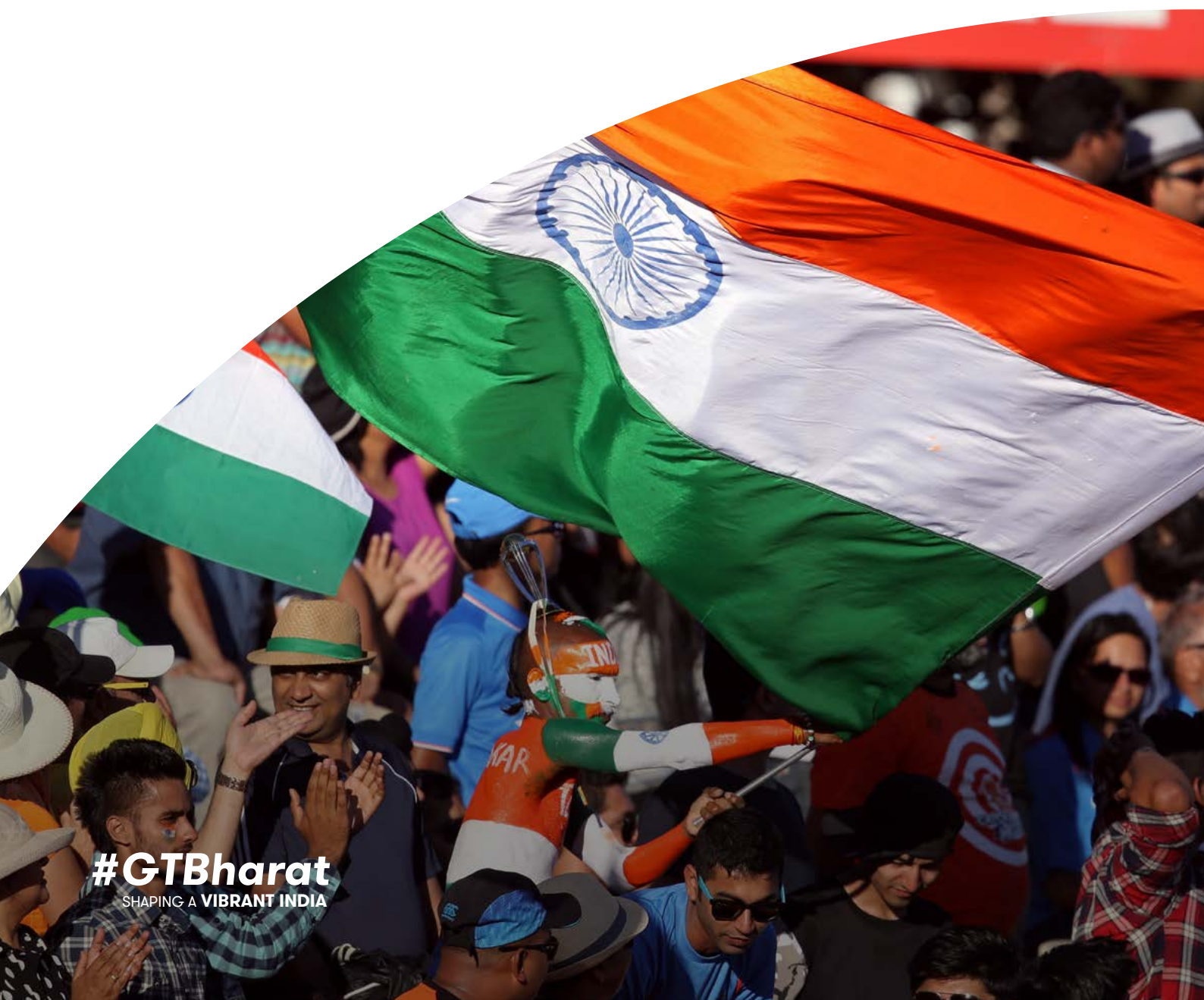
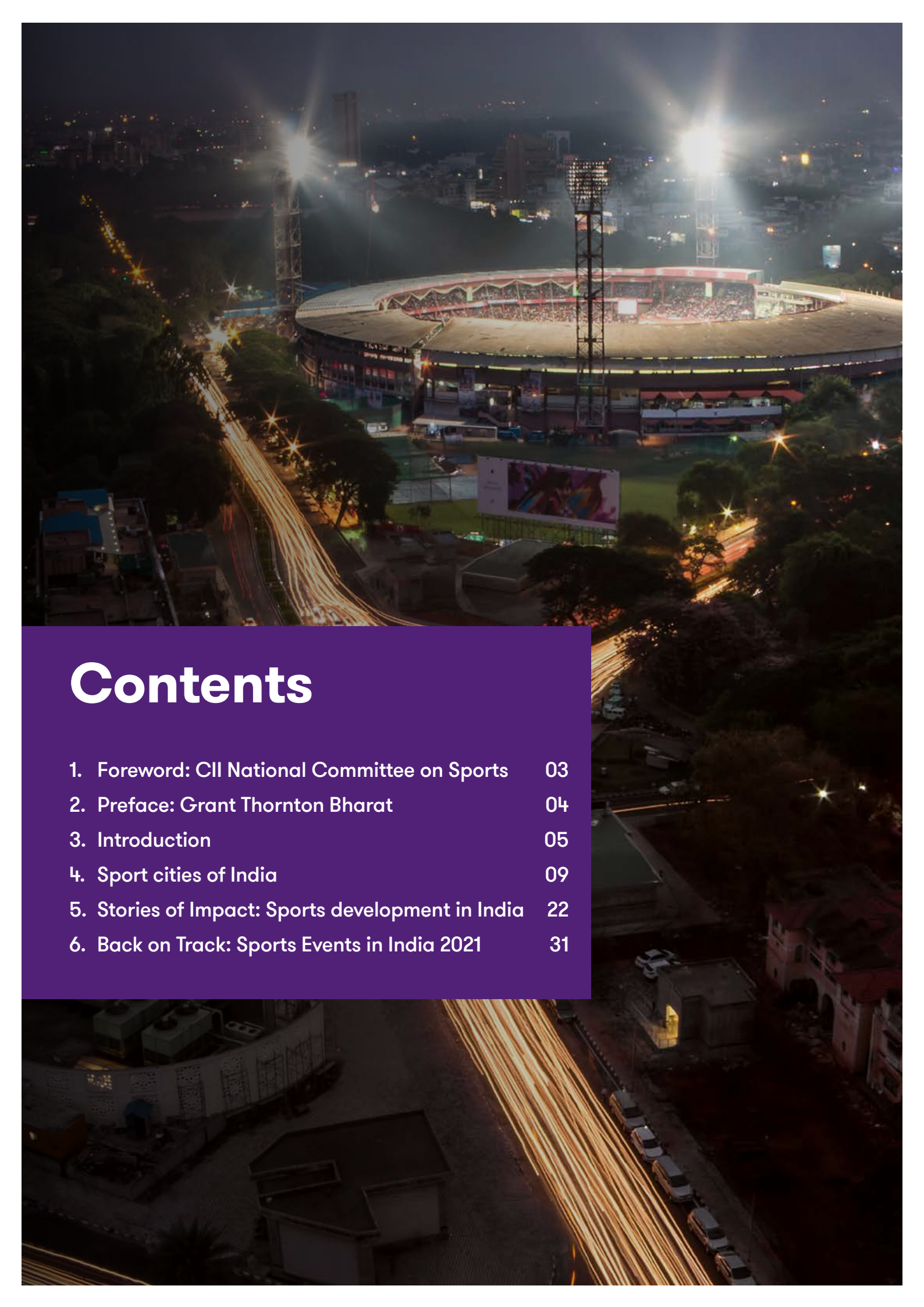


Sports Cities of India 2021

Future destinations for global sporting events



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Foreword: CII National Committee on Sports

The CII SCORECARD 2021 conference is a platform to bring together the best and most influential minds in Indian sports on a common platform.



Sports offer a unique potential for will and goodwill that is beyond any other form of mass entertainment. Over the past decade or so, India has seen a strong and positive evolution of its sporting culture. On the back of various enabling factors, such as favourable demographics, increase in adoption of a healthy and active lifestyle and policy support from the government, the growth of sports in India is steadily gaining momentum.

The CII National Committee on Sports (CII-NCS) is working towards creating an ecosystem for government and the private sector companies to collaborate efforts to sustainably endeavour and invest in India's sports sector. CII-NCS, along with its other agendas for the development of the national sports sector, has the "development of state-of-the-art sports infrastructure" in the country as one of its key focus areas of engagement; particularly with a view to conduct world-class sports events in our country.

India has also witnessed a spurt of growth in sports infrastructure development in recent years. With improved infrastructure and investment, sport leagues in India have been growing in popularity. Since the inception of the Indian Premier League (IPL) in 2008, more and more league models of popular sports have been initiated. The country has witnessed an emergence of leagues, such as the Pro Kabaddi League, Indian Super League, Ultimate Table Tennis, Pro Wrestling League and Pro Badminton League, to name a few. Apart from national leagues, city and state level leagues have also been launched.

The country has also hosted international sports events in recent times and has delivered major sports events, such as the 2010 Commonwealth Games, the ICC World Cup 2011, the

FIFA U17 World Cup 2017 and the Hockey World Cup in 2018, amongst others. Relevant stakeholders in the Indian sports sector envision hosting of even bigger mega sports events like the Olympics. The hosting of international sports events will not only support the growth of athletes and the disciplines, but it will help foster the overall economy and culture of sports in India, which in turn can become a powerful area of 'soft' yet meaningful projection of Indian influence and engagement with the rest of the world.

The CII SCORECARD 2021 conference is a platform to bring together the best and most influential minds in Indian sports on a common platform. The topics of discussion will help address the most important pillars of our nation's sports ecosystem. This event is also an ideal platform to launch this report, which serves as a starting point for an annual study for sports cities and events in India. Such a study will be essential for us to continuously assess, recalibrate and improve our methods and standards in Indian sports development.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to Grant Thornton Bharat and CII teams who have worked in developing this report. I hope this would pave way for future discussions with all stakeholders in the country.

Anupam Goswami

Chairman, CII-NCS 2020-21 and

CEO, Mashal Sports and League Commissioner, Pro Kabaddi

Preface: Grant Thornton Bharat

Sports Cities of India 2021 is a preview assessment of the vision of bringing the biggest global sporting events to the country. The report covers the past, present and future of hosting such events in India.



