



Current Affairs - February to July 2018

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- ▶ 195 Current Affairs were found in **Last Six Months** for Type - **Sports**

Sports

- ▶ Indian Wells Masters tennis Title (also known as BNP Paribas Open), held at Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California (US) -
 - ▶ Men's Singles - Juan Martin Del Potro (Argentina) (*defeated Roger Federer (Switzerland)*)
 - ▶ Women's Singles - Naomi Osaka (Japan) (*Defeated Daria Kasatkina (Russia)*)
 - ▶ Men's Doubles - USA's John Isner AND Jack Sock
 - ▶ Women's Doubles - Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) AND Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)
- ▶ 'Son of Dreams' has been unveiled as official Mascot of FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 to be held in 8 Chinese Cities in August to September 2019.
- ▶ 12th Malaysia Open Badminton title -
 - ▶ Men's Singles - Lee Chong Wei (Malaysia)
 - ▶ Women's Singles - Tai Tzu-ying (Chinese Taipei)
 - ▶ Men's Doubles - Japan's Takeshi Kamura AND Keigo Sonoda
 - ▶ Women's Doubles - Japan's Misaki Matsutomo AND Ayaka Takahashi
 - ▶ Mixed Doubles - China's Zheng Siwei AND Huang Yaqiong
- ▶ 17th IAAF World Indoor Championships held in Birmingham (United Kingdom) -
 - ▶ 632 athletes from 144 nations participated in 26 Events.

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	USA	6	10	2	18
2	Ethiopia	4	1	0	5
3	Poland	2	2	1	5
4	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	2	1	4	7
5	Authorized Neutrial Atheletes (ANA)	2	1	0	3

- ▶ India could not win a medal at the event. 1 Indian Athelete participated in event - Siddhant Thingalaya (Track and field athlete).
- ▶ 18th Asian Junior Athletics Championships 2018 in Gifu (Japan) -
 - ▶ 437 under 20 athletes from 35 nations participated in 44 Events.

Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	14	15	12	41
2	China	11	8	5	24
3	India	5	2	10	17
4	Chinese Taipei	4	5	3	12
5	Sri Lanka	3	4	2	9

- ▶ India Ranked 3rd with 17 Medals.

- ▶ Gold - Ashish Jakhar (Hammer Throw), Kamalraj Kanagaraj (Triple Jump), Ajeet Kumar (5000 Metres), Anu Kumar (800 Metres), Jisna Mathew (400 metres Female Event)

🏅 Silver - 4×400 m relay Female Team comprising Subha Venkatesan, Rachna, Nidhi Singh AND Jisna Mathew, Damneet Singh (Hamer Throw)

6. ▶ 2018 Asian Wrestling Championships held at Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan).

🏅 Medal Tally -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	7	1	6	14
2	Iran	6	2	2	10
3	Uzbekistan	4	5	6	15
4	Kazakhstan	4	2	11	17
5	Japan	3	7	8	18
6	Kyrgyzstan	2	3	6	11
7	North Korea	2	1	0	3
8	Mongolia	1	5	6	12
9	India	1	1	6	8
10	South Korea	0	2	6	8
11	Qatar	0	1	0	1
12	Turkmenistan	0	0	1	1
Total		30	30	58	118

🏅 India at the Event -

🏅 India secured 9th Rank, with 8 Medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver and 6 Bronze).

🏅 Navjot Kaur won 1st ever gold medal for India in Asian Wrestling championships, after She defeated Imai Miyu of Japan in 65 kg freestyle. Vinesh Phogat claimed silver medal. She also became World No. 2 in 65 kg category as per the latest rankings by United World Wrestling.

🏅 Bronze - Bajrang Punia, Vinod Kumar Omprakash, Rajender Kumar, Harpreet Singh, Sangeeta Phogat AND Sakshi Malik.

7. ▶ 2018 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Urgench (Uzbekistan) -

🏅 India won 6 Medals, 5 in Youth Championships and 1 in Junior Championships (Bronze by JEREMY Lalrinnunga).

🏅 Medals in Youth Championships - SURAJIT Changmai (Bronze), GOGOI Sidhant (Bronze), JACOB Vanlalthuanga (Bronze), SHEULI Achinta (Silver), JEREMY Lalrinnunga (Silver).

🏅 India will host Asian Weightlifting Championships in 2019.

8. ▶ 2018 Athletics World Cup held in London (United Kingdom) -

🏅 This was the first edition of this competition.

🏅 416 athletes from 8 nations Participated in 34 Events. India did not participate in the event.

