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Sports

November

1. Men's Hockey World Cup 2018

- Venue - Odisha
- The opening ceremony of Men's Hockey World Cup took place at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar on 27th Nov 2018.
- It is the 14th edition of the Men's Hockey World Cup tournament.
- India is hosting the FIH Hockey World Cup for the third time. Earlier in 1982 in Mumbai and in 2010 in New Delhi.
- Total 16 teams participating in the event.
- India Captain - **Manpreet Singh**
- Tata Steel named Official Partner of FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2018.

Note:

- India won their only World Cup in **1975** under Ajit Pal Singh's captaincy.
- Men's Hockey World Cup held every four years.
- In 2014 Netherlands, hosted the Men's Hockey World Cup and Australia won the title.

2. ICC Women's t20 World Cup 2018

- Venue – West Indies

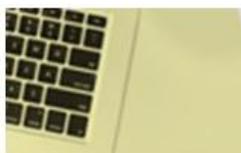
- Winner – Australia – Australia beat England by 8 wickets in final to lift the title.
- Runner-up – England
- This is Australia's 4th title win at Women's World T20.
- Earlier, Australia won the trophy in 2010, 2012 and 2014.
- ICC Women's t20 World Cup 2020 – Australia

3. 10th World Boxing Championship

- **Venue – New Delhi, India**
- MC Mary Kom was the brand ambassador of the 10th edition of the Women's World Championship in New Delhi.

Mary Kom has created the history –

- She becomes the first female boxer to win 6 Gold medals at World Boxing Championships.
- She defeated Ukraine's Hanna Okhota in Women's 48 kg boxing final to clinch her 6th World title.



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- She previously clinched the World Championship gold on five occasions -- 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010.
- Now, Mary Kom matched Cuba's Felix Savon as the joint most successful boxer (men and women) in the World Championships history.

Silver for 21-year-old Sonia Chahal

- Sonia Chahal settles for silver after losing to Wahner Ornella Gabriele of Germany in the 57 kg final.

Note:

- India won total 4 medals in the championships which include - 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze.
4. **Syed Modi International Championships (Badminton)**
 - Men's single title – Sameer Verma defeated China's Guangzu Lu to win the title.
 - Women's Single title - Saina Nehwal lost to Han Yue of China in women's singles summit clash and won silver.
 - The Syed Modi International Badminton Championships is an international badminton tournament, which is held annually in Lucknow, India.
 5. **Monaco to host 2019 Laureus Awards in February** - The 19th edition of the prestigious Laureus World Sports Awards will be held in Monaco on February 2019.
 - Considered the 'Oscars of sports', the Laureus World Sports Awards celebrate global sporting achievements across the calendar year.
 6. **Subroto Cup Football Tournament** - Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) won the 59th edition of the junior boys Subroto Cup International Football Tournament beating Amini School, Afghanistan by a solitary goal at the Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi.

7. Wasim Jaffer became the first Indian batsman to touch the 11,000-run figure in the Ranji Trophy.
 - The Vidharbha batsman achieved the milestone during the third-round match against Baroda in Nagpur at the Vidarbha Cricket Association (VCA) Stadium, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
8. Senior Pakistan batsman Azhar Ali announced his retirement from limited overs cricket.
9. **Brazilian Grand Prix** - Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) won the Brazilian Grand Prix tournament.
10. **John Hastings retires from International Cricket** - Former Australia all-rounder John Hastings has retired from all cricket, citing the risks posed by a bleeding lung condition.
11. Former England and Chelsea Football midfielder Joe Cole has retired at the age of 37. He played at 2002, 2006 and 2010 World Cups.
12. **Lakshya Sen wins Bronze at World Junior Badminton Championship** – India's top junior shuttler Lakshya Sen (17 years old) won bronze medal at Li Ning BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2018 held at Markham, Canada.
13. **Alexander Zverev Won ATP World Tour Finals in London** – Alexander Zverev has won ATP World Tour finals in London.
Note:
 - Alexander Zverev defeated world number one **Novak Djokovic** in straight sets to claim the season-ending ATP Finals and earn the biggest victory of his career.
 - Zverev also became the first player to beat both Djokovic and Federer in the same ATP Finals.
14. Former Chelsea striker Didier Drogba announced his retirement from Football.
15. Barcelona star Lionel Messi was named La Liga Player of the Year.



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16. Lucknow Stadium renamed After Atal Bihari Vajpayee –

- The newly-built Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow was renamed after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The stadium will now be known as 'Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium'.

17. SaarLorLux Open Badminton Tournament

- Subhankar Dey has won the SaarLorLux Open at Saarbrücken in Germany.
- He defeated Rajiv Ouseph of Britain.

18. Bajrang Punia becomes Number 1 in World in 65kg category –

- Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia touched a new high in his career by achieving the number one rank in the world in the 65kg category.
- He has won five medals this season, including CWG and Asian Games golds and a silver at the World Championships.

- He was placed atop the ranking table with 96 points in the United World Wrestling list.

19. Pankaj Advani became First Indian to Win Asian Snooker Tour Title –

- Nineteen-time world champion Pankaj Advani has won the second leg of the Asian Snooker Tour in Jinan, China.

20. World Corporate Games in 2019 – Qatar

- Qatar will host the 23rd edition of the World Corporate Games 2019.
- This is the first time the World Corporate Games will be held in the Middle East.

21. Simone Biles sets World record, Wins 13th World Championship Gold

- Simone Biles made history by picking up her record 13th career gold medal at the world gymnastics championships in Doha, Qatar.
- Simone Biles became the first ever gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals. She hails from the USA.

October

1. World Wrestling Championships – 2018

- The 2018 World Wrestling Championships were fifteenth edition of World Wrestling Championships of combined events and were held from October 20 to 28 in Budapest, Hungary.

Key points:

- In the 2018 event, Japan won the most medals with 5 gold, 1 silver and 4 bronze. Russia comes second with 8 medals.
- India is at the 17th place with 2 medals – 1 silver and 1 bronze.
- Bajrang Punia bagged the silver medal.

- Pooja Dhanda won Bronze medal and became fourth Indian woman to win a medal at the World Wrestling Championship.

2. Roger Federer won 99th Career Title in his Hometown

- Swiss tennis star Roger Federer won his 99th career title after winning the **Basel Open for the ninth time** in his career.
- Federer is now just 10 titles short of the all-time record holder Jimmy Connors, who leads with 109.



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3. Simona Halep becomes 1st Recipient of Chris Evert WTA World No.1 Trophy

- World number one Simona Halep has become the first recipient of the Chris Evert Women's Tennis Association (WTA) World No.1 Trophy, named after WTA's first-ever world number one, Chris Evert.
- The 27-year-old had lifted her maiden Grand Slam title at the Roland Garros and claimed the WTA Year-End world number one singles award for the second consecutive year.

