

Important Vocab for the Editorial

1. **death** (noun) – end, finish, termination, collapse.
2. **proposition** (noun) – task, job, venture, activity; concept, premise, idea/plan.
3. **breach** (noun) – breaking, contravention, violation, non-compliance.
4. **bio-secure bubble** (noun) – it is defined as an environment/location sealed off from the outside world. In tennis/cricket, this would mean players, umpires and support staff being housed at the venue itself.
5. **suspension** (noun) – stoppage, termination.
6. **inevitable** (adjective) – unavoidable, unpreventable.
7. **trauma** (noun) – torment, distress, pain, suffering.
8. **much-vaunted** (adjective) – much-acclaimed, much-admired, much-praised, much-acknowledged.
9. **logistics** (noun) – the process of planning & executing a complex operation; organization, planning, management, arrangement.
10. **denial-mode** (noun) – a position/approach to deny something.
11. **protocol** (noun) – rules of conduct, procedure, code of behaviour, customs.
12. **insist** (verb) – state, claim, assert.
13. **super-spreader** (noun) – a person/patient who infects significantly/disproportionately a large number of people with a disease/virus than usual.
14. **rally** (noun) – gathering, march/procession, meeting.
15. **keep away from** (phrasal verb) – make someone stay away from.
16. **cite** (verb) – refer to, give as an example, make reference to.
17. **with regard to** (phrase) – regarding, concerning, with respect to, in respect of, with reference to.
18. **social/physical distancing** (noun) – a term that means actively avoiding crowded public places, is a key element in decreasing the rapid spread of COVID-19. This is an effort intended to limit exposure by reducing face-to-face contact and preventing spread among people in community settings.
19. **besides** (preposition/linking adverb) – in addition to, as well, apart from.
20. **fail-safe** (adjective) – safe, unable to fail, unlikely to fail.
21. **coronavirus** (CoV) (noun) – a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. common

signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. (Courtesy: [WHO](#))

22. [hotspot](#) (noun) – a limited region/area in which a large number of people have tested positive for COVID-19 in several smaller groups or clusters. In general, hotspot means “a place of significant activity”.
23. [denouement](#) (noun) – the end result of a situation; the very end of a story; outcome, consequence, end result, ending, climax.
24. [jar](#) (verb) – irritate, annoy, upset, vex, disturb.
25. [tone-deafness](#) (noun) – a condition of a person who is unable to understand the different facets/nuances of a given situation.
26. [accompanying](#) (adjective) – connected, related, linked.
27. [note](#) (noun) – tone, sound, indication, sign.
28. [blare](#) (verb) – make a loud sound.
29. [gasp for](#) (verb) – breathe hard, breathe heavily, struggle for air.
30. [host](#) (noun) – a place that holds an event/competition/sports series.
31. [insensitive](#) (adjective) – harsh, cruel, heartless, unfeeling, inconsiderate, thoughtless, unconcerned.
32. [at a crossroads](#) (phrase) – at a situation when an important decision ought to be made.
33. [cash-rich](#) (adjective) – wealthy, affluent, well off.
34. [find a way](#) (phrase) – to discover how to tackle something.
35. [sidestep](#) (verb) – avoid, evade/dodge, escape.
36. [lean on](#) (phrasal verb) – depend on, rely on, count on, bank on.
37. [fade](#) (verb) – disappear, vanish, wane, diminish.
38. [ominous](#) (adjective) – threatening, menacing, inauspicious, unpromising, unfavourable.
39. [go off](#) (phrasal verb) – explode, detonate, blow up, burst.
40. [defuse](#) (verb) – deactivate, disable.
41. [unhindered](#) (adjective) – unopposed, unconstrained, unimpeded.
42. [due to](#) (phrase) – because of, owing to, on account of, as a result of.
43. [pandemic](#) (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
44. [humankind](#) (noun) – humanity, the human race, people.
45. [Spanish flu](#) (noun) – The Spanish flu, also known as the 1918 flu pandemic, was an unusually deadly influenza pandemic caused by the H1N1 influenza A virus. Lasting from February 1918 to April 1920, it

infected 500 million people—about a third of the world’s population at the time.

46. **resume** (verb) – restart, start again, come back to.
47. **host** (verb) – present.
48. **leg** (noun) – version edition; part, stage.
49. **wane** (verb) – decrease, decline, diminish/dwindle gradually.
50. **chartered** (adjective) – rented/hired (aircraft or ship).
51. **charter flight** (noun) – a non-scheduled commercial flight that can be utilised for personal use.
52. **window** (noun) – opportunity, chance, opening.
53. **arduous** (adjective) – difficult, hard.
54. **the last word** (noun) – the final decision.
55. **the last word on something is yet to be spoken** (phrase) – the final decision on something is yet to be discussed & decided.
56. **tenuous** (adjective) – doubtful, dubious, questionable, unspecific, indefinite.
57. **resumption** (noun) – restart, restarting, recommencement, reopening.

Sudden death: On IPL 2021

MAY 6, 2021 00:02 IST

The IPL this year was a risky proposition, and a breach of the bio-bubble was always possible

The **Indian Premier League’s suspension** effective from Tuesday was an inevitable full stop considering India’s continuing trauma with COVID-19 and the breach of the tournament’s much-vaunted bio-bubble. Until the emergence of the COVID-positive results of Kolkata Knight Riders’ Sandeep Warrier and Varun Chakravarthy; Sunrisers Hyderabad’s Wriddhiman Saha; Delhi Capitals’ Amit Mishra, Chennai Super Kings’ bowling coach L. Balaji and a member of the squad’s logistics staff, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was in denial-mode, firmly believing that its bio-bubble protocols cannot be breached. BCCI officials also insisted that the league is not a super-spreader like election rallies or other permitted activities where crowds were allowed to assemble. That both fans and the media were kept away from the venues was cited as an example of how strict the IPL management was with regard to social-distancing. Besides this, the constant testing of everyone in the bubble was

seen as another fail-safe method to ensure that the league did not turn into a coronavirus hotspot. But before the final denouement, what jarred was the tone-deafness of having matches in Delhi while beyond the ground, the accompanying note was that of ambulances blaring their sirens while patients gasped for oxygen. Even if the league has its share of a massive television audience and offers a diversion to the viewers, having Delhi as a host was extremely insensitive.

The IPL's 14th edition is at the crossroads, a reality which it had avoided since its launch in 2008. The cash-rich league always found a way to sidestep obstacles. During three general elections, the championship either fully or partially leant on neutral venues. There was also the incident of low intensity blasts just outside Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on April 17, 2010, ahead of a match featuring Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians. It is an event that has faded from public memory but on that ominous day, two bombs went off, injuring a few and a third was found, which was immediately defused. The contest started an hour late and the IPL continued unhindered. But the latest crisis due to a pandemic is something that humankind has never faced since the Spanish Flu in 1918. Meanwhile, the board officials are hinting about resuming the league later this year in the United Arab Emirates, which also hosted the 13th leg. But for that the virus should wane and most countries have suspended flights from India, with the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison not even permitting a chartered flight with the IPL's Aussie players. To find a window in a packed international cricket schedule will be arduous even if the last word on the IPL's tenuous resumption is yet to be spoken.