🏅 Medal Table -

🏅 United States (USA) - 28 Medals (11 G)

🏅 Jamaica - 16 Medals (6 G)

🏅 Poland - 13 Medals (6 G)

🏅 Great Britain - 13 Medals (3 G)

🏅 South Africa - 9 Medals (3 G)

9. ▶ 2018 Badminton Asia Championships Held in Wuhan (China) -

🏅 Winners -

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's singles	Kento Momota (Japan)	Chen Long (China)	Lee Chong Wei (Malaysia)
			H. S. Prannoy (India)
Women's singles	Tai Tzu-ying (Chinese Taipei)	Chen Yufei (China)	Saina Nehwal (India)
			Sung Ji-hyun (South Korea)
Men's doubles	Li Junhui (China) Liu Yuchen (China)	Takeshi Kamura (Japan) Keigo Sonoda (Japan)	Huang Kaixiang (China) Wang Yili (China)
			Liu Cheng (China) Zhang Nan (China)
Women's doubles	Yuki Fukushima (Japan) Sayaka Hirota (Japan)	Misaki Matsutomo (Japan) Ayaka Takahashi (Japan)	Della Destiara Haris (Indonesia) Rizki Amelia Pradipta (Indonesia)
			Kim So-yeong (South Korea) Kong Hee-yong (South Korea)
Mixed doubles	Wang Yili (China) Huang Dongping (China)	Tontowi Ahmad (Indonesia) Liliyana Natsir (Indonesia)	Zheng Siwei (China) Huang Yaqiong (China)

Zhang Nan (China)
Li Yinhui (China)

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Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	2	2	4	8
2	Japan	2	2	0	4
3	Chinese Taipei	1	0	0	1
4	Indonesia	0	1	1	2
5	India	0	0	2	2
	South Korea	0	0	2	2
7	Malaysia	0	0	1	1

10. ▶ 2018 Barcelona Open Banco Sabadell Men's Tennis Title -

🔧 Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)

🔧 Doubles - Spain's Feliciano López AND Marc López

11. ▶ 2018 Chennai Open Challenger Tennis Title -

🔧 Singles - Jordan Thompson (Australia), Defeating India's Yuki Bhambri

🔧 Doubles - India's Sriram Balaji AND Vishnu Vardhan

12. ▶ 2018 FIFA Football World Cup (21st) -

🔧 Winners -

🔧 France Won the Title, Defeating First time finalists Croatia. It was 2nd World cup Title for France.

🔧 Final was played in Luzhniki Stadium (Moscow), with Antoine Griezmann (France) named Man of the Match.

🔧 Belgium defeat England to finish 3rd. England named 4th.

🔧 Notable Facts -

🔧 Awards -

🔧 Golden Ball (Best Player in Tournament) - Luka Modric (Croatia).

🔧 Golden Boot (Top Goal Scorer) - Harry Kane (England)

🔧 Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) - Thibaut Courtois (Belgium)

🔧 Best young player - Kylian Mbappé (France)

🔧 Fair play award - Spain

🔧 Russia Hosted FIFA World Cup for the First Time.

🔧 32-day tournament featured 32 teams and 64 games, played in 12 stadiums across 11 cities in Russia.

🔧 Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo scored FIFA World Cup 2018's first hat-trick, overall 51st in World Cup history. Ronaldo also became first player to score in eight consecutive major international tournaments.

🔧 Argentine Goalkeeper Javier Mascherano announced his retirement from international football after FIFA World Cup 2018.

🔧 Japan became the first-ever Asian nation to defeat a South American country in World Cup history, after defeating Colombia.

🔧 Brazil Holds most WC Titles (5), Followed by Germany and Italy (4 Each).

🔧 2022 FIFA WC will be hosted by Qatar (32 teams) and 2026 FIFA WC will be hosted by USA, Canada and Mexico (48 Teams), called United2026.

🔧 Anthropomorphic Eurasian wolf *Zabivaka* was official mascot of 2018 FIFA World Cup.

🔧 2019 FIFA Women's WC will be held in France.

13. ▶ 2018 Forbes list of 'The World's 100 highest paid athletes' -

🔧 Top 5 -

🔧 Floyd Mayweather (USA) - Boxing (285 Million USD)

🔧 Lionel Messi (Argentina) - Soccer (111 million USD)

🔧 Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) - Soccer (108 million USD)

🔧 Conor McGregor (Ireland) - Mixed Martial Arts (99 million USD)

🔧 Neymar (Brazil) - Soccer (90 million USD)

🔧 Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli is the sole Indian and Cricketer to feature in List with Pay of \$24 Million USD.

🔧 No Female Athlete Named in 2018's list. Last Year, USA Tennis star Serena Williams with \$27 Million USD Earnings was ranked 51st.

14. ▶ 2018 Gerry Weber Open Men's Tennis Title (Also called Halle Open (Germany)) -

🔧 Singles - Borna Ćorić (Croatia), defeating Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer.