4. Indian table tennis player Ayhika Mukherjee has won a silver medal in the under-21 women's singles category of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open.

5. Panasonic Open India Title

- Indian golfer Khalin Joshi clinched the Panasonic Open India title at the Delhi Golf Club. With this win, Joshi became the seventh Indian to win the Panasonic Open India title in the last eight editions of the tournament.

6. Hockey Asian Champions Trophy

- In Men's Hockey, India and Pakistan were declared joint winners of the Asian Champions Trophy at Muscat in Oman.

7. World Billiards Championship

- India's Sourav Kothari defeated Peter Gilchrist of Singapore 1134-944 to clinch the 2018 WBL World Billiards Championship title.

8. Dwayne Bravo Retires from International Cricket

- All-rounder West Indies player Dwayne Bravo announced his retirement from international cricket.

9. Kohli becomes fastest player to reach 10,000 Runs in History of ODI Cricket

- India captain Virat Kohli has become the fastest batsman to score 10,000 runs in the history of ODI cricket, achieving the feat in **his 205th innings**, against Windies.

- The 29-year-old overtook Sachin Tendulkar, who had reached 10,000 ODI runs in his 259th innings, against Australia in 2001.

10. DANISA Denmark Open 2018:

Men's Single -

- **Winner** - Kento Momota (Japan)
- **Runner-up** - Chou Tien Chen (Chinese Taipei)

Women's Single

- **Winner** - Tai Tzu-ying (Chinese Taipei)
- **Runner-up** - Saina Nehwal (India)

11. Praveen Kumar Retires from all forms of Cricket

- Former India fast bowler Praveen Kumar has retired from all forms of international cricket. Praveen last played for India in 2012 and represented India in 84 international matches.

12. Vijay Hazare Trophy 2018

- Mumbai has defeated Delhi by four wickets to win their third Vijay Hazare Trophy title at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru.

13. Professional Boxer Canelo Alvarez has signed the largest contract in the history of sports, agreeing a five-year, 11-fight deal worth at least \$365 million with streaming service DAZN.

14. Youth Olympic Games (YOG) 2018:

- Venue - **Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
- It is the first Summer Youth Olympic Games to be held outside of Asia.
- **Motto** - Feel the future
- **Mascot** - Pandi
- **Summer Youth Olympics 2022** - Dakar, Senegal, the first IOC event to be held in Africa.
- **Winter Youth Olympic Games 2020** - Lausanne, Switzerland will host the next winter version of YOG in 2020.

India at YOG 2018

- Flag bearer - **Manu Bhaker** is the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the games.



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- Weightlifter **Jeremy Lalrinnunga** has become India's **first-ever gold medallist** in the history of Youth Olympic Games (YOG).
- Sixteen-year-old shooter **Manu Bhaker** has become the first-ever Indian **woman** to win gold at Youth Olympics.
- **Suraj Panwar** won India's first medal in **athletics**. He won the silver medal in the men's 5000m race walk.
- 16 Year old Thangjam Tababi Devi became India's first judo medallist at the Olympic level. She won the silver medal.
- Pistol shooter Saurabh Chaudhary has bagged the Gold Medal in the 10-meter air pistol event.
- Akash Malik became India's first silver-medallist in archery at the Youth Olympic Games.

15. Asian Para Games 2018 –

- **Venue** - Jakarta, Indonesia
- **Mascot** - The official mascot of the 2018 Asian Para Games is a Bondol eagle named MOMO, which was chosen to represent motivation and mobility.
- India recorded its best-ever medal haul at the Asian Para Games by ending the 2018 edition with 72 medals (15 gold, 24 silver, and 33 bronze medals).
- **Hangzhou in China** will host the fourth edition of **Asian Para Games in 2022**.

Medal Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	China	172	88	59	319
2.	South Korea	53	45	46	144
3.	Iran	51	42	43	136
9.	India	15	24	33	72

16. Sultan Johar Cup Junior Hockey 2018 - Great Britain lifted the 2018 Sultan of Johor Cup

- Great Britain defeated India in the final.
- Final was played at Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

17. Santo Domingo Open Trophy - Leander Paes has won his second Challenger-level title of the season, lifting the Santo Domingo Open trophy with partner Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela.

18. Former Pakistan left-arm spinner Abdur Rehman, who along with teammate Saeed Ajmal famously stunned England during a 3-0 defeat in 2012, announced his retirement from international cricket.

19. U-19 Asia Cup Title - Indian under-19 cricket team has defeated Sri Lanka by 144 runs in the summit clash

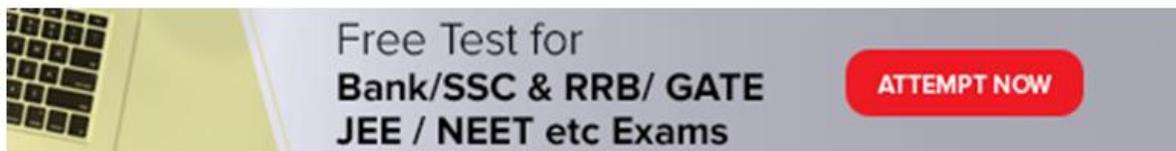
of the 2018 ACC Under-19 Asia Cup in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- The victory gave India their sixth title in the continental tournament.

20. Richie Benaud named Sport Australia Hall Of Fame Legend - Sport Australia Hall of Fame has announced cricketering great Richie Benaud, who died in April, 2015, will become the 40th Legend of Australian Sport.

21. India's Keerthana Pandian has won the girls' title in the IBSF World Under-16 Snooker Championships. In the final in St Petersburg, Russia.

22. Former England batsman Nick Compton announced his retirement from cricket.



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23. 18-Year-Old Prithvi Shaw Youngest Indian to Score Century on Test Debut - Prithvi Shaw has become the youngest Indian to score a century on Test debut, achieving the feat aged 18 years and 329 days against Windies in Rajkot, Gujarat.

24. Australian midfielder Mile Jedinak and Russian goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev announced retirement from international football.

September

US Open 2018

Men's Singles title -

- **Winner** - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
- **Runner-up** - Juan Martin del Potro (Argentina)

Note:

- It was Djokovic's third US Open title and overall 14th Grand Slam title.
- With this win, he equalled Pete Sampras' haul of 14 Grand Slams.

Women's Singles title -

- Winner - Naomi Osaka (Japan)
- Runner-up - Serena Williams (USA)

Note:

- Naomi Osaka became the first Japanese woman to win a Grand Slam title.

