

## CURRENT AFFAIRS= 14-11-2020

### Max Verstappen wins 2020 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix



**Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)** won the season-ending **Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2020**, held on 13 December 2020 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

This was his second victory of the season and 10th victory of his career.

The race was the 17th and final round of the 2020

Formula One World Championship.

**Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes-Finland) stood second, followed by world champion **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) at third place.

### Indian Tennis player Ankita Raina wins ITF doubles title in Dubai alongside Ekaterine Gorgodze of Georgia

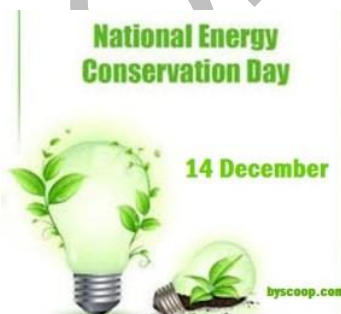


**Indian Tennis player Ankita Raina** clinched her **third doubles title of the season**, after she won the **2020 Al Habtoor Tennis Challenge** jointly with her **Georgian partner Ekaterine Gorgodze in Dubai** on 12 December 2020.

The unseeded Indo-Georgian pair defeated the pair of Spain's Aliona Bolsova Zadoinov and Slovakian Kaja Juvan by 6-4 3-6 10-6 to win the final of the USD 1,00,000 event.

Al Habtoor Tennis Challenge is a professional female tennis tournament and part of the ITF Women's World Tennis Tour, held annually in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, since 1998.

### National Energy Conservation Day : 14 December



The **National Energy Conservation Day** is celebrated every year on **14 December** by **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)**, under Ministry of Power.

**Purpose:** to raise awareness among the general public about the importance of energy conservation and energy efficiency, as well as holistic development for overall effort towards climate change mitigation.

The Energy Conservation Act in India was executed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in the year 2001.

BEE is a constitutional body that comes under Government of India and helps in the development of policies and strategies in order to reduce the energy use.



## Renowned Sanskrit Scholar Vidyavachaspati Govindacharya passes away at 85



Renowned Sanskrit scholar Vidyavachaspati Bannanje Govindacharya has passed away due to age-related illness. He was 85.

Govindacharya was conferred the **Padma Shri in 2009**. He was well versed in Veda Bhashya, Upanishad

Bhashya, Mahabharata, Ramayana and Puranas and had written commentaries on Veda Suktas, Upanishads, Shata Rudriya, Brahma Sutra Bhashya, and Gita Bhashya.

He had authored around 150 books and translated several texts from Sanskrit to Kannada.

## US Pilot Chuck Yeager, first man to fly faster than speed of sound, passes away at 97

**US Air Force officer and test pilot Chuck Yeager**, who in 1947 became the **first pilot in history to have exceeded the speed of sound** in level flight, has passed away. He was 97.

(Level flight means flying at a constant altitude, not going up and down.)

As a test pilot, on October 14, 1947, Yeager became the first human to officially break the sound barrier, when he flew the experimental Bell X-1 aircraft at Mach 1 (speed of sound) at an altitude of 45,000 ft (13,700 m).

Throughout his life, he flew more than 360 different types of aircraft and went on to break several other speed and altitude records in the following years.

Yeager had been associated with **World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War** and his three-war active-duty flying career spanned more than 30 years.



## Marathi Music Composer Narendra Bhide passes away at 47

**Veteran Marathi music composer Narendra Bhide** has passed away in Pune due to heart attack. He was 47.

Bhide was popularly known among his friend circle as Babdya.  
Bhide had composed music for several award winning Marathi films as well as TV shows.  
Some of the films include A Paying Ghost, Bioscope, Harishchandrachi Factory, Sane Guruji, Sarivar Sari and Chi Va Chi Sau Ka among others.



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