- 🏸 Doubles - Lukasz Kubot (Poland) AND Marcelo Melo (Brazil)
- 15. ▶ 2018 Hyundai Archery World Cup Round 1 (Shanghai (China)) -
 - 🏸 India - (2 Bronze). Medalists -
 - 🏸 Bronze for Abhishek Verma (Compound Men)
 - 🏸 Bronze for Recurve Mixed Team (Atanu Das and Ankita Bhakat).
- 16. ▶ 2018 Hyundai Archery World Cup Round 2 (Antalya (Turkey)) -
 - 🏸 India - (2 Silver and 1 Bronze). Medalists -
 - 🏸 Silver - Jyothi Surekha Vennam (Compound Women), Recurve Mixed Team (Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari)
 - 🏸 Bronze - Compound Mixed Team (Abhishek Verma AND Jyothi Surekha Vennam)
- 17. ▶ 2018 Hyundai Archery World Cup Round 3 held in Salt Lake (USA). India won 3 medals at the event.
 - 🏸 Medals in Round 3 -
 - 🏸 Gold for Deepika Kumari in Recurve Women. She defeated Michelle Kroppen (Germany). This win ensured Deepika will represent the country at the season-ending Archery World Cup Final in Samsun, Turkey in October 2018.
 - 🏸 Silver for Abhishek Verma in COMPOUND MEN
 - 🏸 Bronze for COMPOUND MIXED TEAM
 - 🏸 Previous Rounds in 2018 Hyundai Archery World Cup
 - 🏸 Round 1 (Shanghai (China)) -
 - 🏸 Bronze for Compound Mixed Team
 - 🏸 Round 2 (Antalya (Turkey)) -
 - 🏸 Silver for Compound Women Team
 - 🏸 Bronze for Compound Mixed Team
- 18. ▶ 2018 Junior World Weightlifting Championships held in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) -
 - 🏸 Iran claimed title with 512 points, followed by host Uzbekistan (436 points) and Turkey (411 points).
 - 🏸 Indian lifter Jhili Dalabehera won Bronze, lifting 167 kg in 48 kg category. She is 2nd Indian woman after Saikhom Mirabai Chanu in 2013 to win a medal in Junior World Championships.
- 19. ▶ 2018 Kunming Open Tennis Title (China) -
 - 🏸 Men's Singles - Prajnesh Gunneswaran (India), defeated Mohamed Safawat (Egypt)
 - 🏸 Women's Singles - Irina Khromacheva (Russia)
 - 🏸 Men's Doubles - Aliaksandr Bury (Belarus) AND Lloyd Harris (South Africa)
 - 🏸 Women's Doubles - Dalila Jakupović (Slovenia) AND Irina Khromacheva (Russia)
- 20. ▶ 2018 Maharashtra Tata Open Men's Tennis Championship -
 - 🏸 Singles - Gilles Simon (France), Defeated Kevin Anderson (South Africa)
 - 🏸 Doubles - Netherlands' Robin Haase AND Matwé Middelkoop
- 21. ▶ 2018 Mercedes Cup Men's Tennis (Stuttgart, Germany) -
 - 🏸 Singles - Roger Federer (Switzerland), defeating Milos Raonic (Canada)
 - 🏸 Doubles - Germany's Philipp Petzschner AND Tim Pütz
- 22. ▶ 2018 Monte - Carlo Masters Men's Tennis Tournament (France) -
 - 🏸 Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)
 - 🏸 Doubles - USA's Bob Bryan AND Mike Bryan
- 23. ▶ 2018 Mutua Madrid Open Tennis Title (Spain) -
 - 🏸 Men's Singles - Alexander Zverev (Germany)
 - 🏸 Women's Singles - Petra Kvitová (Czech Republic)
 - 🏸 Men's Doubles - Nikola Mektić (Croatia) AND Alexander Peya (Austria)
 - 🏸 Women's Doubles - Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) AND Elena Vesnina (Russia)
 - 🏸 Spanish Tennis Player Rafael Nadal broke John McEnroe's 34-year record by winning his 50th consecutive set on clay at Madrid Open.
- 24. ▶ 2018 Porsche Women's Tennis Grand Prix (Also Known as Stuttgart Open) -
 - 🏸 Women's Singles - Karolína Plíšková (Czech Republic)
 - 🏸 Women's Doubles - Raquel Atawo (USA) AND Anna-Lena Grönefeld (Germany)
- 25. ▶ 2018 Thomas Cup Badminton (30th Edition), Bangkok (Thailand) -
 - 🏸 China won the tournament, beating Japan in Final. It is 10th Thomas cup title for China.

 *Thomas Cup* is informally called World Team Championships for Men.

26. ▶ 2018 Uber Cup Badminton (27th Edition), Bangkok (Thailand) -


 Japan won the tournament, beating Thailand in Final. It is Sixth Uber cup title for Japan.

 *Uber Cup* is informally called World Team Championships for Women.

27. ▶ 2018 World U20 Championships in Athletics (also known as the World Junior Championships), held in Tampere (Finland) -


 1462 Athletes from 158 Nations participated in 44 Events.


 Top 5 - Kenya (1), Jamaica (2), USA (3), Ethiopia (4), Great Britain (5)

 Assam's Hima Das became first Indian woman to win gold at IAAF World Under-20 Athletics Championships, after she won Women's 400 Metre Event, clocking 51.46 Seconds.

28. ▶ 23rd Winter Olympic Games 2018 hosted by Pyeongchang (South Korea) -

 2922 Athletes from 92 Nations participated in Events 102 of 15 sports.

 Sports List - Figure skating, Speed skating, Short track speed skating, Ice hockey, Curling, Cross-country skiing, Alpine skiing, Ski jumping, Nordic combined, Freestyle skiing, Snowboarding, Biathlon, Luge, Bobsleigh, Skeleton, Biathlon / Military Patrol.