Asian Games 2018

- **Venue** - Jakarta-Palembang, Indonesia. (It is for the first time that the sporting extravaganza is being co-hosted by two cities.)
- **Mascot** - Bhin Bhin, Kaka, and Atung
- **Motto** - Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (Energy of Asia)
- **Asian Games 2022** - Hangzhou, China.
- **Most Valuable Player (MVP)** - **Japanese swimmer Ikee Rikako** named as the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of 18th edition of the Asian Games.

Note: The 18-year-old, who bagged six gold and two silver medals in the tournament, became the first female athlete to win the MVP title.

Medal Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	132	92	65	289
2	Japan	75	56	74	205
3	Republic of Korea	49	58	70	177
8	India	15	24	30	69

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India at Asian Games 2018

- **Opening Ceremony (Flag Bearer)** – Neeraj Chopra (javelin throw)
- **Closing Ceremony (Flag Bearer)** - Rani Rampal (Hockey)

First in Asian Games:

- **First medal in Sepak Takraw** - The bronze was India's first medal in the event.
- **First Gold medal** - Bajrang Punia (Wrestling) won 1st Gold Medal for India in men's freestyle 65 kg category.
- **First Indian woman to win gold in wrestling in Asian Games** - Vinesh Phogat became 1st Indian woman to win gold in wrestling (50kg category) in Asian Games.
- **First Gold in heptathlon event** - Swapna Barman became 1st Indian to win an Asiad gold in the women's **heptathlon** event.
- **First Gold in Javelin throw event** - Neeraj Chopra became 1st Indian javelin thrower to win an Asiad gold.
- **First medal in 20 years in women's 100m dash event** - Indian sprinter Dutee Chand clinched a **silver** in women's 100m dash in the 18th Asian Games to win the country's first medal in 20 years in this event.
- **First Indian female shooter to win Gold at the Asian Games** - Rahi Sarnobat, the first Indian female shooter to win Gold medal at the Asian Games. She won the gold in the 25m pistol event.
- **First women's singles medals in badminton** - P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal won India's first ever medal in the women's singles event in badminton claiming Silver and Bronze Medal respectively.
- **India's 1st ever Bridge Gold** - India's 60-year-old Pranab Bardhan and 56-year-old Shibnath Sarkar won the men's pair bridge event to bag the country's first-ever gold in bridge at the Asian Games.
- **Vikas Krishan Yadav** becomes the first Indian boxer to clinch a medal in three consecutive Asian games.
- **First gold medal in 1500m after 56 years** - Jinson Johnson won the **gold** in 1500 metres in the men's competition in Asian Games after 56 years.
- **Youngest Indian to win the gold medal in Asian Games 2018** - 16-year-old Saurabh Chaudhary won gold at the 10m air pistol event in Asia Games 2018 and became India's youngest-ever gold medallist

Other Gold medal winners -

- India won gold in the women's 4X400 metre event. The Indian quartet of Hima Das, Raju Poovamma, Saritaben Laxmanbhai Gayakwad and Vismaya Koroth.
- **Amit Panghal (Boxing)** - India's 22-year-old boxer Amit Panghal defeated 2016 Olympic champion Hasanboy Dusmatov in the men's 49kg final to bag gold at the Asian Games 2018.
- **Arpinder Singh (triple jump)** - Arpinder Singh won the gold medal in triple jump at the Asian Games with an effort of 16.77m.
- Sprinter **Manjit Singh** won the gold medal in the men's 800m event.
- **Tejinder Pal Singh Toor** won the Gold medal in Men's Shot-Put final.



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- Indian rowers Sawarn Singh, Dattu Bhokanal, Om Prakash and Sukhmeet Singh won the men's Quadruple Sculls to win India's fifth gold medal at the Asian Games 2018.
- Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan won the maiden men's tennis doubles gold medal at the Asian Games 2018.

Other Sports news

- 1. Asia Cup 2018** - India defeated Bangladesh to win the Unimoni Asia Cup Title 2018.
 - Overall, this was India's seventh Asia Cup triumph.
 - Liton Das was the Player of The Match
 - Shikhar Dhawan was declared as the Player of The Series.
- 2. Asian Junior Squash Title: Yuvraj Wadhvani** has won the 25th Asian junior individual squash championship title. He defeated Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan by 13-11, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10 in the final in Chennai.
- 3.** The 8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship organised by Asian Yoga Federation held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- 4. FIFA's Best Player of The Year Award** - Croatia's Luka Modric Won FIFA's Best Player of The Year Award
- 5. Asian Team Snooker Championship** - India settled for the silver medal after losing to Pakistan 2-3 in the final of the Asian Team Snooker Championship.
- 6. India to host Women's Boxing World Championships** in November 15-24, 2018, in New Delhi
- 7. Singapore Grand Prix 2018** - Lewis Hamilton
- 8.** Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge set a new marathon world record in Berlin (Germany), smashing the previous best as he clocked 2 hours 1 minute 39 second.
- 9. 2018 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup** - Maldives defeated India in the final.
- 10.** Former Indian Hockey Captain Sardar Singh announced his retirement from international hockey.
- 11. Duleep Trophy 2018 - India Blue** defeated defending champion **India Red** in the final to win the 57th Duleep Trophy at NPR College ground, in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.
- 12.** Triple jumper **Arpinder Singh** created history by becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the IAAF Continental Cup.
- 13. Hima Das** appointed as Sports Ambassador of Assam
Note:
 - She was the **first Indian athlete** to win **gold medal** in track event at IAAF World U20 Championships held in Tampere, Finland.
 - In 2018 Asian Games (Jakarta), she had won **silver medal in 400 m final to win a silver medal.**
- 14.** Indian Pacer RP Singh announced his retirement from International Cricket.
- 15.** England's highest Test run-scorer **Alastair Cook** announced his retirement from International cricket.
- 16. Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela** have become the first set of Indian shooters to secure quota places for the **2020 Olympics.**



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ISSF World Championship 2018

- Indian shooter **Hriday Hazarika** win the gold medal in the 10 m air rifle junior men's event.
- **Saurabh Chaudhary** clinched gold medal at the 10 metres Air Pistol event.
- **Ankur Mittal** claimed the men's double trap gold medal in the ISSF World Championship.