India's vision to become a global leader in sports provides a window of opportunity for development of sports. With a slow but steady rise in sports investments and initiatives in the country, we are definitely on the right track of progress in creating a more evolved sports environment. Grant Thornton Bharat has been providing advisory solutions for the development of sports in India. Our focus on sports advisory has been to assist our nation in professionalising sports management, with the attempt to enhancing the quality of output in initiatives that truly impact sports in India.

In recent times, there have been talks of India being a potential host to some of the biggest showcase events in world of sport, including bidding for the prestigious Olympic Games. While it is evident that the road to hosting such an event would be a long and hard one, it is important to assess where the strengths and areas of improvement for our cities currently lie. Grant Thornton Bharat envisions an annual feature, Sports Cities of India, which assesses the cities' ability to position themselves as a world-class sporting ecosystem and bring in the biggest sports events from across the globe. This publication serves as a preview assessment of this vision, covering the past, present and future of hosting sports events in India. Prepared by Grant Thornton Bharat, in association with CII, the report is aimed at

capturing positives, areas of improvement and the way forward for the leading sports cities of India.

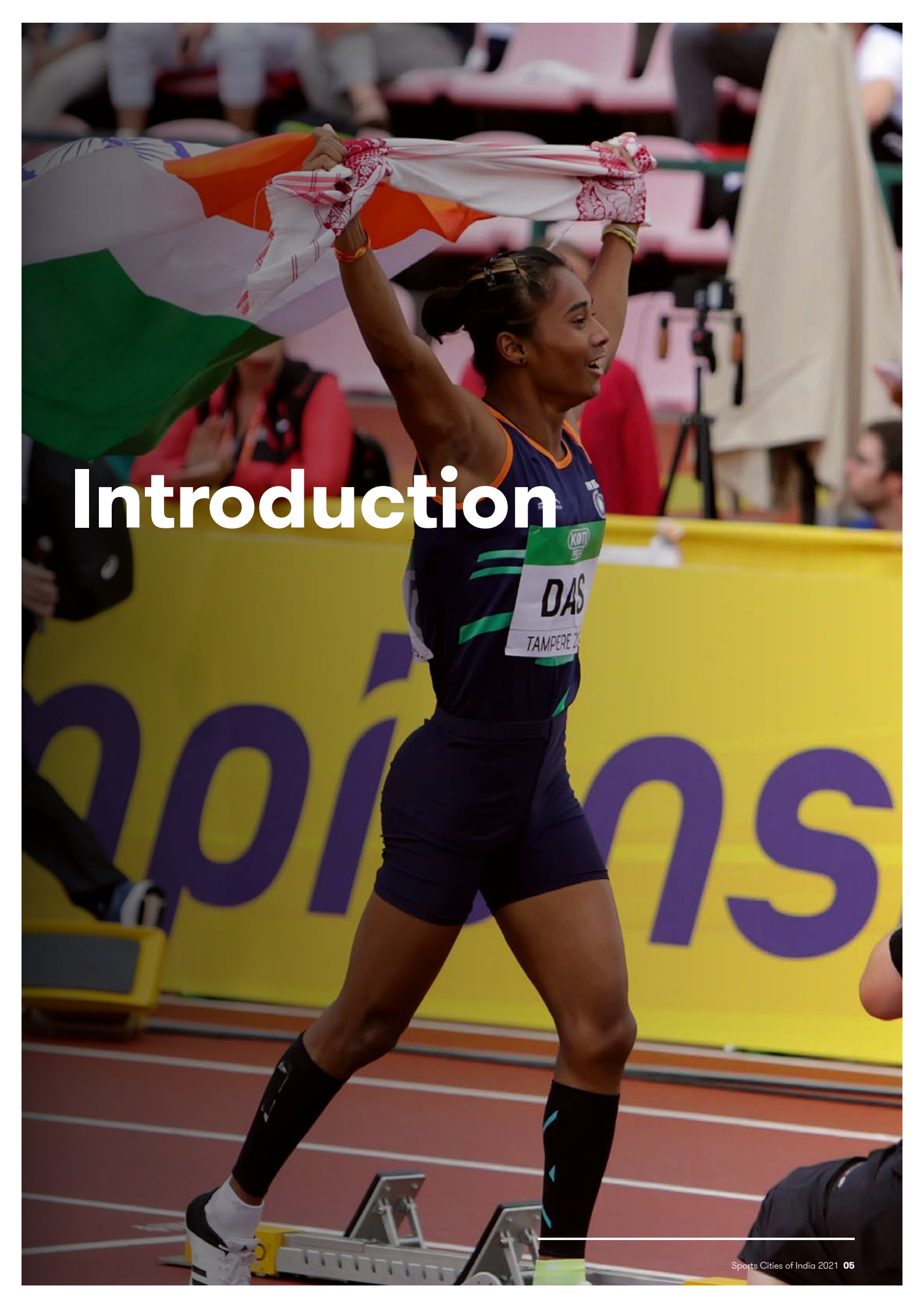
Given the return of live sports, major international and national events are seeing a return to action in India. In addition to covering the Indian sports cities, this report also contains a Sporting Events in India Calendar 2021, which identifies potential dates for major events that will be hosted in India this year. The reader will also be privy to select case studies that we believe are truly making a difference in our common goal of developing sports in India.

We hope the Indian sports industry will find several actionable insights in this report, as this will lay a base for a much-needed detailed assessment and analysis of all cities in the country, in terms of sports development and preparation for a global sports event.

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Introduction

The global sports industry, from teams and leagues to companies and investors, navigated uncharted territory to stay engaged and in business in 2020. The sports world has been in the search of a 'new normal' for events, operations, training, broadcasting, fan engagement, etc. While 2020 was a highly disruptive year for sports, there is a common belief that brought the entire sports industry together – the eagerness to resume live sports events. The keenness and the drive that led the return of live sports globally, and then in India, is a reminder of the immeasurable binding power and impact that sports has on society.

At least 12 major international sporting events (across nine sports) in India were affected due to COVID-19. The latest edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) was moved to United Arab Emirates and the Indian Super League (ISL) was held in a bio bubble in Goa. Despite the challenges, the behind-the-scenes work done by organisers and authorities, and the courage shown by the athletes to ensure that the top tournaments stay in action, is highly commendable.

The most challenging of tasks for the Indian sports industry has been at the planning stage. The Government of India had the mammoth task of revising and carefully planning the sports budget for 2021-22. Over the last decade, the Indian budget allocation to sports has jumped manifold. However, given the current circumstances, the government, in Union Budget 2021, cut the allocation for sports by INR 230.78 crore, a dip of 8.16% year-on-year (y-o-y).

This budget was further optimised within its reallocation. Budget allocations for authorities, such as the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the (assistance to) National Sports Federations (NSFs) was marginally increased. The major cut has been for India's flagship sports programme – Khelo India, which witnessed a substantial reduction

of INR 232.71 crore. Incentives for sportspersons has been decreased as well, from INR 70 crore to INR 53 crore. Additionally, the fund allocated for renovation and maintenance of the infrastructure built for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, was cut by over 50% and now stands at INR 30 crore. The budget for the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) was halved to INR 25 crore from INR 50 crore.

The revised budget for sports has been receiving mixed feedback from the industry. With 2021 being the Olympic year, it is presumed that the overall budget should have been increased. However, it is important to recognise that last year's budget was increased y-o-y considering that the Olympics were scheduled for the summer of 2020. Furthermore, the reallocation of funds and increasing the SAI budget still reinforces the support from the government. Hence, the reallocation of the budget seems to have been well thought out and offsets the minor reduction in overall FY 2021-22 budget.

Development of state-of-the-art sports infrastructure in the country has been a key focus area for the government. While several facilities and stadiums have been planned and launched in the last few years, effective long-term usage of these facilities continues to be an area for improvement. Learning from how the infrastructure was well planned and utilised in London post the 2012 Olympic Games, legacy planning of such facilities needs to happen prior to even the master planning and construction phases.

The Commonwealth Games Village, made for the CWG 2010 in Delhi, is a prime example of improvement required in legacy planning. With future events in mind, and many sports cities being planned, the existing facilities are being upgraded, and greenfield facilities are coming up over the next few years. This is an opportunity for the country to create stadiums and facilities that involve private sector participation to ensure sustainable long-term effective utilisation.

Budget 2021-22 - Sports

Key highlights



INR 2,596.14 crore
allocated to sports; a
reduction of **INR 230.78 crore**
compared with 2020-21



INR 280.00 crore
allocated to NSFs; a y-o-y
increase of **INR 35.00 crore**



INR 657.71 crore
allocated to Khelo India
programme; it was
INR 890.42 crore in the last
budget



INR 660.41 crore
earmarked for Sports
Authority of India; a
substantial hike of
INR 160.41 y-o-y

Making India a destination for sports events

With one eye on developing sports infrastructure and the other on the return of top leagues in action, the international sports events that were scheduled to be held in India are not too far from returning. But is India ready to host the biggest sports events in the world?

The country has increased its capacity to host events and has delivered major sports events, such as the 2010 Commonwealth Games, the ICC World

Cup 2011, the FIFA U17 World Cup 2017 and the Hockey World Cup in 2018. But what more does India need to do to be ready to host the biggest of them all – the Olympic Games?

India is likely to bid for one of the next two available editions of the Olympic Games, and the success of such a bid would be a key push in the country's attempt to becoming a global sporting destination.