 Next (24th) Winter Olympic Games will be hosted by Beijing (China) in 2022.


 Medal Table -


Rank	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Norway	14	14	11	39
2	Germany	14	10	7	31
3	Canada	11	8	10	29
4	United States	9	8	6	23
5	Netherlands	8	6	6	20
6	Sweden	7	6	1	14
7	South Korea	5	8	4	17
8	Switzerland	5	6	4	15
9	France	5	4	6	15
10	Austria	5	3	6	14


 India at Winter Olympic Games 2018 -


 2 Indian athletes participated - Jagdish Singh (Cross country Skiing), Shiva Keshavan (Luge). Indian participants could not secure a medal.

 Other Facts -

 Norwegian cross-country skier Marit Bjoergen won her 14th medal at Winter Games by taking bronze with her Norwegian teammates in team sprint. With this, she became most decorated Winter Olympian of all time, breaking the tie she held with Norwegian biathlete Ole Einar Bjoerndalen.


 Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu became first figure skater in 66 years to win back-to-back Winter Olympic gold medals in the men's singles event. He also became 1000th gold medal winner in history of Winter Olympics.

 2018 Winter Olympics saw Record-setting performance of 1218 drones (unmanned aerial vehicles), flying in sync to create huge formations of various Olympic sports and Olympic rings, set by Intel. Drones set world record for 'most unmanned aerial vehicles airborne simultaneously, which was previously held by 500 drones during a 2016 performance in Germany.

 Opening ceremony was named *Peace in Motion*. North and South Korean teams marched together with a "unification flag". *Let Everyone Shine* was Official event song.

 Czech Republic's Ester Ledecka became first woman to claim gold medals in 2 sports at a Winter Olympics (snowboarding AND skiing).

 US won gold medal of Women's Ice Hockey, defeating Canada. In men's Ice Hockey, *Olympic Athletes from Russia (OAR)* defeated *Germany* to win Gold.

 Olympic Athlete from Russia (OAR) is International Olympic Committee's designation of select Russian athletes permitted to participate in 2018 Winter Olympics. It is result of suspension of Russian Olympic Committee after recent Olympic doping controversy.

29. ▶ 26th Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Award (ESPY) 2018, Los Angeles (USA) -





 Best Male Athlete - Alexander Ovechkin, Washington Capitals

 Best Female Athlete - Chloe Kim, Snowboard

 Best International Men's Soccer Player - Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)

 Best Male Tennis Player - Roger Federer



 Best Female Tennis Player - Sloane Stephens

30. ▶ 99-year-old Australian swimmer smashed world record for his age group during Commonwealth Games trials in Queensland (Australia). He clocked 50 metres in 56.12 seconds.
31. ▶ India A team won gold at 5th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships (*trick-taking card game*) in Gold Coast (Australia). Team was headed by Kiran Nadar and comprised of Keyzad Anklesari, B. Satyanarayana, Rajeshwar Tewari, Jaggy Shivdasani and Sunit Chokshi.
32. ▶ Afghan Cricketer Rashid Khan (19 years age) became youngest captain in history of international cricket, after he was chosen to lead the T20I side.
33. ▶ All India Football Federation (AIFF) launched *Scout-Me* application to discover future players. AIFF became first National Sports Federation to launch a mobile based scouting application to discover future players.
34. ▶ American fighter Ronda Rousey will become first female MMA fighter to be inducted into Ultimate Fighting Championship Hall of Fame.
35. ▶ Archery Asia Cup 2018 (Bangkok (Thailand))-
 India's Muskan Kirar and Promila Daimary clinched gold medals in the women's compound and recurve events respectively.
36. ▶ Argentina Footballer Lionel Messi won European Golden Shoe for fifth time, after winning it earlier in 2010, 2012 and 2013, 2017.
 Additionally, Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo is named the most popular athlete as he topped ESPN World Fame 100 list for 3rd straight year.
37. ▶ Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal named Indian Athlete Hima Das as first sports ambassador of Assam. Hima recently became first Indian to win gold at IAAF World Under-20 Athletics Championships, after winning Women's 400 Metre Event, clocking 51.46 Seconds.
38. ▶ Australia defeated India to win 37th (their 15th title) and last Men's Hockey Champions Trophy tournament, in Breda (Netherlands). It will be replaced by Hockey Pro League (HPL) in 2019.
39. ▶ Australia won 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey cup 2018 for record 10th time, defeating England in Malaysia.
40. ▶ Australian Cricket team captain Steve Smith has been suspended and fined 100 percent of his match fee by International Cricket Council (ICC), amid a ball-tampering controversy in South Africa. Another Player Cameron Bancroft has been involved in same and was fined 75% match fee, along with 3 demerit points. Australia Cricket Team's head coach Darren Lehmann also announced his resignation.
41. ▶ Australian Cricketer Aaron Finch scored highest ever individual score in T20 Internationals, scoring 172 runs in 76 balls against Zimbabwe.
42. ▶ Australian Noted female Cricketer Alex Blackwell announced her retirement from all forms of cricket.
43. ▶ Australian cricketer Steve Smith won his 2nd Allan Border Medal, making him best Australian male cricketer in past year. Further, Ellyse Perry won her 2nd Belinda Clark Award Medal, as best female cricketer of Australia in past 12 months.
44. ▶ Badminton player Pullela Gopichand initiated India's largest 'train the trainers' programme by inducting 1500 Physical Education (PE) teachers from across Gujarat for advanced training, envisioned by ELMS Sports Foundation.
45. ▶ Bangladesh Cricketer Shakib Al Hasan became quickest to reach 10000 runs (ODI + Tests + T20I) and pick 500 wickets in international cricket. He also became first Bangladeshi cricketer with 500 international wickets.
 Also, England Became First ODI Nation to lose to an Associate Nation, after they lost an ODI to Scotland, in Edinburgh.
46. ▶ Bangladesh won Women's Asia T20 Cricket Cup 2018 in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), defeating India.
47. ▶ Barcelona FC became first team in 85 years to win four straight Copa del Rey Football titles after defeating Sevilla.
48. ▶ Barcelona FC defeated Deportivo to win La Liga Football League Title (Spain) for 25th time. Barcelona also extended their league record unbeaten streak to 34 matches.
49. ▶ Bayern Munich FC won German Football League called Bundesliga for 28th time, defeating Augsburg.
50. ▶ Bengaluru FC won inaugural edition of Super Cup Football tournament in Bhubaneswar (Odisha), defeating Kolkata football giants East Bengal.
51. ▶ Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) recommended Rahul Dravid for Dronacharya award, Virat Kohli's for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna honour and Sunil Gavaskar for Dhyani Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.
52. ▶ Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) signed Letter of Intent (LoI) with UN Environment to promote green cricket in India. BCCI will endeavor to reduce its environmental impact by greening its operations and engaging cricketers and fans in green initiatives.
53. ▶ British Athletics announced that London will host a new World Cup in July 2018, as a 2 day event with 8 participants - USA, Poland, China, Germany, France, Jamaica and South Africa. 1 male and 1 female athlete from each country will be selected for every field event and each track race up to 1500 metres.
54. ▶ Brooks Koepka (USA) won US Open Golf 2018 by defeating Tommy Fleetwood, becoming first player in 3 decades to successfully defend his title.
55. ▶ CEAT Cricket Ratings awards 2018 -
 International Cricketer of the Year - Virat Kohli