August

1. North Korean to host 2019 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships.
2. **FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2018** - Japan Women's National Team defeated Spain Women's National Team in the final to win the title for the first time in Japanese football history.
3. **Jhulan Goswami announces retirement** - Indian women's team fast bowler Jhulan Goswami announced her retirement from T20 Cricket Internationals.
4. **Western & Southern Open 2018** - Novak Djokovic (Serbia) beat Roger Federer (Switzerland) to win the title.
Note: With this win, Djokovic became the first men's tennis player in history to win all nine Masters 1,000 tournaments
5. **Australian cricketer Mitchell Johnson** announced the retirement from all forms of cricket.
6. India defeated Bangladesh in the final of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-15 Women's Championship in Thimpu, Bhutan.
7. Rishabh Pant became fourth Indian wicket-keeper to take five catches on Test debut during the second day of the third Test against England.
8. International **Master Nihal Sarin** became the 53rd Grandmaster of India.
9. Former India spinner Ramesh Powar was named head coach of the women's national team.
10. Indian golfer **Viraj Madappa** became the youngest Indian to win on the Asian Tour, as he won his first title on the Asian Tour at Take Solutions Masters in Bengaluru.
11. **Rafael Nadal lifts Rogers Cup 2018:** Rafael Nadal clinched his fourth Canadian master's 1000 title at the Rogers Cup in Toronto. He defeated Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas.
12. Veteran German striker **Mario Gomez** announced his retirement from international football.
13. **U-20 Football title** - India's under-20 team won over Argentina under-20 in the final group stage match of the COTIF Cup held in Valencia's Els Arcs Stadium.
14. **U-16 Football title** - India defeated under-16 champions team of Iraq by 1-0 in the West Asian Football Federation Cup in Amman, Jordan.
15. **Asian Nations Cup Chess Tourney** - Indian women chess team at the Asian Nations Cup 2018 clinched the gold in the Blitz event held in Iran.
16. Indian Golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar grabbed his maiden **European Tour** title at the Fiji International in Natadola Bay.
17. **Women's Hockey World Cup 2018: Netherlands defeated Ireland** in the final to win the title for a record eighth time.
Note: India finished the tournament at the 8th spot.
18. **World Badminton Championships 2018: P V Sindhu** won the silver medal. She was defeated by Carolina Marin.
19. **World Junior Squash Championships 2018:** World Junior Squash Championships 2018 was held in Chennai, India.



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- Men's Individual – Winner - Mostafa Asal (Egypt) – Runner-up - Marwan Tarek (Egypt)
- Women's Individual - Winner - Rowan Elaraby (Egypt)- Runner-up - Hania El Hammamy(Egypt)

- Men's Team - Winner – Egypt – Runner-up - England

20. Hungarian Formula 1 Grand Prix - Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)

July

FIFA World Cup 2018

- Venue – **Russia**
- Winner – France (France won the match 4–2 to claim their second World Cup title after 1998)
- Runner-up - Croatia
- Venue of FIFA 2022 – **Qatar** (It will be the first Arab country to host World Cup and it will also for first time it will be held in Middle East region.)
- Venue of FIFA 2026 - **Canada, Mexico, United States**

Important points:

- Official Match Ball - Telstar 18
- Official Song – “Live It Up”, with vocals from Will Smith, Nicky Jam and Era Istrefi
- Mascot - Zabivaka (an anthropomorphic wolf)
- Man of the Match in Final: Antoine Griezmann (France).
- FIFA President - Gianni Infantino
- France Captain - **Hugo Lloris**
- Golden Ball Award: **Croatian captain Luka Modric**
- **Golden Glove Award:** Belgium's Thibaut Courtois won the Golden Glove award for the best goalkeeper.
- **Golden Boot Award:** England captain Harry Kane won the World Cup Golden Boot. He was the top scorer with six goals.
- **Young Player Award:** France's Kylian Mbappe won the Young Player award. He scored the game's finest goal and became the first teenager to register in the final since Pele in 1958.
- **Fair play Award:** **Spain** was awarded the Fair play Award for being the most disciplined team in the tournament.
- For the first time video assistant referee (VAR) system was used in the FIFA World Cup.
- Iceland and Panama made their first appearances at a FIFA World Cup 2018.



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Wimbledon Championships 2018

1. Men's Singles

- Winner - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
- Runner-up - Kevin Anderson (South Africa)

2. Women's Singles

- Winner - Angelique Kerber (Germany)
- Runner-up - Serena Williams (USA)

Other sports news

- 1. Russian Open Badminton Trophy** - Ace Indian shuttler Sourabh Verma lifted the Russian Open Badminton trophy at Vladivostok. He defeated Japan's Koki Watanabe.
- 2. German Grand Prix** - Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)
- 3. Olympic 2020 – Tokyo, Japan**
Mascot – 'Miraitowa' – It is derived from a combination of the Japanese words for future and eternity and seeks to "promote a future full of eternal hope in the hearts of people all over the world".
- 4. Fakhar Zaman became quickest player** to reach 1000 runs in 1-Day Internationals.
 - He became the first player from Pakistan to score a double century in a one-day international.
 - He scored a double century for Pakistan against Zimbabwe.
 - Fakhar Zaman has broken the record of West Indies cricketer Vivian Richards.
 - Fakhar Zaman took 18 innings to reach the 1000 mark. Vivian Richards had achieved this mark in 21 matches.
- 5. Lakshya Sen** wins Badminton Asian Junior Championships Title after defeating Indonesia's Kunlavut Vitidsaran in the final match.
- 6. World's Most Expensive Goalkeeper:** Alisson Becker of Brazil has become the World's most expensive goalkeeper while transferring clubs from Italy's Roma to England's Liverpool for a world record £56 million.
- 7. Thailand Open 2018:** Nozomi Okuhara defeated PV Sindhu to win Maiden Title
- 8.** Mohammad Kaif announced his retirement from all forms of competitive cricket.
- 9.** Dipa Karmakar created history by becoming first Indian gymnast to win gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey.
- 10. Satyarup Siddhanta** has become second Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu to climb Mt Ojos del Salado (6893 m), the highest volcano in the world on Argentina-Chile border.



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21st Commonwealth Games 2018

- **Host Country** – Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

Note:

- It is for the **5th time** Australia hosted the Commonwealth Games.
- Earlier Australia hosted Commonwealth Games in -1938, 1962, 1982, 2006.
- **Motto** - "**Share the Dream**".
- **Mascot** - **Borobi**
- Next Commonwealth Games 2022 - **Birmingham, England**.
- Shooting game excluded from **2022 Commonwealth Games**. The Birmingham Organising Committee of Commonwealth Games decided not to pick shooting game for 2022 Games.