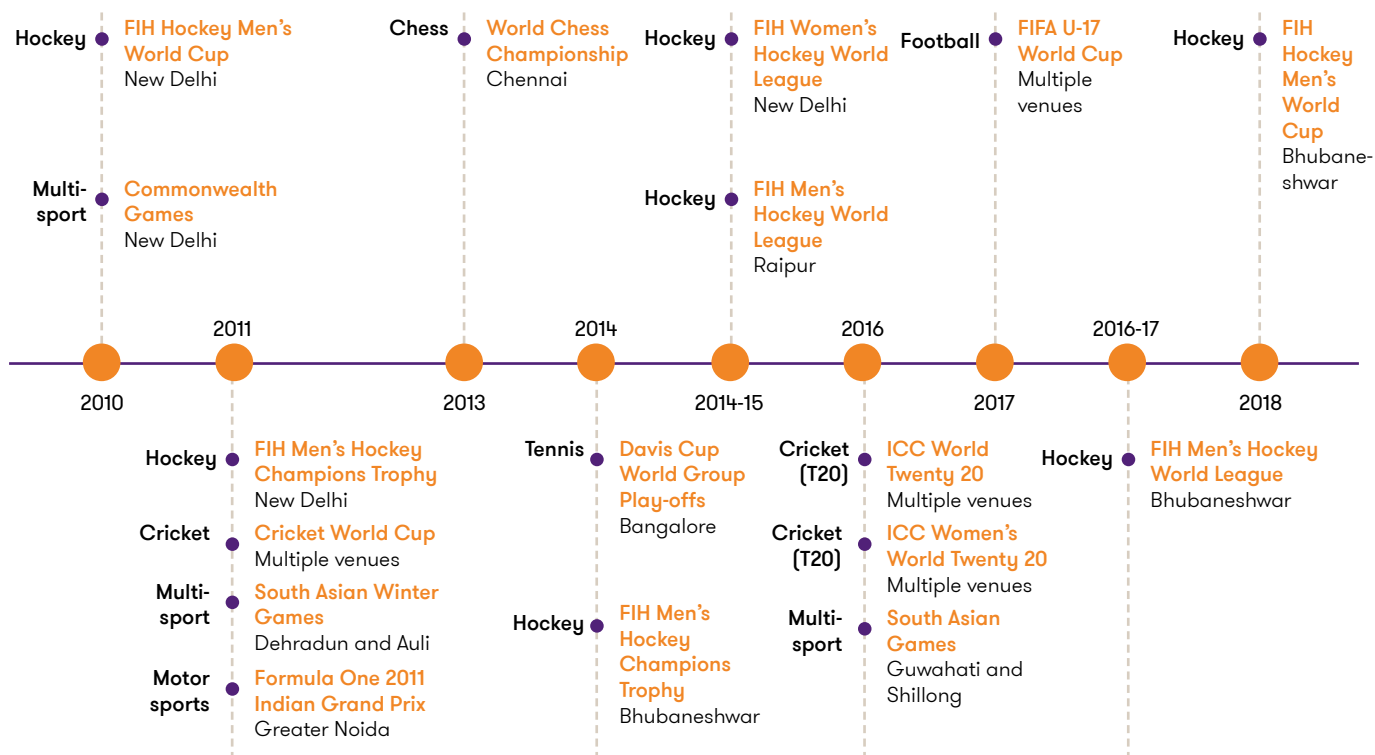
There is enough data to suggest the bid would stimulate economic growth and development as well as improve cities' infrastructure. Hosting such events is essential to ensuring effective long-term utilisation of facilities.

As India plans and gears up for the future, it is also important to look back at the past decade (since 2010) in which the country became the ground for several global sports events.



The London 2012 Olympics successfully planned and executed a legacy plan for all the stadiums in execution. The Olympic Park, one of the key venues had its legacy plan already in motion well before the beginning of the event.

Select international sports events hosted in India



In addition to the international competitions, the country has seen the rise of professional sports leagues that have continuously proven that India is on the right path to creating a quality sports ecosystem. In addition to the IPL, professional leagues in football, kabaddi, badminton, table tennis, volleyball, hockey, boxing and wrestling have been established and organised across the country.



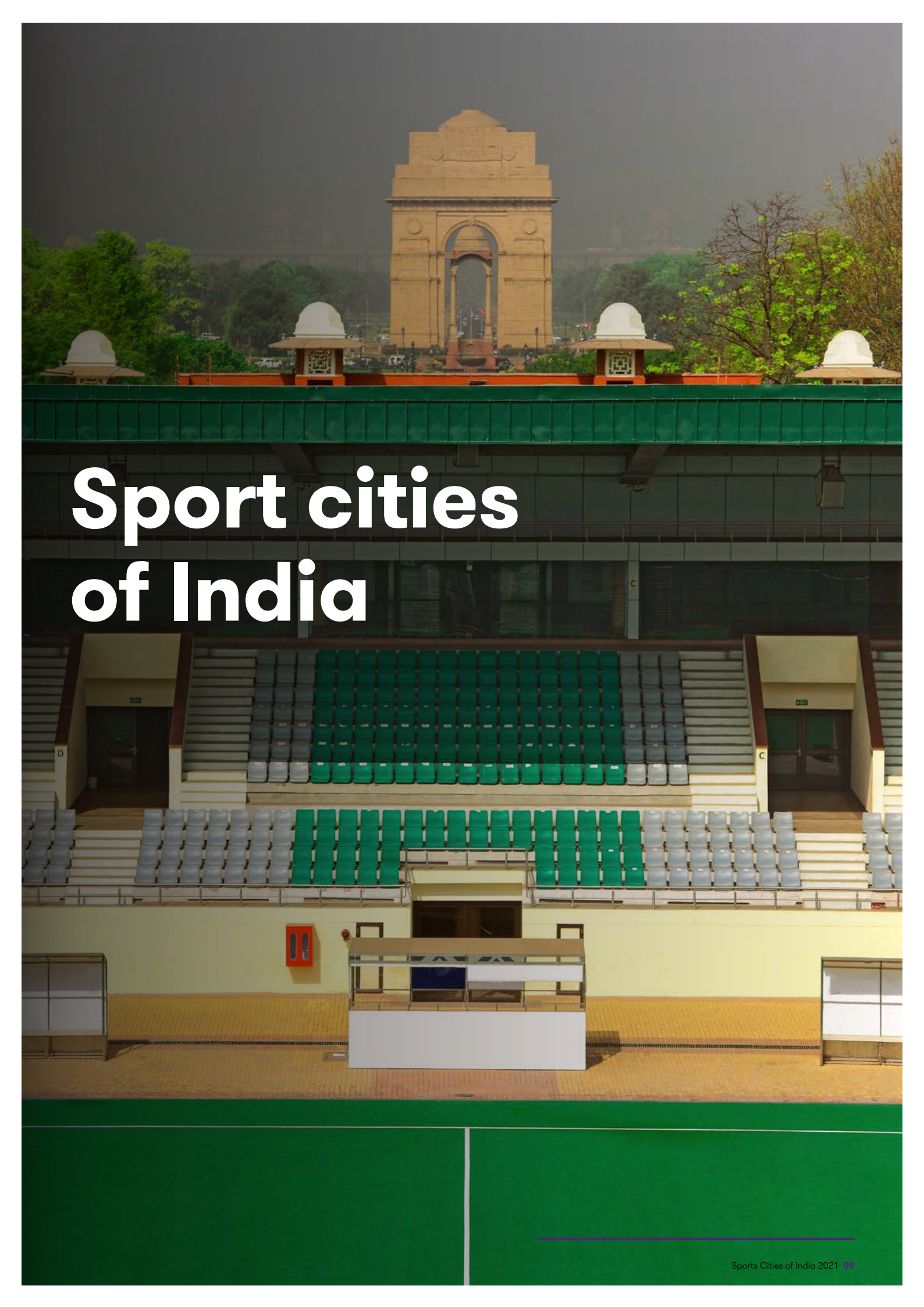
IPL – the league that truly established India as the hub for cricket globally (Courtesy: BCCI)



ISL – with the new foundations set, it is set to pave the way for the future of Indian football



PKL – taking indigenous sports of India to a global level, it is a groundbreaking evidence of breaking barriers



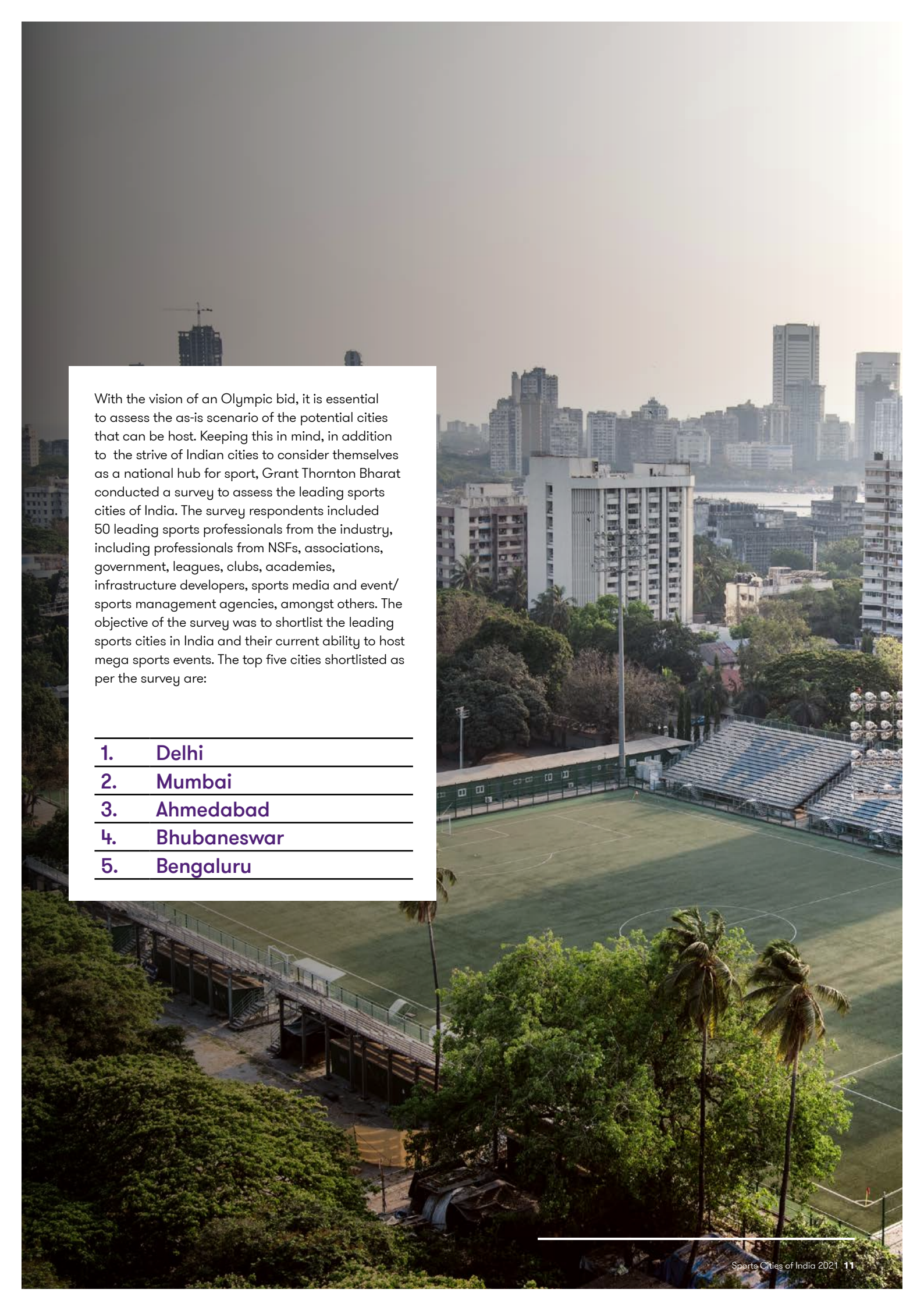
Sport cities of India

Of the 10 largest economies in the world, only India has not ever hosted the prestigious summer Olympic Games:

