



India women cricket team's South Africa tour expanded with 3 T20Is

JOHANNESBURG, AUGUST 6: Cricket South Africa (CSA) has expanded India Women's tour of South Africa later this year by adding a three-match T20I series, with the revised itinerary now featuring fixtures across all three international formats.

The tour, originally scheduled to comprise a warm-up game, three ODIs and a one-off Test between December 6 and 23, has been reworked to include three T20Is. Under the new schedule, the tour will run until December 30, with the Test to be played first, followed by the ODI and T20I series, according to Cricinfo.

The inclusion of the T20Is will provide both teams with valuable match practice ahead of the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy, scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka in February.

The one-off Test will be played in Gqeberha from December 9 to 12 and will no longer overlap with South Africa men's home Test against England. The three Women's Championship ODIs, which count towards qualification for the 2029 Women's ODI World Cup, will be staged in Paarl, Cape Town and Bloemfontein.

The newly-added T20I series will be played in Benoni and Potchefstroom, with



matches scheduled for December 26, 29 and 30 during the festive period.

"We are delighted to confirm the revised schedule for India's tour of South Africa, with the addition of the T20 International series over the festive period, ensuring our Proteas Women have the best possible preparation ahead of the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka early next year," Cricket South Africa chief executive Pholetsi

Moseki said in a statement. TrendingVideos

"India remain one of the strongest teams in world cricket, and the opportunity to compete against them across all three formats will provide invaluable competition as we continue building towards another major ICC event," he added. TrendingVideos

The extended tour comes months after India toured South Africa for a five-match T20I series in March-

April, which the hosts won 4-1. The two sides also met at the Women's T20 World Cup in England, where South Africa defeated India in a result that dealt a significant blow to India's hopes of reaching the semi-finals.

The revised itinerary also forms part of a busy home season for South Africa, with the country set to host Australia, Bangladesh and England men's teams, along with India and Australia women across formats.

Anmol Kharb exits Korea Masters after three-game loss, Tanvi reaches quarters

SEOUL, AUGUST 6 : India's Anmol Kharb bowed out of the Korea Masters 2026 after suffering a hard-fought three-game defeat in the women's singles pre-quarterfinals on Thursday, according to Olympic.com.

World No. 45 Anmol lost 23-21, 15-21, 21-18 to Vietnam's Olympian Vu Thi Trang in a closely contested BWF Super 300 match at the Asan Yi Sun-sin Gymnasium.

Anmol looked set to take the opening game after holding four game points but was unable to convert them, allowing Vu Thi Trang to edge ahead. The Indian bounced back



strongly in the second game, making the most of her mid-game advantage to level the contest.

In the decider, Anmol trailed 19-9 before producing a spirited fightback by winning eight consecutive points. However, the come-

back fell just short as the Vietnamese player held on to secure victory.

Meanwhile, reigning Taipei Open champion Tanvi Sharma continued her impressive form by defeating compatriot Shriyanshi Valishetty 21-16, 17-21,

21-13 to reach the women's singles quarter-finals, according to Olympic.com.

Tanvi recovered from an early deficit to claim the first game before Shriyanshi forced a decider by taking the second.

In the final game, Tanvi stayed in control after the mid-game interval and wrapped up the contest in 57 minutes.

Ashmita Chaliha and Rakshitha Ramraj also advanced to the quarter-finals. Ashmita registered a comfortable 21-17, 21-6 win over South Korea's Kim Min-ji, while Rakshitha defeated Japan's Manami Suizu 22-20, 21-10.

Diksha leads Indian challenge at PIF London Championship

LONDON [UK], AUGUST 6: Diksha Dagar will spearhead the Indian challenge at the USD 2 million PIF London Championship as the Ladies European Tour (LET) enters the final week of its United Kingdom swing at Centurion Club in Hertfordshire.

Joining Diksha in the 120-player field are fellow Indians Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Urs and rookie Avani Prashanth, with all four looking to build momentum heading into the closing stretch of the LET season.

Diksha, a two-time LET winner, has been one of the Tour's most consistent performers in 2026. Despite missing the cut at last week's AIG Women's Open, she remains the highest-ranked Indian on the LET Race to Costa del Sol standings in eighth place, underlining a season highlighted by multiple top-10 finishes, a release said.

She is now chasing her third LET title while also aiming to better her career-best finish on the Order of



Merit after ending inside the top three in 2023.

Aditi Ashok, a five-time LET champion, returns to familiar surroundings as she balances her schedule between the LPGA Tour and the LET. Although she has yet to hit top form this season, the Indian star will be hoping to rediscover the consistency that has made her one of the Tour's most successful players.

Pranavi Urs has enjoyed an encouraging campaign and sits inside the top 50 on the Order of Merit, while rookie Avani Prashanth has impressed in her debut LET season and is also comfortably placed inside the top 50. Three of the four Indians are currently inside the top 60 on the Race to Costa del Sol standings.

The PIF London Championship returns to Centurion

Club for the sixth successive year, with a strong international field competing over 72 holes for a purse of \$2 million. The cut will fall after 36 holes to the top 60 professionals and ties.

Germany's Laura Funfstuck, who captured her maiden LET title here last year with a birdie on the final hole, will not defend her crown as she is on maternity leave.