-  International Batsman of the Year - Shikhar Dhawan
-  International Bowler of the Year - Trent Boult (NZ)
-  T20 Bowler of the Year - Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
-  T20 Batsman of the Year - Colin Munro (NZ)
-  Outstanding Innings of the Year - Harmanpreet Kaur (Indian Female Cricketer)
-  U-19 Player of the Year - Shubman Gill
-  Popular Choice Award - Chris Gayle (Windies)
-  Lifetime Achievement Award - Farokh Engineer (India).

56. ▶ Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) won 8th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2018 (B Division), defeating Kerala.
57. ▶ Chelsea FC defeated Manchester United FC to win 2017/18 FA Cup, winning the title for 8th time. FA Cup 2017-18, was 137th edition of oldest recognised football tournament in world.
58. ▶ Chennai Super Kings defeated Sun Risers Hyderabad to win their 3rd Indian Premier League title, equalling Mumbai Indians' record of winning number of Indian Premier League titles (3). 2018 was 11th Edition of IPL and 7th Final of CSK. They were Suspended for 2 years (2016 & 2017). Various Awards given at Closing Ceremony -

S. No	Award	Winner (Team)
1.	Man of the Match (Final)	Shane Watson (CSK)
2.	Orange Cap (Most Runs)	Kane Williamson (SRH)
3.	Purple Cap (Most Wickets)	Andrew Tye (KXIP)
4.	Emerging Player AND Stylish Player	Rishabh Pant (DD)
6.	Perfect Catch	Trent Boult (DD)
7.	Super Striker	Sunil Narine (KKR)
8.	Valuable Player	Sunil Narine (KKR)
9.	Fairplay Award	Mumbai Indians