	Number of Olympic Games hosted	Host of Olympic Games (Year)
 1. United States	4	1904, 1932, 1984, 1996
 2. China	1	2008
 3. Japan	2	1964, 2021*
 4. Germany	2	1936, 1972
 5. India	0	-
 6. United Kingdom	3	1908, 1948, 2012
 7. France	2	1900, 1924
 8. Italy	1	1960
 9. Brazil	1	2016
 10. Canada	1	1976

*Scheduled

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2019



With the vision of an Olympic bid, it is essential to assess the as-is scenario of the potential cities that can be host. Keeping this in mind, in addition to the strive of Indian cities to consider themselves as a national hub for sport, Grant Thornton Bharat conducted a survey to assess the leading sports cities of India. The survey respondents included 50 leading sports professionals from the industry, including professionals from NSFs, associations, government, leagues, clubs, academies, infrastructure developers, sports media and event/sports management agencies, amongst others. The objective of the survey was to shortlist the leading sports cities in India and their current ability to host mega sports events. The top five cities shortlisted as per the survey are:

1. **Delhi**
2. **Mumbai**
3. **Ahmedabad**
4. **Bhubaneswar**
5. **Bengaluru**

Delhi

Delhi has been home to the biggest multi-sports events ever hosted by India. While the city saw many changes in its sports infrastructure when it hosted the Asian Games in 1982, the most transformational change was witnessed during the preparation and successful execution of the CWG in 2010.

With most facilities revamped during the CWG 2010, Delhi has over 20 world-class sports complexes and the space and infrastructure to comfortably host multi-sport mega events. In addition to the iconic Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium (with 1,40,000 seating capacity) is India's largest indoor stadium covering nine sports disciplines including badminton, cycling, gymnastics, judo, sepak takraw, table tennis, wrestling and wushu. The international cricket matches are played at the Arun Jaitley stadium (formerly Ferozshah Kotla Stadium), one of the oldest facilities built in the 19th century and recently renovated. The current number of sports facilities within the national capital region are more than adequate for recreational and professional use. Notable facilities, such as Siri Fort Sports complex, Thyagaraj Sports Complex, Mahor Dhyani Chand National Stadium, R K Khanna Stadium, Chilla Sports Complex and S P Mukherjee Swimming Stadium, are some of the go-to grounds in the city.



The iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, spread across over 100 Acres is a landmark stadium which played host to the CWG 2010, as well as the FIFA U-17 World Cup. With 60,000 seating capacity, the athletic & football stadium is India's fourth largest complex.



On an occasion that brings the entire country together - International Yoga Day, Delhi serves as the center for such a large scale initiative, by bringing together masses at the heart of the capital.

Delhi has one advantage Mumbai doesn't, that is, space. There are sufficient playfields within each locality across the city. The outskirts of the NCR, between Gurugram, Noida, Faridabad and Ghaziabad, have large land areas with enough potential for new greenfield projects in sports. The Jaypee Sports City in Noida, regardless of the situations around contractual issues, was a high-quality sports hub establishment. Plans for Jewar airport nearby, along with a new planned sports city that would include a hub for small-scale units focused on sports goods, will only increase the NCR's ability to host mega events.

The city also has the advantage of having the authorities and federations. With the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, along with SAI working out of the national capital, there is ease of functionality for sports in the region.

With the SAI creating centres of excellence in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium for archery and athletics, Indira Gandhi Stadium for boxing, basketball, cycling and gymnastics, Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium for hockey and Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range for shooting, Delhi is already a go-to destination for training of India's top athletes.

Despite having many renowned academies run by the government as well as private sector, there are still many 'white elephants' of stadiums lying under-utilised. This is being addressed with plans to transact top facilities including Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on a PPP mode for upgradation and effective utilisation.

Another key area of improvement is the culture of attending

sports events. As seen by the decision to move Delhi Dynamos from the capital to Bhubaneswar as Odisha FC, there is a dearth of spectators when it comes to live sports events in Delhi. Attributed to many reasons including too many alternative options, distance and culture, amongst others, one key focus is to revamp the approach to have stadiums in full capacity and proper utilisation of sports facilities.



Survey score
7.9/10

Key parameters in which the city scored high were:



As-is ability to host world-class multi-sport events



Quality of stadiums and facilities



Ease of access and availability of playgrounds /sports facilities



Presence of sports businesses, federations /associations, organisations, brands, manufacturers in the city



Quality of sports academies and coaching centres

Areas of improvement include:



Fan following during live events



Proper utilisation of sports facilities in parts of stadiums

Mumbai

When it comes to identifying the go-to destination for any global event, it is hard to look past Mumbai. The business capital of India is one of the first cities to be considered for any major sports initiative, be it starting a new league and finalising franchises, or organising a marathon. The city hosted 20 major international sports events in the last four years, with an average of five events being hosted annually.



The Mumbai marathon has steadily built its reputation as a world-class competition. Close to 50,000 participants from amateurs to pros course through Mumbai's city streets for this annual marathon, raising millions for civil society organizations throughout India



The highly renowned Wankhede stadium, Mumbai, is a landmark in Indian sports

Despite space constraints, the capital city of Maharashtra houses numerous sports facilities. One of the most renowned cricket stadiums in the world is in Mumbai, i.e., Wankhede Stadium. Multi-purpose facilities, such as the Andheri Sports Complex, is home to Mumbai FC in Indian Super League (Mumbai football arena). The Government of Maharashtra, in its strive to promote a sports culture across the state, launched the Kausa Sports City, the largest contiguous sports complex in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The complex is spread over 130 acres and can be branded as a hub for community cohesion and an epicentre for sports development. Various other sports infrastructure ranging from indoor hall, swimming pool, badminton courts, squash courts, hockey grounds, football grounds, judo and karate centres are spread across the city. In addition to the state government running such facilities, there has been significant investment

from private sector and start-ups that have developed sports facilities and playgrounds as a business in the city. The city is also home to some of the top well-established academies, providing access to top coaching and training facilities to youth.

With several initiatives being taken by authorities/organisations in Mumbai, there seems to be a growing need for synergising the efforts made by stakeholders. A look at private sector involvement in the form of PPP has long been contemplated and may assist in the effective utilisation of facilities.

The city is currently a hub for not just the leading sports franchises, but also organisations and leagues behind the administration of leagues and events. Mumbai will always be at the heart of India with easy connectivity to all cities domestically and around the world. With the backing of the

biggest corporates as well as the government, and with trunk infrastructure already in place, Mumbai is already poised as a front runner for any multi-sports mega events bid.



Survey score
7.9/10

Key parameters in which the city scored high were:



Number of national and international sports events and tournaments being hosted in the city



Large fan following during live events, i.e. high attendance for live sports



Presence of local sports teams in national leagues in the city



Presence of sports businesses, federations /associations, organisations, brands, manufacturers in the city

Areas of improvement include:



Quality of stadiums and facilities



Fitness and health-conscious society; active involvement in day-to-day sports

Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad is one of the fastest growing cities for sports in India. With rapidly evolving city infrastructure and industrial growth, the largest city in Gujarat has immense potential for sports development.

The biggest highlight is the recently re-launched Narendra Modi Stadium. Ahmedabad now boasts of the world's largest cricket stadium with a capacity of 110,000 spectators. This also makes the landmark facility the world's second-largest stadium overall, only behind the Rungrado 1st of May Stadium in North Korea. All other stadiums in the world's top 10 (in terms of capacity) are in the United States.



The ground-breaking Narendra Modi Stadium is spread over 63 acres and has a total of 76 corporate boxes, an Olympic-level swimming pool, an indoor academy, badminton and tennis courts, a squash arena, a table tennis area, a 3D projector theater, food courts and a clubhouse with three practice grounds and 50 rooms.



High attendance for live sports: The Pro Kabaddi League franchise Gujarat Fortune Giants compete at an almost always full-house capacity at The Arena

The reconstructed Narendra Modi Stadium hosted the Namaste Trump event last year and the 2021 England Tour of India (cricket). Along with the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Enclave and Narendra Modi Stadium in Motera, a sports complex will also be built in Naranpura. These three will be equipped to host international sports event. With plans to create unparalleled sports infrastructure, Ahmedabad truly looks poised to becoming a high potential for hosting mega sports events.

Another feather in the cap for Ahmedabad is its successful implementation of PPP for sports facilities. The EKA Arena is one of the few success stories of PPP in the Indian sports. Co-owned by SE TransStadia and the Government

of Gujarat, the sports complex has a football stadium with a capacity of 20,000 and an indoor stadium with a capacity of 4,000. The venue hosted the Kabaddi World Cup in 2016 and was scheduled to host (as one of the venues), the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in 2020 (was cancelled and shifted as next edition in 2022).

Apart from these, the city has seen only a few international level sports events happening in the last five years. The Pro-Kabaddi League matches Ahmedabad received maximum footfall. But the past is not a trend for the future. If the implementation of the planning by the Government of Gujarat is successful, the roadmap to execute sports events looks ideal to put Ahmedabad as a frontrunner for hosting sports events in India.



Survey score

6.4/10

Key strengths highlighted from the survey include:



As-is ability to host world-class multi-sport events



Large fan following during live events



Quality of stadiums and facilities

Areas of improvement include:



Presence of local sports teams in national leagues in the city



Number of international level athletes and Olympians originating from or being trained in the city

Bhubaneswar

Odisha is one of the leading states in India to promote sports. In the last decade, Bhubaneswar, Odisha's capital, has hosted multiple events – the city hosted 14 international and national events in the last five years, with an average of two major events every year.