Medal Tally Top 3 countries at Commonwealth Games 2018

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1. Australia	80	59	59	198
2. England	45	45	46	136
3. India	26	20	20	66

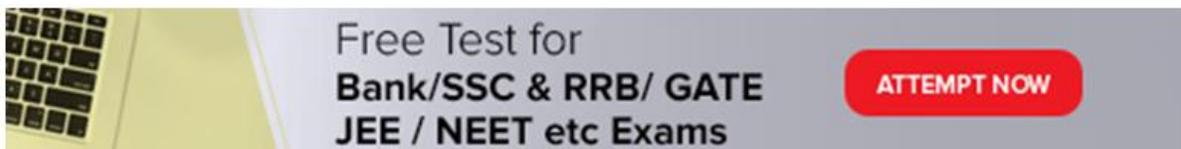
India at Commonwealth Games 2018 –

Flag bearer

- **Opening** – **P.V. Sindhu** led Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018.
- **Closing** - **Mary Kom** led Indian contingent at the closing ceremony of the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018.
- Pistol shooter Vijay Kumar was the flag-bearer in the **2014 Commonwealth Games**.
- **2014 Commonwealth Games** was held in **Glasgow, Scotland**

First Gold Medal list -

1. First **medal** for India in CWG 2018
 - **P Gururaja** won the first medal for India.
 - He won the **silver medal** in the men's **56kg weightlifting event**.
2. First **gold medal** for India in CWG 2018
 - **Mirabai Chanu**, won the first gold medal for India in the women's **48 kg category** Weightlifting event.
3. **India's youngest-ever gold medalist**
4. First Indian **Woman Boxer to win Gold medal**
 - **Mary Kom** became the first Indian woman boxer to win a gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2018. She won the gold medal in the 48-kg category.
5. First-ever **gold in badminton mixed-team** -



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- India clinched its first-ever gold in badminton mixed-team event by defeating **Malaysia**.
6. First Indian **woman table tennis player** to win a singles gold
 - **Manika Batra** created history by becoming the first Indian **woman table tennis player** to win a singles gold at the Commonwealth Games 2018.
 - She defeated **Yu Mengyu** of Singapore.
 7. First Indian **javelin thrower** to win a gold medal
 - **Neeraj Chopra** became the first Indian javelin thrower to win a gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
 8. India's **first wrestling gold medal in CWG 2018**
 - **Wrestler Rahul Aware** wins country's first gold in the 57-kilogram category of the men's freestyle competition.
 9. First ever **gold medal in table tennis team**
 10. India's **first medal in Shooting** in CWG 2018
 - **Manu Bhaker** wins India's first medal in Shooting in **women's 10m Air Pistol event**
 - She is a native of **Haryana**.
 - **Heena Sidhu** won the silver medal in Shooting in **women's 10m Air Pistol event**.
 - **Mehuli Ghosh** won the silver medal in Shooting in **women's 10m air rifle event**.

Cricket July

1. **Australian captain Aaron Finch slammed 172 (76) against** Zimbabwe to register the highest-ever individual score in T20Is, overtaking his own record of 156 runs.
2. **Rahul Dravid inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame 2018:** Former captains Rahul Dravid of India, Ricky Ponting of Australia and retired England Women wicketkeeper-batter Claire Taylor were inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame 2018 during a glittering ceremony in Dublin, Ireland.
 - Former Team India captain Rahul Dravid has become the fifth Indian cricketer after Anil Kumble, Sunil Gavaskar, Bishan Singh Bedi and Kapil Dev to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.



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June

1. Polly Umrigar Award: **Virat Kohli**
 - India captain Virat Kohli received the **Polly Umrigar Award** for being the best international cricketer for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons at the annual BCCI awards.
 - **Anshuman Gaekwad and Sudha Shah** received the **CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award**.
2. **Mithali Raj** became the first batsman from the country to score 2000 runs in T20I cricket.
 - Mithali has now scored 2015 runs in 74 T20Is with the help of 14 half-centuries.
3. **Kagiso Rabada** wins South Africa's Cricketer of The Year Award.
 - **Kagiso Rabada**, the world's number one Test bowler, was named South Africa's Cricketer of the Year.
 - Rabada collected a total of six awards, including Test cricketer of the year, one-day international player of the year and players' player of the year.

Lawn Tennis June

1. 2018 French Open Women's single title:
 - **Winner - Simona Halep**
 - She defeated Sloane Stephens of America.
 - **Simona Halep** became the second Romanian woman to win a Grand Slam singles trophy after Virginia Ruzici.
2. 2018 French Open Men's single title:
 - **Winner - Rafael Nadal**
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Formula 1

1. Austrian Grand Prix 2018: Red Bull's **Max Verstappen**
2. French Grand Prix 2018 - **Lewis Hamilton**
3. Monaco Grand Prix 2018 - **Daniel Ricciardo**
4. Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship - - **Bala Prasath**
 - Bala Prasath Wins Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
5. Spanish Grand Prix - **Lewis Hamilton**
6. Azerbaijan Grand Prix - **Lewis Hamilton**
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9. Australian Grand Prix 2018 - **Sebastian Vettel**



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May

1. **Chennai Super Kings** won the 11th edition of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2018.
 - Chennai Super Kings beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 8 wickets in the final of the 2018 Indian Premier League at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
 - Shane Watson bagged the man of the match award.
 - Rishabh Pant bagged the Emerging Player award.
2. **AB de Villiers** announced his decision to retire from international cricket.

- South African batsman AB de Villiers has announced his decision to retire from international cricket with immediate effect. In his 14-year career, he played 114 Tests, 228 One-Day Internationals (ODI) and 78 T20 Internationals.

3. New Head coach of Australia cricket team - **Justin Langer**

- Justin Langer replaced Darren Lehmann, who resigned after the embarrassing ball-tampering episode in March 2018 against South Africa team.

April

1. **India** will host 2021 Champions Trophy.
 - According to ICC Chief Executive Dave Richardson, the International Cricket Council (ICC) decided to convert the 2021 Champions

Trophy into a World T20 event scheduled in **India**.

March

1. 45th edition of the Deodhar Trophy 2018 - **India – B**.
Note:
 - **India B** has won the **45th edition** of the Deodhar Trophy 2018 by defeating **Karnataka** in the final by 6 wickets at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamsala.
2. Rashid Khan became the youngest cricketer captain of the International Cricket team **Afghanistan**.
3. **England** player **Kevin Pietersen** officially announced his retirement from the International cricket.
4. Irani Cup 2018 - **Vidarbha**

Note:

- **Vidarbha** beat **Rest of India** to clinch the title.
 - Also, Vidarbha won the **Ranji Trophy 2017**.
5. West Indies qualified for the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup after defeating **Scotland**.

Note:

- West Indies defeated **Scotland** in the World Cup Qualifier to qualify for the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup.
- ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 will be played in **England and Wales**.



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February

- Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2018** – India defeated Australia in the final.
 - The final was played at Mount Maunganui in New Zealand.
 - India has won the World Cup title for fourth times.
 - India captain – **Prithvi Shaw**.
 - Man, of the match - **Manjot Kalra**
 - Player of the Tournament - **Shubman Gill**
 - Anukul Roy join Afghanistan's Qais Ahmad and Canada's Faisal Jamkhandi in the list of the Highest wicket taker in the tournament. They took 14 wickets in the tournament.