59. ▶ Chennaiyin FC won Indian Super League Football's 4th Session after defeating Bengaluru FC by 3-2.
60. ▶ Commonwealth Games gold medallist weightlifter Sanjita Chanu and tennis player Yuki Bhambri have been dropped from Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme, amid positive dope sample test results.
61. ▶ Cricket Australia banned Steve Smith and David Warner from playing for Australia for 1 year, after recent ball-tampering scandal during Cape Town Test against South Africa. Cameron Bancroft has been given a nine-month ban for executing the plan.
-  Additionally, David Warner will never be considered for any leadership position in future.
62. ▶ Davis Cup (Tennis), which is in existence since 1900, will be converted into a 'World Cup of Tennis' from 2019. New format will feature 18 teams playing a week-long event at one venue, instead of the existing 16 teams playing across four different months.
63. ▶ ESPN Multi-Sport Awards -
-  Badminton players, PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth named Sportspersons of the Year in Male and Female Categories.
 -  Badminton Coach Pullela Gopichand adjudged 'best coach'.
 -  Indian Women's Hockey Team got 'Team of the Year' title.
64. ▶ Egyptian Football Player forward Mohamed Salah is named Player of the Year by England's Professional Footballers' Association (PFA).
65. ▶ England created new record for highest total in a men's ODI with 481 against Australia, beating its own previous Record.
66. ▶ FC Goa and Forca Goa Foundation introduced *FC Goa Soccer Schools* as a soccer programme for kids, aimed at developing football in Goa and to provide opportunity to more children to play it.
67. ▶ FIFA lifted 18 Month long suspension imposed on Guatemala Football Association (Central America), over its failure to comply with anti-corruption rules.
68. ▶ FIFA lifted 30 year old ban on Iraq for hosting international football matches. FIFA allowed games to be staged in Arbil, Basra and Karbala.
69. ▶ FIFA proposed staging a 'mini-World Cup' every two years, replacing Confederations Cup currently staged every four years in a year before World Cup. New event will be called 'Final 8', would feature eight teams and could commence in October or November 2021.
70. ▶ Ferrari's German racer Sebastian Vettel won Formula 1 British Grand Prix 2018 -

 2018 Formula 1 (F1) Calendar-

Serial	Grand Prix	Date	Winner
1	Australian Grand Prix	25 March	Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
2	Bahrain Grand Prix	8 April	Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
3	Chinese Grand Prix	15 April	Daniel Ricciardo (Australia)


4	Azerbaijan Grand Prix	29 April	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
5	Spanish Grand Prix	13 May	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
6	Monaco Grand Prix	27 May	Daniel Ricciardo (Australia)
7	Canadian Grand Prix	10 June	Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
8	French Grand Prix	24 June	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
9	Austrian Grand Prix	1 July	Max Verstappen (Belgian-Dutch)
10	British Grand Prix	8 July	Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
11	German Grand Prix	22 July	
12	Hungarian Grand Prix	29 July	
13	Belgian Grand Prix	26 August	
14	Italian Grand Prix	2 September	
15	Singapore Grand Prix	16 September	
16	Russian Grand Prix	30 September	
17	Japanese Grand Prix	7 October	
18	USA Grand Prix	21 October	
19	Mexican Grand Prix	28 October	
20	Brazilian Grand Prix	11 November	
21	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	25 November	

71. ▶ Ferrari's German driver Sebastian Vettel won Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix 2018 -

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4	Azerbaijan Grand Prix	29 April	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
5	Spanish Grand Prix	13 May	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
6	Monaco Grand Prix	27 May	Daniel Ricciardo (Australia)
7	Canadian Grand Prix	10 June	Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
8	French Grand Prix	24 June	
9	Austrian Grand Prix	1 July	
10	British Grand Prix	8 July	
11	German Grand Prix	22 July	
12	Hungarian Grand Prix	29 July	
13	Belgian Grand Prix	26 August	
14	Italian Grand Prix	2 September	
15	Singapore Grand Prix	16 September	
16	Russian Grand Prix	30 September	
17	Japanese Grand Prix	7 October	
18	USA Grand Prix	21 October	
19	Mexican Grand Prix	28 October	
20	Brazilian Grand Prix	11 November	
21	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	25 November	

72. ▶ Ferrari's German Racer Sebastian Vettel won Australian Grand Prix title.

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1	Australian Grand Prix	25 March	Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
2	Bahrain Grand Prix	8 April	
3	Chinese Grand Prix	15 April	
4	Azerbaijan Grand Prix	29 April	
5	Spanish Grand Prix	13 May	
6	Monaco Grand Prix	27 May	
7	Canadian Grand Prix	10 June	
8	French Grand Prix	24 June	
9	Austrian Grand Prix	1 July	
10	British Grand Prix	8 July	
11	German Grand Prix	22 July	
12	Hungarian Grand Prix	29 July	
13	Belgian Grand Prix	26 August	
14	Italian Grand Prix	2 September	
15	Singapore Grand Prix	16 September	
16	Russian Grand Prix	30 September	
17	Japanese Grand Prix	7 October	
18	USA Grand Prix	21 October	
19	Mexican Grand Prix	28 October	
20	Brazilian Grand Prix	11 November	
21	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	25 November	

73. ▶ Ferrari's German Racer Sebastian Vettel won Bahrain Grand Prix title.

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74. ▶ First edition of Khelo India School Games (KISG) held from from 31st January to 8th February, 2018 at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.

It was held across 16 disciplines in Under-17 age category, with 5000 school children participating. Total 199 gold, 199 silver and 275 bronze medals were awarded.

Haryana emerged overall champions with 102 medals (38 G, 26 S and 38 B). Maharashtra 2nd with 111 medals, Delhi 3rd with 94 medals.

75. ▶ Football Delhi will launch a Pro League in October 2018 and a community league in January 2019. Earlier, Football Delhi, was known as Delhi Soccer Association.

76. ▶ Former Australian cricketer Justin Langer is appointed as Australian cricket team's new head coach for all formats, replacing Darren Lehmann, who stepped down after recent ball-tampering controversy.