The Kalinga Sports Complex is based in the heart of Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha. The Odisha Government has managed to create a unique hub for sports with world class events regularly taking place along with high performance centres operational year round within this complex.



Delhi Dynamos renamed Odisha FC, successfully moved base to Bhubaneswar, Odisha, giving the region a big boost in sporting presence amongst the major cities.

Kalinga Sports Complex is the biggest sports complex in the city. Located at the city centre, the complex is spread over 80 acres and covers 13 sports. It has a 12,000 capacity athletics and football stadium, a 15,000 capacity hockey stadium, as well as an accommodation facility for 350 athletes. The Odisha government has successfully established 10 high-performance centres for athletics, football, badminton, hockey, swimming, sports climbing, sports science and sports management, all of which currently operate from the Kalinga Sports Complex. The biggest upcoming change in the complex is the addition of five high-performance centres, which will turn the complex into a sports hub.

The city has six other sports facilities for badminton, table tennis, basketball and football. The state government has partnered with reputed corporate houses, such as Reliance, JSW Steel Ltd, TATA and Rungta Mines, and

eminent sports personalities, such as Abhinav Bindra, Pullela Gopichand and Gagan Narang, for the establishment of high performance centres made using CSR funding from six corporates. These planned long-term grassroots development programmes are proving the formula of sustainable partnerships between public and private sectors (including technical operators and investors) to be viable.

Relative to the metro cities shortlisted, Bhubaneswar has a big challenge to compete in terms of as-is trunk infrastructure. With assistance of the state government to address this issue, improvement in transport infrastructure and addition of more luxury accommodation is underway. These will assist in the long-term vision of the state to push for hosting the biggest sports events.

The key differentiator of Bhubaneswar is the unparalleled support of the state government, identifying sports as a priority sector and giving due resources and investments. The ecosystem planned by the Odisha government has set a solid platform for the state to incentivise and attract top sporting talent, organisations and events in the region.

Odisha, with Bhubaneswar as its focal city for sports, is positioning itself as a leading destination for mega sports events. The Hockey World Cup 2018 and Asian Athletics Championship 2017 led to a major change in the trunk infrastructure in the last five years. It currently supports three

professional sports league teams – Kalinga Lancers, Odisha FC and Indian Arrows.

The state has also won the bid to host the Hockey World Cup 2023 – the first time in the history to have the same hosts back to back. It will also play as one of the host cities to the upcoming FIFA U17 Women's World Cup. With a visible intent for sports development by the state government, along with private sector involvement, there is great potential in the city as a contender for India's leading destination for sports.



Survey score
7.2/10

Key parameters in which the city scored high were:



Ability to host world-class multi-sport events



Number of national and international sports events and tournaments hosted in the city



Ease of access and availability of playgrounds /sports facilities

Areas of improvement include:



Presence of sports businesses, federations/ associations, organisations, brands and manufacturers in the city



Presence of local sports teams in national leagues

Bengaluru

Known as the Silicon Valley of India, Bengaluru has been well-established as the tech destination of India. The city celebrates sports as a culture that makes it more inclusive in its lifestyle. With arguably one of the most loyal supporters of the city's IPL and ISL franchises, fan following and attendance for live sports is a forte for the capital of Karnataka. In terms of producing big name athletes, the city is home Prakash Padukone and Rahul Dravid, amongst others.

These legends have also joined hands to add to Bengaluru's capabilities in quality training facilities for athletes. The Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence, spread across 15 acres, is an integrated sports complex, near Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport and covers sports disciplines like badminton, cricket, football, tennis, swimming, squash and basketball.



Bengaluru serves as one of the hubs for Badminton in the country, with the Padukone-Dravid Centre of Sports Excellence providing a facility for athletes with sports facilities for elite training and practice, as well as hosting state, national and international sporting events.



Royal Challengers Bengaluru with its ardent fan following plays its home games at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium

The Government of Karnataka runs notable facilities under its operations, including a sports hostel in Vidyanagar with the facilities such as international standard eight lane 400m synthetic athletic track, 200m mud track, football ground, synthetic basketball courts, indoor hall with wooden flooring, 25m swimming pool, 10m shooting range, Ayurvedic rejuvenation centre and accommodation facility for 250 sportspersons.

With ample infrastructure for sports development in place, the city has been heading towards an ideal environment for athlete development. On account of its geographical location and altitude, Bengaluru offers pleasant weather round the year. All of these factors put together makes Bengaluru one of the most prominent sports cities in India.

Sports facilities, such as the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, have a

seating capacity of 32,000. The National Cricket Academy established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is also located in the facility and is where the Indian National Cricket team trains. The Indian National Hockey team also trains at the Karnataka State Hockey Stadium, which has a capacity of 7,000.

Home to the ISL franchise, Bengaluru FC, the Sri Kanteerava Stadium, is a multi-purpose stadium, which includes two outdoor rock climbing walls, a running track, a football field and a volleyball court. The Koramangala Indoor Stadium, built in 1997 to promote National games and indoor sports in the city, has a tennis court, an outdoor basketball court, a badminton court and a table tennis complex. The stadium is also used for the Pro Wrestling League and hosts the Bengaluru Raptors in the Premier Badminton League.

With leading sports brands and organisations, such as Nike and Puma, headquartered in the city, is a showcase of Bengaluru's attractiveness as a destination for the business of sports. With innovation and entrepreneurship becoming a part of city's culture, Bengaluru has become home for sports technology companies in recent years.

There, however, remains a scope to improve Bengaluru's mega-event hosting portfolio. With a high presence of domestic sports league franchises, there is a major opportunity to invest in hosting global mega sports events in the city.



Survey score
6.8/10

Key strengths highlighted from the survey include:



Large fan following during live events



Quality of sports academies and coaching centres



Ease of access and availability of playgrounds /sports facilities



Presence of sports businesses, federations/associations, organisations, brands, manufacturers in the city



Fitness and health conscious society - active youth and society involvement in day-to-day sports

Areas of improvement include:



Number of national and international sports events and tournaments being hosted in the city



Stories of Impact: Sports development in India



Fit India

Overview

The Fit India movement was launched on 29 August 2019 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make fitness an integral part of daily lives.



Approach

The movement aims to promote fitness as easy, fun and free. Through focused campaigns, it aims to encourage indigenous sports for fitness, make fitness reach every school, college/university, panchayat/village, etc., create a platform for citizens to share information and drive awareness.

Key highlights

Fit India Plog Run - A 2 km plogging event was carried out at 55,000 locations on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with a total participation of more than 30 lakh.

Fit India School Certification - Schools are being awarded with Fit India Flag, 3-Star and 5-Star certificates based on physical activities and infrastructure available in their premises. A total of 2,19,563 schools have been awarded with the flag till now. A total of 36,789 and 12,100 schools have applied for Fit India 3 Star and 5 Star School Certification respectively.

Fit India Cyclothon - Around 16,000 events were organised with participation of more than 35 lakh. Currently, a second edition is running in continuum from 7 December 2020 to 31 January 2021. Till now more than 75 lakh Indians have covered 2.3 crore kms.

Fit India School Week - To create awareness about fitness not limited to children but also their parents, teachers and school staff, it celebrates 4 to 6 days of a week towards health and fitness by engaging into any kind of physical activities and/or events themed on health and fitness. The 2nd edition is running from 1 December 2020 to 31 January 2021. 2,97,710 schools have celebrated Fit India School Week in the second edition.

FIT India Yoga Day - An online programme launched on 21 June 2020 commemorating International Yoga Day saw a viewership of more than 15 lakh.

Fit India Youth Club Certification - Launched on 15 August 2020 to engage youth as change agents for fitness. The certification system is based on parameters and undertaking by the members to encourage other people



to inculcate 30-45 minutes of physical activities in their daily lives. Till now, 47,133 youth clubs have registered themselves as Fit India Youth Club.

Fit India Freedom Run – Launched to celebrate 74th Independence Day from 15th of August till 2nd October. It was conceived to meet the need of fitness in these unprecedented times adhering to social distancing norms. More than 7 crore people have participated and covered 18 crore kms while it has reached 30 crore people on social media.

Fit India Dialogue – An online event where Prime Minister Modi interacted with few fitness influencers of the country emphasising the imperative need for fitness and health. Age-Appropriate Fitness Protocols named as GOALS (Goals for Active Life Style) for different age groups from 5-65+ years has been launched. The second edition saw

interaction with celebrities and sports icons.

Fit India Thematic Campaign – Launched by the PM to promote ‘Fitness ki Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz’ (30 minutes fitness dose daily). The campaign saw a traction of more than 8.5 crore in the first two weeks of the launch.

Fit India Prabhat Pheri – A week-long event where more than 14 lakh people participated and youths from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan organised more than 50,000 Prabhat Pheri in the country advocating the message of ‘Fitness ki Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz’.

Fit India Mobile App - Launched in February 2021, citizens will assess their physical fitness as per ‘Age-Appropriate Fitness Protocols’. Fit India Mobile App would include features such as activity tracker, calorie counts etc. and will

suggest ways to improve the health and fitness.

Sports Authority of India has made a fitness plan and plans to incorporate the same in students and staff’s daily physical activities and ultimately in the daily routine of school.

Reliance Foundation Young Champs

Overview

Reliance Foundation believes in sports as a medium to encourage lifelong learning and build character and leadership skills among the youth of India. From identifying budding talent across the country; to honing their skills to realise their potential; to supporting them at major competitions on the national and world stage – the foundation has touched the lives of over 21.5 million young people since 2013. Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC), a full-time residential football and education program, is an integral part of that objective.



Approach

Once scouted, talented children are offered fully paid scholarships at the academy, with an equal focus on academics and sports. They train under experienced international and Indian coaches and have access to world-class facilities. They also receive high-quality education at the nearby Reliance Foundation School in Koparkhairane. This gives them a holistic environment to hone their skills, with additional support through dedicated departments such as Sports Science and Sports Psychology.

Key highlights

RFYC was conferred Two-Star Academy status by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) in 2020, making it one of only two residential academies based in India to be granted this status. This came on the heels of RFYC becoming the first and only youth academy in India to be granted a maximum possible five-star rating by the AIFF Academy Accreditation process in 2019.

Having signed a three-year contract with Hero ISL Club Bengaluru FC, Manipur boy Thoi Singh from RFYC has earned rich praise from his captain Sunil Chhetri. Thoi, who is still in his teens, graduated from RFYC in 2020 after a four-year stint. He was on the radar of several ISL clubs after impressive performances for RFYC over the 2019-20 season, ending as the team's leading scorer with 22 goals.



