Karnataka win their first Senior Women's T20 Trophy

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News

In the final of the BCCI's domestic Senior Women's T20 Trophy (Elite), Karnataka beat Railways by three runs to win the title for the first time. The final was played on 20 November 2026 at the Narendra Modi Stadium complex, Ahmedabad. Batting first, Karnataka made 149 for 8 in 20 overs, with captain Shubha Satheesh top-scoring with 48. Railways fell three runs short off the last ball; Karnataka's B.G. Tejashwini took three wickets (3/20). Reports describe Railways as the competition's most successful side with 11 titles. Karnataka's Shreyanka Patil was reported to be the Player of the Series; her 22 wickets are the most by a bowler in a single edition (previous record 21).

Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Event	Senior Women's T20 Trophy (Elite) – BCCI
Champions	Karnataka – first title
Runners-up	Railways (by 3 runs)
Date, venue	20 Nov 2026, Ahmedabad
Karnataka	149/8 (20 overs)
Captain	Shubha Satheesh – 48

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Bowling	B.G. Tejashwini 3/20; Shreyanka Patil – 22 wickets in the season (record)
Player of Series	Shreyanka Patil (reported)

Background

- After the Women's Cricket Association of India (WCAI) merged with the BCCI in 2006, the BCCI has run women's domestic cricket. The Senior Women's T20 Trophy is the premier inter-state T20 event, long dominated by Railways.
- The Women's Premier League (WPL), started in 2023, gave women's cricket a big boost. In November 2025 India's women, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, won the ICC Women's ODI World Cup for the first time, at Navi Mumbai.
- In T20 cricket the first 6 overs of each innings are the 'powerplay', when only two fielders may stand outside the 30-yard circle. Each side gets 20 overs and a bowler may bowl at most 4.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu was not in the final. Chennai's M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chepauk, has staged several milestones of Indian women's cricket – in June 2024 Shafali Verma struck the fastest double century in women's Test history (205) here. The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) runs the ground.

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Who was the first Indian woman to score a double century in Test cricket?

A) Smriti Mandhana

B) Harmanpreet Kaur

C) Anjum Chopra

D) Mithali Raj

Answer: D – Explanation: Mithali Raj – 214 v England at Taunton, England, in 2002, at the age of 19.

2. Which team won the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL) title in 2023?

A) Mumbai Indians

B) Delhi Capitals

C) Royal Challengers

D) Gujarat Giants

Answer: A – Explanation: Mumbai Indians – beating Delhi Capitals in the final. Later winners: RCB (2024), Mumbai (2025) and RCB again (2026).

3. When India won its first ICC Women's ODI World Cup in November 2025, which team did it beat in the final?

A) Australia

B) South Africa

C) England

D) New Zealand

Answer: B – Explanation: South Africa – by 52 runs at the DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai; the captain was Harmanpreet Kaur.

4. In a T20 innings, how many overs make up the mandatory fielding-restriction 'powerplay'?

A) 4

B) 5

C) 6

D) 10

Answer: C – Explanation: 6 overs – only two fielders outside the 30-yard circle. In ODIs the first powerplay is 10 overs.

5. In June 2024, at which ground did Shafali Verma hit the fastest double century in women's Test history (205)?

A) Wankhede, Mumbai

B) Eden Gardens

C) Chepauk, Chennai

D) Chinnaswamy, Bengaluru

Answer: C – Explanation: Chepauk (M.A. Chidambaram Stadium), Chennai – v South Africa, reaching 200 in 194 balls. The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association runs the ground.

Sources: BCCI.tv – final scorecard, 20 Nov 2026; PTI, 20 Nov 2026; ICC (2025 World Cup final); Deccan Herald (Shafali Verma 2024; WPL 2026); ESPNcricinfo (records); Wisden (Mithali Raj 214). © Shanmugam IAS Academy.