Satish inaugurates 'Late Legends Memorial Knockout Football Tournament' at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 6: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today inaugurated the Late Legends Memorial Knockout Football Tournament at the Sports Stadium, Anantnag.

"The Jammu and Kashmir government is working under a well knit strategy to empower the youth through sports, steering them away from the menace of drug abuse", said the Minister while elaborating on the significance of holding such sports events in the region.

The tournament, organised under the inspiring theme "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Sports," witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of football lovers, young athletes, sports enthusiasts, coaches and members of the local community. The event paid tributes to the memories of legendary personalities while promoting sportsmanship, discipline and a healthy lifestyle among the youth.

Addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma said that sports have the power to transform the lives by instilling discipline, teamwork, perseverance and self-confidence among young people. He said that initiatives like the Late Legends Memorial Football Tournament not only nurture sporting talent but also create a positive environment that encourages youth to channel their energy into constructive pursuits.



The Minister said that the government is laying focused attention on improving the infrastructure, creating more competitive opportunities and ensuring that talented sportspersons receive the necessary support to excel at national and international level.

Highlighting the growing challenge of substance abuse, Satish Sharma said that drug addiction poses a serious threat to society, particularly the younger generation. He stressed that active participation in sports is one of the most effective ways to protect the youth from falling prey to drugs, as it promotes physical fitness, mental resilience and a strong sense of purpose.

"Every playground occupied by our youth is a victory against drugs. Sports build character, inspire discipline and create respon-

sible citizens. We must work collectively to ensure that every young person has access to opportunities that encourage healthy and productive lifestyles," said the Minister.

He urged the parents, teachers, sports associations and civil society organisations to actively motivate children to participate in sports and recreational activities, adding that collective societal efforts are essential to making Jammu and Kashmir drug-free.

Satish Sharma appreciated the organisers for dedicating the tournament to the cherished memories of the region's legends and for using sports as a medium to spread the powerful social message of "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Sports." He said such tournaments not only preserve the legacy of eminent personalities but also inspire young athletes

to pursue excellence while contributing positively to society.

The Minister interacted with the participating teams, wished them success for the tournament and encouraged them to play with the spirit of fair competition, discipline and mutual respect.

The inaugural match marked the beginning of what promises to be an exciting and competitive football tournament aimed at fostering sporting excellence while reinforcing the message of a healthy, drug-free society. MLAs Altaf Ahmad Wani (Kuloo) and Riyaz Ahmad Khan were also present on the occasion. Several prominent citizens, sports officials, coaches, players, youth representatives and local administration officials were present on the occasion.

'I will continue to bring more medals for country' CWG bronze medallist Shilpa Shyla gets grand welcome in Bengaluru

BENGALURU, AUGUST 6: Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Shilpa Shyla received a rousing welcome on her arrival at Kempegowda International Airport on Thursday, where the para-athlete vowed to continue winning medals for India after her podium finish at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Shilpa, who claimed bronze in the women's F57 shot put event in her maiden Commonwealth Games appearance, thanked the fans, government agencies and coaches who supported her journey and said the reception in Bengaluru was a moment she would always cherish.

"I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone. From the moment I landed at the airport, everyone gave me such a warm welcome. It made me very happy, and I felt extremely proud. I will continue to earn your trust in the same way and bring many more medals for our country and for Karnataka. I would also like to thank the Government of India, the Government of Karnataka, PCI, the Youth Services Department, and everyone who has supported me. SAI has also supported me. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them," Shilpa said.

The para shot putter also acknowledged the role played by her coaches and support staff throughout her career.



"I would especially like to thank Raghavendra Sir, Eshwar Sir, and Sudhakar Sir, who supported me the most and helped me in every possible way. I sincerely thank them as well. During my time at the training camp, Pushma Madam and Divakar Sir also extended their support and assistance to me. I am grateful to them," she added.

Reflecting on her journey, Shilpa said years of perseverance had culminated in an unforgettable moment in Glasgow.

"Reaching this stage has not been easy. I have worked very hard to get here. Hard work always brings its reward. What I have achieved today is just one accomplishment, and I believe many other athletes can achieve even greater success. If they receive encouragement and support

from the government, they too will one day accomplish great things and bring more laurels to India and Karnataka. I would like to say this on this occasion," she said. TrendingVideos

"As for my own experience, this was my first time participating in the Commonwealth Games in the shot put event. Winning the bronze medal was an indescribable feeling. I simply cannot put that experience into words. It felt like all my hard work had finally paid off, and I was overwhelmed with happiness," she said.

National Para Athletics Coach and Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) team coach Satyanarayana, who accompanied the Indian contingent to Glasgow, praised the Karnataka Government for honouring the athlete and expressed confidence that Shilpa would

continue her impressive rise. "Today, Shilpa, who hails from Karnataka, has returned after winning a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games. She is one of Karnataka's sportspersons, and the Government of Karnataka gave her a warm welcome. Seeing this reception made me very happy. Shilpa has also been selected for the upcoming Asian Games. I am confident she will perform well there too, and she is very happy," Satyanarayana said.

"If everyone continues to support athletes like this, India will one day become a true sporting nation. The Government of Karnataka and the Government of India are extending tremendous support to athletes today, and people should make the most of these opportunities and benefits," he added.