Nita Ambani
Founder and Chairperson
Reliance Foundation

“ It is a matter of great pride and joy for us that our young champs from RFYC have embarked on their professional footballing journey with ISL. We started the academy in 2015 to provide a pathway for talented young players across India to build successful professional careers in the sport. These boys arrived at the RFYC in their early teens and I am delighted that they step out today as highly skilled players, who have earned a place with the best football clubs in the country. In order to unlock the huge potential of Indian football, we need to create a world class eco-system. That has been our goal at RFYC over these last five years. ”

GoSports Foundation

Overview

GoSports Foundation raises funds from companies investing in sport through CSR to support the journeys of talented athletes.



An example of support

The Rahul Dravid Athlete Mentorship Programme was instituted by GoSports Foundation in 2015, through the CSR support of Aditya Birla Capital. Aditya Birla Capital invested in the Foundation's Rahul Dravid Athlete Mentorship Programme even before the CSR mandate was issued by the government. Other Companies including Sony Pictures Networks, IndusInd Bank, AT&T India, Infosys Foundation, R-Systems, and many others decided to invest in sport to enable India to create sporting champions

Bhavani Devi is India's premier female fencer and an inspiration for several others in the country who are in the pursuit of excellence, in an extremely niche sport in India. She enrolled in fencing classes in school in a bid to get some time away from academics but eventually fell in love with it. She is a nine-time national champion in the sport. She trained hard in her early years with an aim to represent India at the Asian Games in 2014, but was dejected when the country decided not to send a Fencing team to the event. The CSR support of Aditya Birla Capital and the GoSports foundation recognised her talent, offered her a scholarship through the mentorship programme.

Over the years, the programme has supported her for her high-performance training in Italy, competition expenses, sports science support in the form of strength & conditioning, physiotherapy & yoga and sports nutrition, as well as providing her with state-of-the-art equipment and gear.



Key highlights

First ever Indian Fencer to win a Gold Medal at a Satellite Grade Tournament; a feat she achieved at the 2017 Turnoi Satellite Fencing Championships in Iceland,

First Indian to win Gold at the Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championships, Australia, 2018,

Reached the Top 16 at the World Championships in Hungary, 2019

From the world ranking of 120th (2014-15), she rose to 36th (2016-17),

Presently, **she is ranked 45th in the world**



Deepthi Bopaiah
Executive Director
GoSports Foundation

“ The Foundation was started as a passion project by a team of sporting enthusiasts more than 12 years ago and to watch the organisation grow into what it is today has been incredible. Our efforts were rewarded in 2019 when the Foundation was bestowed with the prestigious Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar by the President for nurturing budding, young talent. Our partners, through their CSR contributions, and donors who have supported our mission, have played a massive role in putting us in the position we are in today. The future looks bright for Indian sport and I hope more and more companies decide to invest in sport so that India's journey as a sporting nation continues to move forward. ”

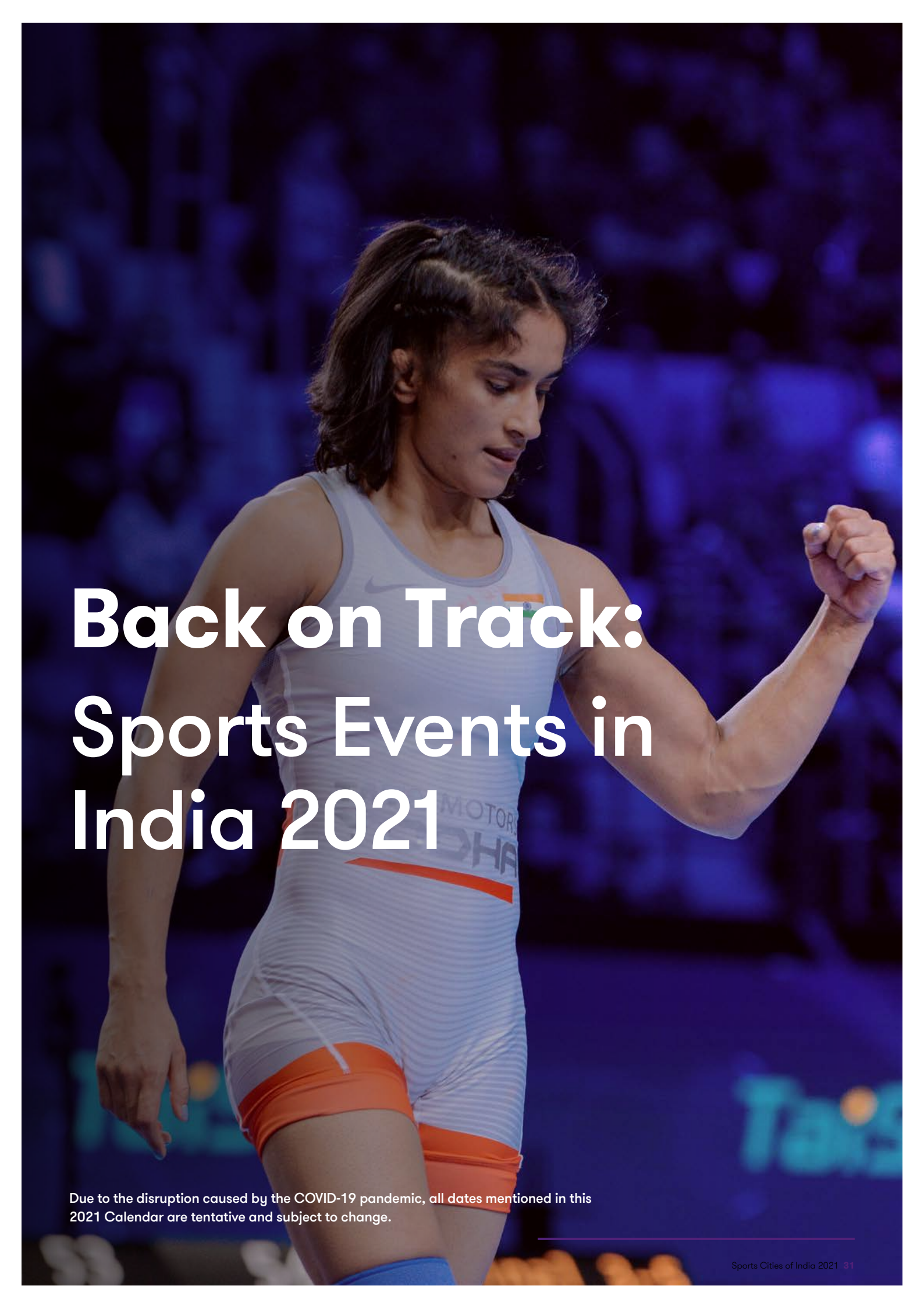
Pinkathon

Overview

An initiative born in India, Pinkathon is our country's biggest women's run created with the objective of spreading awareness about women's health related issues. Through their properties, women are being encouraged to adopt health and fitness in their daily lives by means of running, yoga or an active lifestyle.

Over nine years, they have engaged a quarter of a million women, across the world! With over 1,000 ambassadors of the cause present in 300+ locations across 12 countries, Pinkathon has set precedence for our nation to create sports empowering movements that can have a large scale global impact.



A female athlete, likely a track and field competitor, is captured in a celebratory pose. She is wearing a white singlet with orange accents and the Indian national flag, and orange shorts. Her right arm is raised in a fist, and she has a focused expression. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators under blue lighting.

Back on Track: Sports Events in India 2021

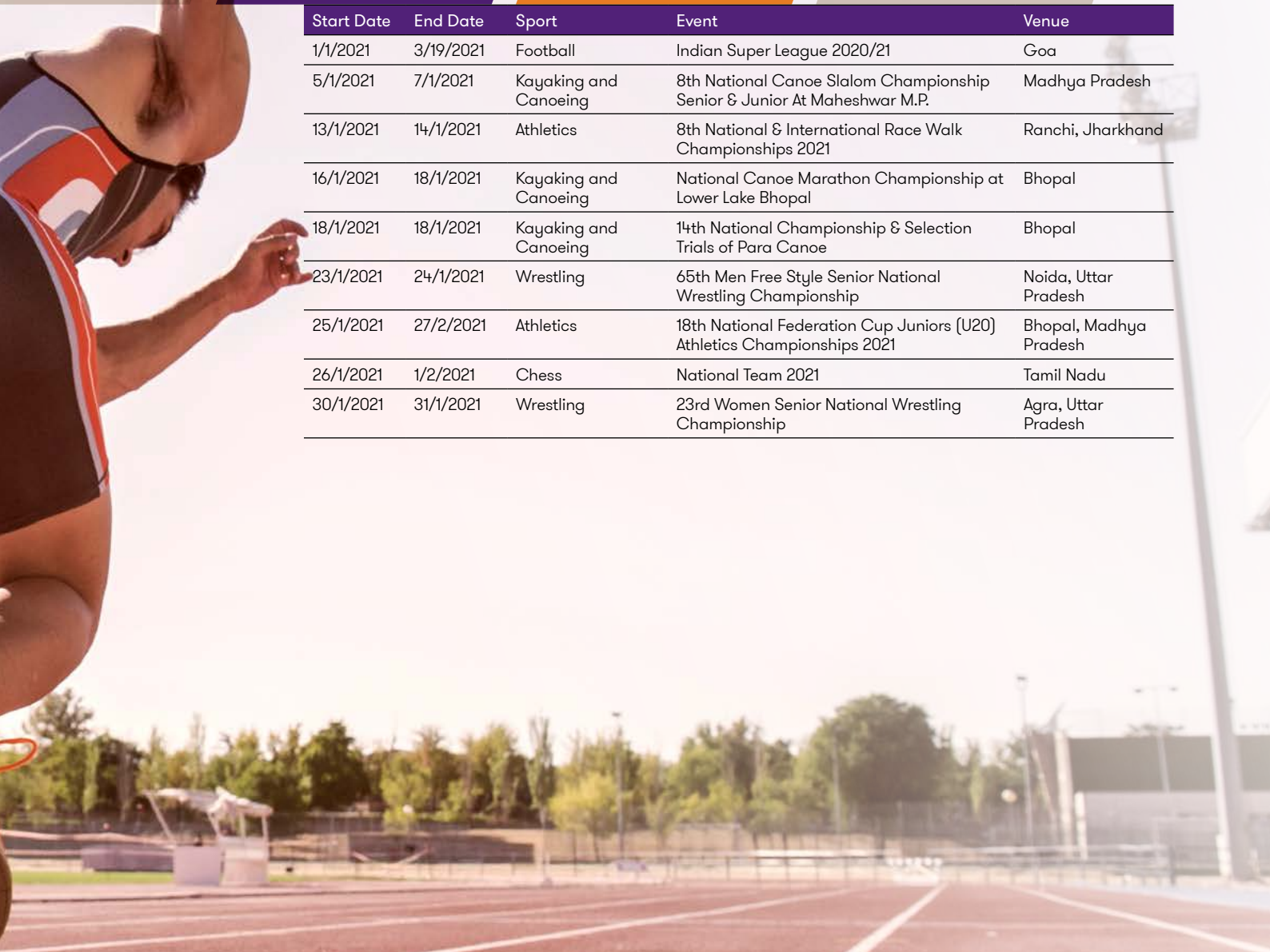
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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
1/1/2021	3/19/2021	Football	Indian Super League 2020/21	Goa
5/1/2021	7/1/2021	Kayaking and Canoeing	8th National Canoe Slalom Championship Senior & Junior At Maheshwar M.P.	Madhya Pradesh
13/1/2021	14/1/2021	Athletics	8th National & International Race Walk Championships 2021	Ranchi, Jharkhand
16/1/2021	18/1/2021	Kayaking and Canoeing	National Canoe Marathon Championship at Lower Lake Bhopal	Bhopal
18/1/2021	18/1/2021	Kayaking and Canoeing	14th National Championship & Selection Trials of Para Canoe	Bhopal
23/1/2021	24/1/2021	Wrestling	65th Men Free Style Senior National Wrestling Championship	Noida, Uttar Pradesh
25/1/2021	27/2/2021	Athletics	18th National Federation Cup Juniors (U20) Athletics Championships 2021	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
26/1/2021	1/2/2021	Chess	National Team 2021	Tamil Nadu
30/1/2021	31/1/2021	Wrestling	23rd Women Senior National Wrestling Championship	Agra, Uttar Pradesh