January

- Australia** will host the **ICC World Cup T20 in 2020**.
 - Both men's & women's event will be held in Australia.
 - Melbourne Cricket Ground will host the final of both the men's and women's World T20.
- Sandeep Lamichhane** becomes first Nepal player to get IPL contract.
 - He was picked by **Delhi Daredevils**.
- West Indies** will host 2018 **Women's World T20**.
 - ICC has decided not to host the Men's World T20 in 2018.
 - West Indies won the both men's & women's World T20 title in 2016.
- Blind Cricket World Cup 2018** – **India** defeated Pakistan in the final.
 - The final match was played at Sharjah Cricket Stadium, the UAE.
 - India Captain - Ajay Kumar Reddy
 - Man of the match - Sunil Ramesh
- Virat Kohli** named Captain of ICC's Test & ODI Teams of The Year
- ICC Award 2017** – Here is the list of the winners
 - ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year - Steve Smith (Australia)
 - Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year - Virat Kohli (India)
 - ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year - Virat Kohli (India)
 - ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year - Hasan Ali (Pakistan)
 - ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year - Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
 - ICC Men's T20I Performance of the Year - Yuzvendra Chahal (6-25 v England) (India)
 - David Shepherd Trophy for ICC Umpire of the Year – Marais Erasmus
 - ICC Spirit of Cricket - Anya Shrubsole (England)
 - ICC Fans Moment of the Year - Pakistan stuns India to win the ICC Champions Trophy 2017.
- Ranji Trophy 2017** – **Vidarbha** defeated Delhi in the final.
 - For the first Vidarbha lifted the Ranji Trophy.
 - Final match was played at Holkar stadium in Indore.
 - Rajneesh Gurbani was declared player of the Match.



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Football

June

1. **2026 FIFA World Cup to be held in - US, Mexico and Canada**
 - The **United States, Mexico and Canada** won the right to host the 2026 World Cup after beating Morocco in a vote by FIFA member nations.
2. **India** has lifted the Intercontinental Cup football title. In the summit clash in Mumbai, they defeated **Kenya** 2-nil.

May

1. The **Indian U-16 football team** pumped in as many as three goals in the first 10 minutes of the match to outplay **Tajikistan** 4-2 and emerge champions in the four-nation Under-16 Tournament held in Serbia.

April

1. **FIFA World Cup 2018 – Russia** is hosting 2018 FIFA World Cup. It is scheduled to take place **14 June to 15 July 2018**.
 - **Wolf** chosen as 2018 FIFA World Cup Official Mascot and named **Zabivaka™** which means “the one who scores” in Russian.
2. **Santosh Trophy 2018 - Kerala**
 - Kerala defeated West Bengal in the final to win the 2018 Santosh Trophy.
 - With this win, Kerala won the Santosh Trophy for sixth time.
 - West Bengal won the 2017 Santosh Trophy.
3. **Bengaluru FC** won the Super Cup football tournament 2018
 - Bengaluru FC won the inaugural edition of the Super Cup football tournament at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.
 - They defeated Kolkata football giants **East Bengal** by a convincing margin of 4-1.

January

1. Brazilian footballer **Ronaldinho Gaúcho** has announced his retirement from football.
2. Philippe Coutinho joins Barcelona.
 - Team Liverpool sold Brazilian football player Philippe Coutinho to Team Barcelona for 160 million Euros (\$192 million).
 - With this, transfer of Philippe Coutinho has become the 2nd Most Expensive transfer in World Soccer History.
3. **FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017** – For the first time, India hosted the 17th edition of FIFA U-17 World. Nicolai Adam is the coach of Indian team. Amarjit Singh Kiyam (Manipur) is the captain of U-17 FIFA Indian team.
Key Facts –
 - **Winner – England** won the title by defeating **Spain** by 5-2 in the final.
 - **Best Player Award** - Phil Foden of England has been adjudged tournament’s best player and has been awarded ‘**Golden Ball**’.



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- **Golden Glove' Award - Gabriel Brazao** the goalkeeper of **Brazil's** national football team has won the 'Golden Glove'.
- Brazil has won the Fair Play Award.
- **Jeakson Singh** (Manipur) creates history by scoring India's first ever goal in FIFA **U-17** World Cup against **Colombia**.
- FIFA U-17 WC in India becomes **most attended in event's history** for the first time.
- USA-Based **Namit Deshpande** becomes the **First NRI** to Play for India's U17 World Cup Team.
- **Esther Staubli** (Switzerland) became the first female football referee to officiate a match.

- The **official Mascot** for the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 was clouded leopard named '**Kheleo**'.
- The official ball for Under-17 football World Cup is called '**Krasava**'.
- The final match of the event was held in **Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata**.

4. **Bangladesh won SAFF U-15 Women's Championships title** – Bangladesh defeated India in the final to win the SAFF Under-15 Women's Championships.
 - This is the first South Asian title for Bangladesh in women's football.
 - India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan participated in this South Asian Football Federation tournament.

Hockey July

1. **Australia wins Hockey Champions Trophy Final 2018:** Australia defeated India in the final. It was Australia's record 15th Champions Trophy title.

June

1. **Rani Rampal** became the Captain of Indian Women's Hockey Team.
 - Forward Rani Rampal was named as the captain of India's 18-member squad for the women's hockey World Cup to be played in London in July 2018.

May

1. Winner of 5th Asian Champions Trophy 2018 - **South Korea**.

Note:

- The Indian women's Hockey team lost to hosts South Korea (0-1) in the summit clash and failed to defend its crown at the fifth Asian Champions Trophy at Donghae City.
- Indian striker Vandana Katariya was declared player of the tournament while youngster Lalremsiami was named as the upcoming player of the tournament.

2. New chief coach of the Indian men's Hockey team- **Harendra Singh**

Note:

- He replaced **Sjoerd Marijne**.
- Earlier, Harendra Singh is the chief coach of the Indian women's Hockey team.
- Harendra Singh coached the Indian men's team earlier from 2009 to 2011.
- **Sjoerd Marijne** became new chief coach of the **Indian women's Hockey team**.



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1. 27th edition of the Sultan Azlan Shah cup 2018 - **Australia**
 - Australia defeated England in the final to win the 2018 Sultan Azlan Shah cup.
 - With this win, Australia lifted title for the 10th time.

