-break, Zhu was placed at the top, with Goryachkina second, and Humpy ended third. Goryachkina and Zhu played a tie-break, with the former winning to claim the gold medal.

India-New Zealand third men's T20I ticket sales to start from Thursday, says ACA



All future interactions with India will be on equal terms: PCB chief



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Mohsin Naqvi has reiterated that if India wants the T20 Asia Cup 2005 trophy, then they will have to accept it from him in Dubai. "There is a status quo on trophy handing. If India wants the trophy, they must send their captain to Dubai and receive it from me," Naqvi told Telecom Asia Sport (www.telecomasia.net).

Naqvi also said that there will be no compromise with India, and if they do not want to shake hands with our players, everything will be on equal terms.

"If India does not allow their players to shake hands with our players then it will be dealt with on equal terms and there will be no compromise," Naqvi said in response to a question from Telecom Asia Sport (www.telecomasia.net). "We have no interest in shaking hands with them."

The controversy over Indian T20 captain Yadav not shaking hands with Pakistani counterpart Salman Agha at the toss, followed by the same action after all three matches marred the Asia Cup in September in Dubai, as a handshake between rivals is the norm in international matches.

The trend was also followed by the Indian teams at the Women's World Cup in Sri Lanka in November, the Rising Star Asia Cup in Doha in the same month, and the Under-19 Asia Cup in Dubai this month. The tension was sparked after India and Pakistan engaged in a four-day military conflict in May following a deadly militant attack on tourists in Pahalgam in J&K. New Delhi blamed Pakistan for the massacre, a charge denied by Islamabad. Pakistan team's mentor, Sarfaraz Ahmed, had complained about the behaviour of Indian Junior players and termed it "Uneducated

and unacceptable."

Pakistan won the heated final by a significant 191-run margin last Sunday. Naqvi announced that former legendary paceman Wasim Akram would be the brand ambassador of the Pakistan Super League. "We have appointed Wasim Akram as the brand ambassador of the PSL and that we will handle the Multan Sultans franchise on our own the next year before a new owner is found," said Naqvi.

Multan's owner, Ali Tareen, fell out with the PCB and left the franchise.

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