February 2021

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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
5/2/2021	9/2/2021	Cricket	India V England Test Match	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
8/2/2021	12/2/2021	Tennis	Senior [ITF]	Karnal, Haryana
12/2/2021	13/2/2021	Hockey	Winter Hockey Rink tournament Senior Women	Mumbai, Maharashtra
12/2/2021	13/2/2021	Hockey	Winter Hockey Rink tournament Senior Men	Mumbai, Maharashtra
13/2/2021	17/2/2021	Cricket	India V England Test Match	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
15/2/2021	24/2/2021	Hockey	Navabharat Trophy 4th Men All India Tournament	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
15/2/2021	23/2/2021	Table Tennis	82nd Senior National Table Tennis Championships	Panchkula, Haryana
15/2/2021	19/2/2021	Golf	IGU National Qualifier-1	Panchkula, Haryana
18/2/2021	18/2/2021	Athletics	Indian Grand Prix - 1 - 2021	Patiala, Punjab
19/2/2021	24/2/2021	Hockey	Navabharat Trophy 3rd Women All India Tournament	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
19/2/2021	21/2/2021	Cycling	17th Senior, Junior & Sub-Junior National Mountain Bike Cycling Championships	Gadag, Karnataka
20/2/2021	14/3/2021	Cricket	Vijay Hazare Trophy	Multiple Venues
21/2/2021	21/2/2021	Athletics	55th National Cross Country Championships 2021	Chandigarh, Punjab
22/2/2021	26/2/2021	Golf	Samarvir Sahi Golf Championship	Chandigarh, Punjab
22/2/2021	28/2/2021	Tennis	Gondwana Cup Hard Court Nationals Mens Ranking 2.5 Lacs	Raipur, Chattisgarh
22/2/2021	28/2/2021	Tennis	PHDCCI - ITF Seniors	Delhi
23/2/2021	24/2/2021	Wrestling	65th Men Free style Senior National Wrestling Championship	Noida, Uttar Pradesh
24/2/2021	28/2/2021	Cricket	India V England Test Match	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
25/2/2021	25/2/2021	Athletics	Indian Grand Prix - 2 - 2021	Patiala, Punjab
26/2/2021	2/3/2021	Multi-Sport	2nd Khelo India National Winter Games	Gulmarg, J&K

March 2021

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1/3/2021	5/3/2021	Tennis	ITF Men \$15K	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
1/3/2021	5/3/2021	Tennis	ITF Women \$15K	Delhi
1/3/2021	31/3/2021	Basketball	FIBA Asia Cup 2021 Qualifiers	TBC
1/3/2021	31/3/2021	Basketball	6th Asian Beach Games	TBC
4/3/2021	8/3/2021	Cricket	India V England Test Match	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
5/3/2021	5/3/2021	Athletics	Indian Grand Prix 3	Patiala, Punjab
5/3/2021	8/3/2021	Cycling	25th Senior, Junior & Sub-Junior National Road Cycling Championships	Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
5/3/2021	11/3/2021	Volleyball	69th Volleyball Senior Men & Women Nationals	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
7/3/2021	15/3/2021	Hockey	56th All India Veer Singh Ju Dev Memorial Hockey Tournament	Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh
8/3/2021	12/3/2021	Tennis	ITF Men \$15K	Indore, Madhya Pradesh
8/3/2021	12/3/2021	Tennis	ITF Women \$25K	Pune, Maharashtra
8/3/2021	12/3/2021	Tennis	MPTA AITA Open 1 L Men's Tournament	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
12/3/2021	12/3/2021	Cricket	England V India T20 Match	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
12/3/2021	18/3/2021	Kayaking and Canoeing	73rd Men & 36th Women Senior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21	Tamil Nadu
14/3/2021	14/3/2021	Cricket	England V India T20 Match	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
15/3/2021	19/3/2021	Athletics	24th National Federation Cup Seniors Athletics CS 2021	Patiala, Punjab
15/3/2021	19/3/2021	Squash	2nd HCL SRFI Indian Tour	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
15/3/2021	19/3/2021	Tennis	ITF S100	Karnal, Haryana
15/3/2021	21/3/2021	Tennis	National Hard Court Championship 2020 For Women and Men	Gurugram, Haryana
15/3/2021	19/3/2021	Tennis	Vasishta Open AITA Championship Series	Secunderabad, Telangana
16/3/2021	16/3/2021	Cricket	England V India T20 Match	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
18/3/2021	29/3/2021	Shooting	ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun)	New Delhi
20/3/2021	20/3/2021	Cricket	England V India T20 Match	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
21/3/2021	31/3/2021	Boxing	Fifth Elite Women's National Boxing Championship	TBC
22/3/2021	26/3/2021	Tennis	ITF S200	Delhi
22/3/2021	26/3/2021	Tennis	ITF Men \$15K	Pune, Maharashtra
23/3/2021	23/3/2021	Cricket	England V India ODI Match	Pune, Maharashtra
23/3/2021	27/3/2021	Cycling	72nd Senior, 49th Junior & 35th Sub-Junior National Track Cycling CS	TBC
23/3/2021	27/4/2021	Squash	2nd HCL SRFI Indian Tour	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
24/3/2021	31/3/2021	Badminton	Yonex Sunrise 44th Indian Masters (Veteran) National Badminton Championships - 2019-20	TBC
25/3/2021	25/3/2021	Football	India vs Oman, International Friendly	TBC
26/3/2021	26/3/2021	Cricket	England V India ODI Match	Pune, Maharashtra
28/3/2021	28/3/2021	Cricket	England V India ODI Match	Pune, Maharashtra
29/3/2021	2/4/2021	Tennis	ITF S200	Bhilai, Chattisgarh
29/3/2021	2/4/2021	Tennis	ITF Men \$15K	Delhi
29/3/2021	29/3/2021	Football	India vs UAE, International Friendly	TBC

April 2021

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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
1/4/2021	30/4/2021	Hockey	1st Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2021	Tamil Nadu
1/4/2021	20/4/2021	Archery	40th NTPC Senior (Recurve), 16th Compound & 27th Indian Round National (M/W) National (M/W) Archery Championships 20-21	TBC
1/4/2021	1/4/2021	Kayaking and Canoeing	57th Men and 33rd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-2021	Madhya Pradesh
TBD	TBD	Billiards	88th Senior Men Billiards and Snooker National Championship	TBC
TBD	TBD	Football	Hero Indian Women's League	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
7/4/2021	11/4/2021	Chess	1st IPS Academy Cup - 2021 - 256865 / MP / 2021	Indore, Madhya Pradesh
10/4/2021	18/4/2021	Badminton	Yonex-Sunrise All India Senior Ranking Badminton Tournament	TBC
11/4/2021	6/6/2021	Cricket	Indian Premier League	Multiple Venues
13/4/2021	16/4/2021	Kabaddi	Men Senior National Kabaddi Championships 2021	Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
19/4/2021	23/4/2021	Golf	IGU Rotary Karnataka Men, Ladies and Junior Girls Amateur Championship	Bengaluru, Karnataka
TBD	TBD	Boxing	Asian Boxing Championships 2021	TBC
14/4/2021	29/4/2021	Shooting	National Championship Rifle	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
11/4/2021	29/4/2021	Shooting	National Championship Pistol	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
TBD	TBD	Football	India vs Qatar, World cup Qualifier	TBC
26/4/2021	30/4/2021	Tennis	NETAJI Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Tennis Championships - 2021	Patna, Bihar

May 2021



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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
TBD	TBD	Billiards	30th Senior Women Billiards and Snooker National Championship	TBC
9/5/2021	14/5/2021	Chess	Nipani Grand Chess FIDE Rating Open tournament - 2021 - 256751 / KAR / 2021	Nipani, Karnataka
22/5/2021	27/5/2021	Chess	Late Bharatbai Halkude Memorial (LBHM), Chess Festival 2021 5th All India Open Fide Rating Chess Tournament - 2021 - 256045 / MAH / 2021	Maharashtra
28/5/2021	30/5/2021	Chess	Late Bharatbai Halkude Memorial (LBHM), Chess Festival 2021 6th All India Open Fide Rating Below 1600 Chess Tournament - 2021 - 241482 / MAH / 2021	Maharashtra
29/5/2021	30/5/2021	Hockey	FIH Hockey Pro League, India Vs New Zealand	Bhubaneswar, Odisha