Badminton

1. **China** team won the Thomas Cup 2018.
 - China beat Japan to win the Thomas Cup 2018.
 - The Thomas Cup, sometimes called the World Men's Team Championships, is an international badminton competition among teams representing member nations of the Badminton World Federation, the sport's global governing body.
2. **Japan** team won the Uber Cup 2018.

March

1. 8th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2018 - **Punjab**

Note:

- Hockey Punjab won the 8th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship title by defeating Petroleum Sports Promotion Board in the final.

May

- Japan's women clinched the Uber Cup, after defeating Thailand 3-0 in the final.
- Japan won the tournament after 37-year.
- The Uber Cup, sometimes called the World Team Championships for Women, is a major international badminton competition contested by women's national badminton teams.

1. Women's Single U-19 Badminton title 2018 - **Purva Barve**
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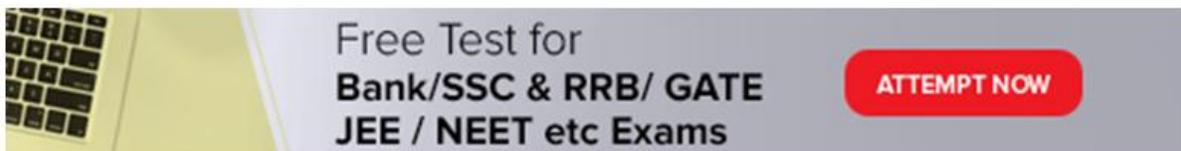
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- She defeated Anastasiia Pustinskaia in the final held in Israel.

Lawn Tennis

June

3. 2018 French Open Women's single title:
 - **Winner - Simona Halep**
 - She defeated Sloane Stephens of America.
 - **Simona Halep** became the second Romanian woman to win a Grand Slam singles trophy after Virginia Ruzici.
4. 2018 French Open Men's single title:



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- **Winner - Rafael Nadal**
- **Rafael Nadal** won his 11th French Open title by beating Austrian **Dominic Thiem** in straight sets.
- With this win he won 17th Grand Slam title of his career.

May

1. Winner of Italian Open 2018 - **Rafa Nadal**.
 - Nadal beat defending champion Alexander Zverev 6-1 1-6 6-3
 - By winning the title, Nadal regained the ATP no. 1 singles ranking from Roger Federer.
2. Men's single **Madrid Open title 2018 - Alexander Zverev**
 - Alexander Zverev won Madrid Open title by beating Dominic Thiem in the final. Alexander Zverev hails from Germany.
 - He becomes only the fifth active player to win at least three Masters 1000 titles.
3. Women's single **Madrid Open title 2018 - Petra Kvitova**
 - **Petra Kvitova** defeated Kiki Bertens in the final to become the first woman to win three Madrid Open titles.
 - She hails from **Czech Republic**.
 - Petra Kvitova claims the 24th singles title of her career - and her fourth tournament win this year.
 - The Czech adds to her 2011 and 2015 triumphs in the Spanish capital.

April

1. Miami Open women's single trophy - **Sloane Stephens**
 - **Sloane Stephens (USA)** defeated Jelena Ostapenko(Latvia) to win the Miami Open women's single trophy.
2. Miami Open men's single trophy - **John Isner (US)**
 - John Isner(USA) defeated Alexander Zverev(Germany) in the final.
3. 2018 French Open Wild Card tournament - **Siddhant Banthia**
 - **Siddhant Banthia** won the 2018 French Open Wild Card tournament. He defeated Mann Maulik Shah by 6-4, 2-6, 7-6.
 - Siddhant Banthia is a native of Pune city.
4. Monte Carlo Masters Tennis tournament - Men's Singles title - **Rafael Nadal**
 - **Rafael Nadal** defeated Kei Nishikori (Japan) by 6-3, 6-2 in the final.
 - With this win Nadal became the first man to win the Monte Carlo title **11 times**.
5. 2018 Barcelona Open tennis title - **Rafael Nadal**
 - Rafael Nadal won the 2018 Barcelona Open tennis title. He defeated Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas by 6-2 6-1 in the final.
 - With this win, Nadal lifted his 11th Barcelona Open tennis title.
6. **Yuki Bhambri** won the 2018 Santaizi ATP Challenger tournament in Taipei.
 - Yuki Bhambri from India has won the 2018 Santaizi ATP Challenger tennis tournament by defeating his compatriot Ramkumar



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Ramanathan in the final of the event by 6-3 6-4 in Taipei, Taiwan

1. **Australia Open 2018** Tournament held in Melbourne Park, Australia.
 - **Men's Single Title - Roger Federer** (Switzerland) defeated Marin Cilic (Croatia) in the final.
 - It was Federer's 20th Grand Slam title and sixth Australia Open title.
 - **Women's Single Title - Caroline Wozniacki** defeated Simona Halep (Romania) in the final.
 - She became the first player of the Denmark to win the Grand Slam title.

January

2. **Tata Open Maharashtra** Tennis trophy - **Gilles Simon** of France won the trophy.
 - He defeated Kevin Anderson (French) in the final.
3. **Hopman Cup – Switzerland won the tournament.**
 - **Switzerland** won their third Hopman Cup as Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic beat Germany's Alexander Zverev and Angelique Kerber in the final.
4. **Brisbane International** - Elina Svitolina beat Aliaksandra Sasnovich in the final.

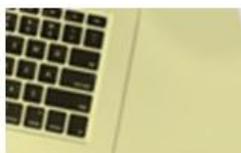
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12. Monaco Grand Prix 2018 - **Daniel Ricciardo**
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 - Bala Prasath Wins Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

Formula 1

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Chess June

1. World's 2nd Youngest Chess Grand Master- **R Praggnanandhaa**.
 - India's R Praggnanandhaa has become the country's youngest and the world's second youngest Grand Master at the age of 12 years, 10 months and 13 days after reaching the final round of the ongoing Grendine Open in Italy.
 - Ukraine's Sergey Karjakin remains the youngest ever GM, having achieved the feat at the age of 12 years and seven months in 2002.



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Other Sports news

June

1. 2nd US Open Golf Title 2018 - **Brooks Koepka**

Explanation:

- American golfer Brooks Koepka became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back US Open titles at Shinnecock Hills in New York.

May

1. **Vikas Gowda** who recently announced his retirement from sports.

- Vikas Gowda is associated with Discus throw.
- He became the first and only Indian male to win Commonwealth Games medal in the discipline.

2. India's rank **sixth** in the list of doping violations, as per latest report of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

- India maintained their dubious record of being among top 10 nations with regards to doping violations being joint sixth as World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) published its report as per samples collected in 2016.
- Italy topped the rankings of drug cases in 2016, followed by France (86), United States (76), Australia (75), Belgium (73).

