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Wimbledon Postponed due to Covid-19

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Why in News

Recently, the **Wimbledon championships**, which were scheduled for 29th June-12th July, have been cancelled for the first time since **World War Two (WWII)** in the wake of the ongoing crisis of **Covid-19**.

- Wimbledon (**one of the Grand Slams**) had been one of the few events not to have been officially cancelled or postponed.
- Few days back, the **Tokyo Olympics were also postponed.**

Grand Slam Tournaments

- These are the **four most important annual tennis events** and each tournament is played for about two weeks.
- It consists of:
 - **Australian Open**
 - It takes place in **mid-January**
 - Played in **hard** courts.
 - **French Open**
 - It is also known as the Roland-Garros de Paris.
 - It takes place in **May and June.**
 - Played on **clay** court.
 - **Wimbledon**
 - It takes place in **June and July.**
 - Played on a **grass** court.
 - **US Open**
 - It takes place in **August and September.**
 - Played in **hard** courts.
- Wimbledon is relatively older than the rest (1877), followed by the US (1881), French (1891) and the Australian (1905).

- Only Wimbledon was a major before **1924–25**, when **all the four** became designated **Grand Slam** tournaments.