June 2021

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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
TBD	TBD	Hockey	11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2021	Maharashtra
8/6/2021	16/6/2021	Badminton	Yonex Sunrise Forty Fifth Indian Masters (Veteran) National Badminton Championships 2020-2021	TBC
TBD	TBD	Kabbadi	68th Senior National Kabaddi Championship Women	Maharashtra
TBD	TBD	Billiards	9 Ball Pool Championship for Men and Women	TBC
15/6/2021	15/6/2021	Athletics	Indian Grand Prix 4	Bengaluru, Karnataka
21/6/2021	2/7/2021	Shooting	ISSF World Cup (Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun)	All States
25/6/2021	29/6/2021	Athletics	60th National Inter State Seniors Athletics Championships 2021	Bengaluru, Karnataka



July 2021

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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
TBD	TBD	Hockey	11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021	Uttar Pradesh
TBD	TBD	Hockey	1st Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2021	West Bengal
3/7/2021	14/7/2021	Shooting	Junior Shooting World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun)	All States
6/7/2021	11/7/2021	Archery	2nd NTPC National Ranking Archery Tournament (NRAT)	Pune, Maharashtra
TBD	TBD	Football	India vs Bangladesh, International Friendly	TBC
TBD	TBD	Billiards	6 Red Snooker Championship for Men and Women	TBC
TBD	TBD	Football	Hero Intercontinental Cup	TBC
10/7/2021	20/7/2021	Swimming	Senior Nationals Swimming Championship	TBC
TBD	TBD	Kabbadi	Pro Kabbadi League	TBC

August 2021

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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
10/8/2021	21/8/2021	Football	Hero Gold Cup	TBC
10/8/2021	14/8/2021	Basketball	71st Senior Nationals Basketball Championship	TBC
11/8/2021	14/8/2021	Athletics	60th National Open Athletics Championships 2021	Bengaluru, Karnataka
14/8/2021	20/8/2021	Table Tennis	68th Senior National Table Tennis Championships Women	Maharashtra
24/8/2021	26/8/2021	Athletics	1st National U-23 Athletics Championships 2021	Delhi



September 2021



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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
1/9/2021	6/9/2021	Kabbadi	Beach Kabaddi National Championship	Andhra Pradesh
15/9/2021	31/3/2022	Football	Indian Super League	TBC
19/9/2021	23/9/2021	Hockey	30th All India Baba Farid Gold Cup Hockey Tournament	Faridkot, Punjab



October 2021

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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
1/10/2021	31/10/2021	Multi-Sport	Khelo India University Games	Bengaluru, Karnataka
1/10/2021	1/10/2021	Boxing	Senior National Boxing Championships	TBC
11/10/2021	15/10/2021	Archery	4th Para National Archery Championship	Rohtak, Haryana
14/10/2021	13/11/2021	Cricket	ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup	Multiple Venues
15/10/2021	31/3/2022	Football	I-League	TBC

November 2021

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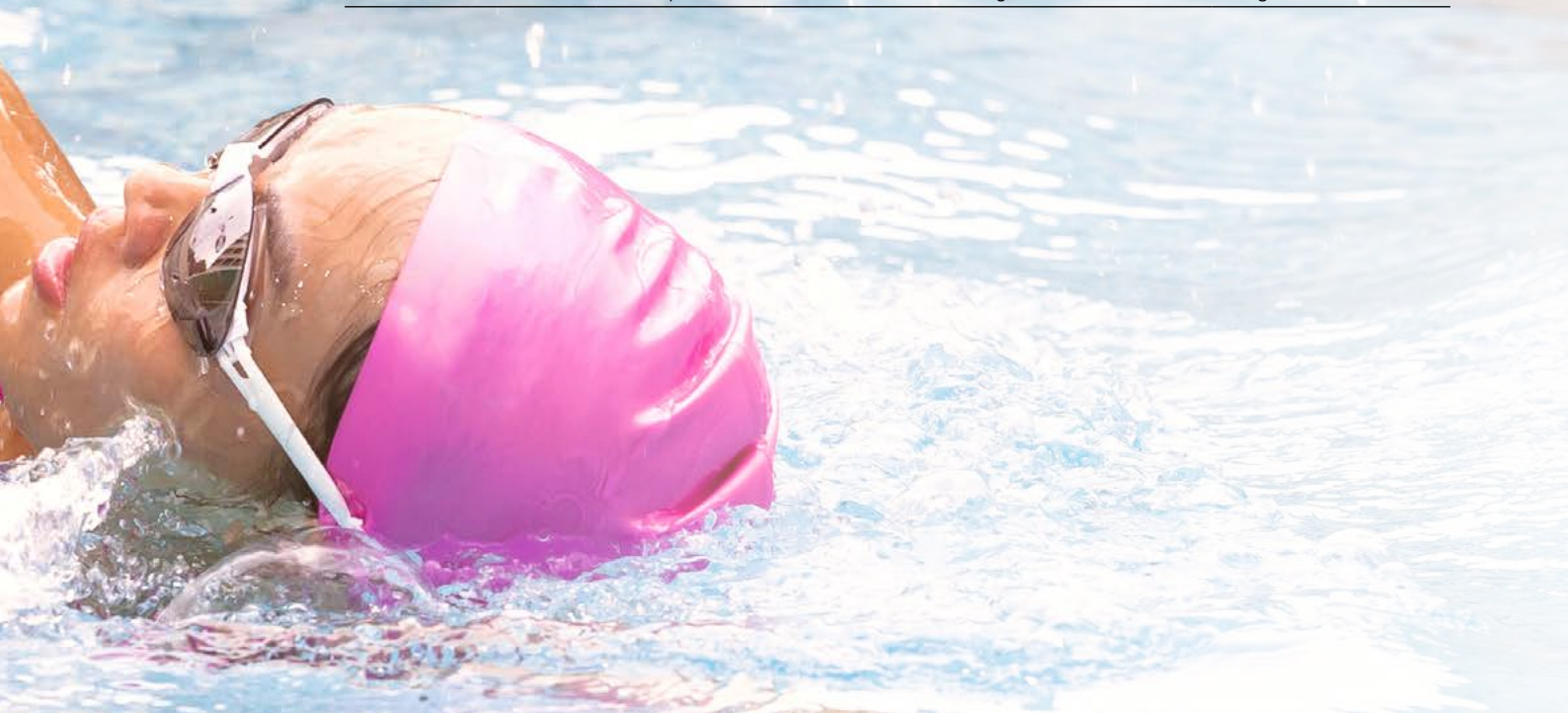
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6/11/2021	13/11/2021	Hockey	31st Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey Tournament	Delhi
14/11/2021	25/11/2021	Hockey	57th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament (Men)	Secunderabad, Telangana
14/11/2021	28/11/2021	Multi-Sport	4th Khelo India Youth Games	Panchkula, Haryana
16/11/2021	22/11/2021	Swimming	Schoold Games Federations of India Nationals	TBC

December 2021

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Start Date	End Date	Sport	Event	Venue
1/12/2021	6/12/2021	Kabbadi	Federation Cup - Senior	Vidharbha, Maharashtra
1/12/2021	2/12/2021	Shooting	National Shooting Championship	All States
1/12/2021	21/12/2021	Badminton	Premiere Badminton League	TBC
11/12/2021	19/12/2021	Hockey	124th All India Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament	Kolkata, West Bengal
17/12/2021	21/12/2021	Archery	4th NTPC National Ranking Archery Tournament (NRAT)	Kochi, Kerala
18/12/2021	24/12/2021	Swimming	Inter Club Swimming Federation of India Meet	TBC
20/12/2021	23/12/2021	Kho-Kho	54th Senior Nationals (Men & Women)	TBC
27/12/2021	28/12/2021	Archery	Final NTPC National Ranking Archery Tournament (NRAT)	Delhi
TBC	TBC	Multi-Sport	2nd Khelo India University Games	Bengaluru, Karnataka



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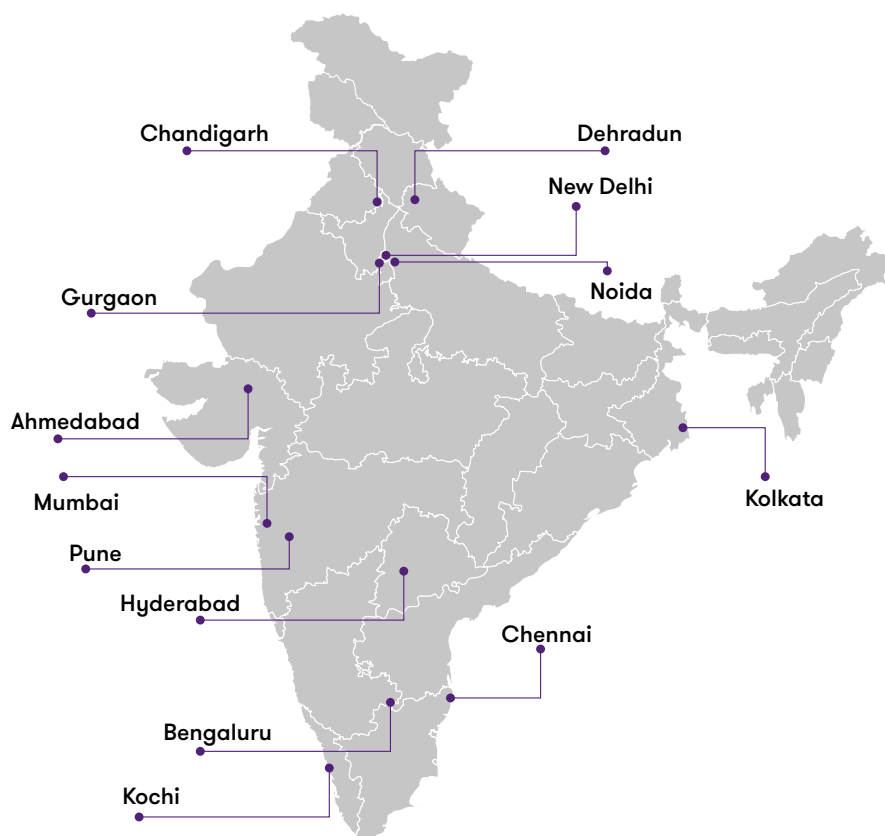
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