3. The 2018 Asian Cadet Judo Championships was held in **Lebanon**

- Rohini S Mohite and Tababi Devi Thanjam won gold medals while Harish settled for a bronze on the opening day of the Asian Cadet Judo Championships, being held in Lebanon.

4. The sports initiative '**Star Khel Mahakumbh**' was launched by BJP MP Anurag Thakur and cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh in the presence of 1,500 athletes.

- The athletes will compete in volleyball, basketball, cricket, football, kabaddi and athletics.
- The initiative has been designed in a manner as to attract participation of at least one lakh youth from across 5000 villages and 800 panchayats.

April

1. **C A Bhavani Devi** won the silver medal in the sabre event of the Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland.

2. The 2019 **FIBA Basketball World Cup** will be held in **China**.

- **China** will host the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup. It will be the 18th edition of the

FIBA Basketball World Cup for men's national basketball teams.

- The Mascot of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 is '**Son of Dreams**'.
- The 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup was held in **Spain**.



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- **United States** men's national basketball team was the champion in 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup.
3. Shahzar Rizvi claimed India's first medal at the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) at Changwon, South Korea. He won the silver medal in the 10-meter air pistol event.

4. **Nepal** hosted 8th South Asian Judo Championship 2018.
 - India won total **10 gold medals** at 8th South Asian Judo Championship 2018.
 - The 8th South Asian Judo Championship was held in **Lalitpur, Nepal**.

March

1. 2018 Asian Billiards Championships - **Pankaj Advani**

Note:

- **Pankaj Advani** defended his Asian Billiards Championships title.
 - In the final he defeated B Bhaskar 6-1 at Yangon in Myanmar.
 - With this he won the 11th gold medal at the Asian level.
2. U-17 Jockey Cup International Youth Invitational Football Tournament 2018 - **India**

- India Under-16 team won the 2018 U-17 Jockey Cup International Youth Invitational Football tournament by defeating hosts Hong Kong in the final by 4-2.
3. **Deepa Malik** won the gold medal in the F-53/54 category javelin event at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai.
 - With this, she has secured the No. 1 rank in Asia in F53 Javelin category.

February

1. **Khelo India School Games held in Delhi.**

Key points -

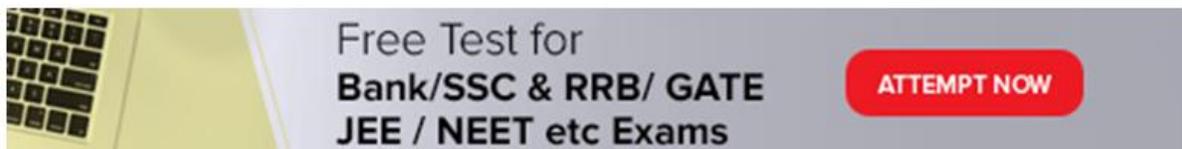
- Anu Kumar of Uttarakhand grabbed the first gold medal winning the 1,500m race at the Khelo India School Games.
- **Haryana emerged as the overall champions**, finishing with **102 medals**, which included 38 gold, 26 silver and 38 bronze medals.
- **Maharashtra** with 111 medals, but due to their lower gold medal count (36), they had to contend with the **second spot**.
- **Delhi finished** the Games at the third position with 94 medals, which included 25 gold, 29 silver and 40 bronze.

January

1. Khelo India, an initiative launched by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.

Aim - to bridge the gap between sports at the school level and professional sports.

- PM Narendra Modi on January 31, kicked off KISG at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.



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2. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) appointed Harjinder Singh as the Chef De Mission for the 23rd Winter Olympic Games to be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea in February 2018.
 - Harjinder Singh is at present the General Secretary in the Ice Hockey Association of India.
3. 39th National Games in 2022 will be held in **Meghalaya**.
4. Indian golfer Shiv Kapur won the Royal Cup at Pattaya.

List of Upcoming Sports Venue

1. **Asian Games -**
 - Venue of Asian Games 2014 – **Incheon, South Korea.**
 - Venue of Asian Games 2018 - **Jakarta-Palembang, Indonesia.**
 - Venue of Asian Games 2022 – **Hangzhou, China.**
 - Venue of Asian Games 2026 – **Nagoya, Japan.**
2. **Commonwealth Games (CWG) -**
 - Venue of **CWG** Games 2010 – **New Delhi, India.**
 - Venue of **CWG** Games 2014 – **Glasgow, Scotland.**
 - Venue of **CWG** Games 2018 – **Gold Coast, Australia.**
 - Venue of **CWG** Games 2022 – **Birmingham, England.**
3. **Olympics Games**
Summer Olympic -
 - Venue of Summer Olympic Games 2016 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 - Venue of Summer Olympic Games 2020 – Tokyo, Japan
 - Venue of Summer Olympic Games 2024 – Paris, France**Winter Olympic -**
 - Venue of Winter Olympic Games 2014 – Sochi, Russia.
 - Venue of Winter Olympic Games 2018 – Pyeongchang, South Korea.
 - Venue of Winter Olympic Games 2022 – Beijing, China.
4. **ICC World Cup Cricket -**
 - Venue of ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 – England, Wales.
 - Venue of ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 – India.
5. **ICC World Cup T20**
 - Venue of World Cup T20 2016– India.
 - Venue of World Cup 2020 – Australia.
6. **ICC Women's Cricket World Cup -**
 - Venue of ICC Women Cricket World Cup 2017 – England.
 - Venue of ICC Women Cricket World Cup 2021 – New Zealand.
7. **ICC Women's World Cup T20 -**
 - Venue of World Cup 2014 – Bangladesh.
 - Venue of World Cup T20 2016– India.
 - Venue of World Cup T20 2018– West Indies
 - Venue of World Cup 2020 – Australia.
8. **Hockey Men's World Cup -**
 - Venue of Hockey Men's World Cup 2014 – The Hague, Netherlands.
 - Venue of Hockey Men's World Cup 2018 – Bhubaneswar, India.
9. **Hockey Women's World Cup -**
 - Venue of Hockey Men's World Cup 2014 – The Hague, Netherlands.



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- Venue of Hockey Men's World Cup 2018 – London, England.

10. FIFA (Football) World Cup –

- **President of FIFA** - Gianni Infantino.
- Venue of FIFA World Cup 2014 – Brazil.
- Venue of FIFA World Cup 2018 – Russia.
- Venue of FIFA World Cup 2022 – Qatar.

11. FIFA Women's World Cup –

- Venue of FIFA World Cup 2015 – Canada.
- Venue of FIFA World Cup 2019 – France.

12. FIFA (U-17) World Cup –Venue of FIFA (U-17) World Cup 2015 – Chile.

- Venue of FIFA (U-17) World Cup 2017 – India.

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