77. ▶ French Open Tennis 2018 -

Men's Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain), defeating Dominic Thiem (Austria).

Nadal equaled Margaret Court's all-time record of 11 Grand Slam singles titles won at one major (French Open).

Overall, It was Nadal's 17th Grand Slam Victory, 2nd only to Swiss Star Roger Federer (20 Titles).

Women's Singles - Simona Halep (Romania), Defating Sloane Stephens (USA). It was Halep's first Grand Slam title.

Men's Doubles - Pierre-Hugues Herbert (France) AND Nicolas Mahut (France)

Women's Doubles - Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) AND Kateřina Siniaková (Czech Republic)

Mixed Doubles - Latisha Chan (Chinese Taipei) AND Ivan Dodig (Croatia)

Boys' Singles - Tseng Chun-hsin (Chinese Taipei)

Girls' Singles - Cori Gauff (USA)

78. ▶ Government approved revised guidelines for MAKA (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad) Trophy, to simplify selection of top performing university in sports for award of MAKA Trophy. Under revised guidelines -

Receiving and Scrutiny of Applications will be invited by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports / Sports Authority of India (unlike Association of Indian Universities (AIU) upto now).

Tournaments which are held more than once a year will not be considered for computation of marks.

Award money for winner has been increased from 10 lakh to 15 lakh. While that for 1st and 2nd Runner-up universities is enhanced from 5 lakh to 7.5 lakh and 3 lakh to 4.5 lakh respectively.

79. ▶ Gymnastics World Cup 2018 held in Melbourne (Australia). Aruna Budda Reddy became 1st Indian gymnast to win an individual medal at Gymnastics World Cup as she won bronze in women's vault event.

80. ▶ Harry Kane (England) named most valuable player for upcoming FIFA World Cup in Russia 2018. Kane is estimated to be worth 201.2 million euros, as calculated by CIES Football Observatory algorithm.

81. ▶ ICC included Nepal, Netherlands, Scotland and the UAE in their ODI rankings list apart from 12 existing countries.

82. ▶ IDBI Federal Life Insurance New Delhi Marathon -

65 Elite Indian athletes participated in event.

Reigning Asian Champion Gopi Thonakal won in men's category with timing of 2:15:16, followed by Nitendra Rawat. However, Gopi could not qualify for 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games as its criteria was 2:12:50.

Monika Athare retained her women's title with timing of 2:43:46.

83. ▶ ISSF Junior World Cup 2018 (Sydney (Australia)) -

India won total 22 Medals in the event, with 4 Individual and 5 team Gold Medals.

Medal Table -

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	9	8	8	25
2	India	9	5	8	22
3	Italy	3	1	2	6

4	Australia	1	2	0	3
5	Chinese Taipei	0	2	0	2

🔑 Gold Medals for India -

🔑 Individual - Anish Anish (25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior), Manu Bhaker (10m Air Pistol Women Junior), Muskan (25m Pistol Women Junior), Elavenil Valarivan (10m Air Rifle Women Junior).

🔑 Team - 10m Air Pistol Men Junior, 10m Air Rifle Women Junior, 10m Air Pistol Women Junior, 25m Pistol Women Junior and 10m Air Pistol Mixed.

84. ▶ ISSF Junior World Cup 2018 Round 2 (Suhl (Germany)) -

🔑 Including Round 1 in Sydney (Australia) in March 2018, India won total 48 Medals in ISSF Junior World Cup 2018 (24 Gold, 7 Silver, 17 Bronze). India is at the top of table in ISSF Junior World Cup 2018.

🔑 Medal Table -

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	India	24	7	17	48
2	China	15	17	14	46
3	Italy	7	6	10	23
4	Czech Republic	4	1	1	6
5	Russia	3	6	1	2

🔑 Gold Medals for India in ISSF Junior World Cup 2018 Round 2 (Suhl (Germany)) -

🔑 Individual -

🔑 Men - Hriday Hazarika (10 Metre Air Rifle), Saurabh Chaudhary (10 metre air pistol), Vijayveer Sindhu (25 meter standard pistol)

🔑 Women - Elavenil Valarivan (10 Metre Air Rifle), Vishva Jignesh Dahiya (25 meter standard pistol), Manu Bhaker (10 metre air pistol)

🔑 Team -

🔑 Men - 10 metre air rifle, 50 metre pistol, 10 metre air pistol, 25 meter standard pistol, 25 meter pistol

🔑 Women - 50 metre pistol, 25 meter standard pistol

🔑 Mixd Team - 10 metre air pistol (Saurabh Chaudhary / Devanshi Rana), 100 Metre air rifle (Elavenil Valarivan / Divyansh Singh Panwar)

85. ▶ Inaugural National Para Games, on lines of National Games for able-bodied athletes, will be held under Khelo India Scheme in June-July 2018 in Bengaluru (Karnataka). Games will be held for age group of 16 to 40 in 10 disciplines - *para athletics, badminton, chess, blind judo, para powerlifting, shooting para-sport, para-swimming, table tennis, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair fencing.*

86. ▶ India B won 45th Deodhar Cricket Trophy 2018 by defeating Karnataka in Dharamsala (Himachal Pradesh).

87. ▶ India Open International Boxing Tournament 2018 held in Delhi -

🔑 India won 10 medals (Including 6 gold) at event, including one by noted Boxer Mary Kom.

88. ▶ India Open badminton 2018 (Held in New Delhi)-

🔑 Men's Singles - Shi Yuqi (China)

🔑 Women's Singles - Beiwen Zhang (USA), Defeating India's P V Sindhu

🔑 Men's Doubles - Indonesia's Marcus Fernaldi Gideon AND Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia)

🔑 Women's Doubles - Indonesia's Greysia Polii AND Apriyani Rahayu

🔑 Mixed Doubles - Denmark's Mathias Christiansen AND Christinna Pedersen

89. ▶ India Under-16 Football team won Jockey Cup International Youth Invitational Football Tournament in Hong Kong, defeating Hong Kong.

90. ▶ India Women Cricketer Smriti Mandhana became first Indian player to appear in Kia Super League (women's cricket super league in England).

91. ▶ India at Miscellaneous Sports Events (Feb 2018) -


🔑 Indian boxers won 10 medals, including 5 gold, at the Asian Games Test event in Jakarta, Indonesia.

92. ▶ India defeated Australia to win its 4th Under 19 Cricket World cup Title, held in New Zealand.

93. ▶ India won First ever IBSF Snooker Team World Cup title by defeating Pakistan in Doha (Qatar). Indian team comprised of Pankaj Advani and Manan Chandra.

94. ▶ India won Hero Nidhaas Cricket Tri Series by defeating Bangladesh, in Sri Lanka.

🔑 Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) also released a book titled *A Tribute to Jagu*, On occasion of 70th independence of Sri Lanka. It was a tribute to former BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya.

95. ▶ India won Intercontinental Cup football title by defeating Kenya by 2-0 in Mumbai. India's Sunil Chhetri became joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentina's Lionel Messi with his 64th strike. Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo is top active scorer with 85 Goals so far.
96. ▶ India won Kabaddi Masters Dubai tournament in Dubai (UAE), Beating Iran in Final.
97. ▶ India's gymnast Dipa Karmakar won gold medal in vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin (Turkey). BJP proposed Dipa Karmakar as brand ambassador of state.
98. ▶ Indian Badminton Player Parupalli Kashyap won his first international title as Austrian Open International Challenge badminton tournament, by defeating Malaysia's June Wei Cheam.
99. ▶ Indian Boxer Neeraj Goyat has been conferred with *WBC Asia Boxer of the Year Award*. He is current WBC Asia champion in welterweight category.
100. ▶ Indian Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni reached milestone of playing 500 international matches, playing 497 international matches for India and 3 matches for Asia. He is ninth player to achieve this, apart from two more Indians - Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid. Also, Rohit Sharma became first Indian to hit 3 centuries in T20I cricket, after he recently hit one against England.
101. ▶ Indian Cricketers Virat Kohli and Mithali Raj respectively were named as Wisden's leading male cricketer and standout female cricketer of the year. England's Female Cricketers Heather Knight, Anya Shrubsole and Natalie Sciver are also named among Wisden's five cricketers of the year.
102. ▶ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) signed *Edelweiss Financial Services* as sponsor of Indian team for 2018 Commonwealth Games, 2018 Asian Games and 2020 Olympic Games and National Games 2018 and 2019.
103. ▶ Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen won gold medal in Badminton Asia Junior Championship in Jakarta (Indonesia), defeating Indonesia's Kunlavut Vitidsarn. He is 2nd Indian to get this title since Gautam Thakkar's gold back in 1965.
104. ▶ Indian badminton player Sourabh Verma won Russian Open Badminton trophy at Vladivostok, defeating Japan's Koki Watanabe. In Mixed Doubles, Rohan Kapoor and Kuhoo Garg, lost against Russian-Korean team of Vladimir Ivanov and Min Kyung Kim.
105. ▶ Indian chess player Viswanathan Anand won Tal Memorial rapid chess title in Moscow (Russia), defeating Boris Gelfand of Israel.
106. ▶ Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan became first Indian to score a century before lunch on first day of a test match, against Afghanistan. He is 6th batsman in world to achieve this feat.
107. ▶ Indian shooter Shahzar Rizvi grabbed number one spot in 10m air pistol rankings by ISSF. He won silver in recent World Cup in Changwon (South Korea).
108. ▶ Indian squash player Dipika Pallikal has been appointed as Asia's representative in Athletes Advisory Commission of Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).
109. ▶ Indian tennis' Player Leander Paes became most successful doubles player in history of Davis Cup, after he won his record 43rd title along with Rohan Bopanna.
110. ▶ Indian women cricketer Jhulan Goswami became first woman in world to take 200 wickets in ODI cricket.
111. ▶ India's Saurav Ghosal jumped to No 14 to become highest ranked Indian in Professional Squash Association (PSA) rankings.
112. ▶ India's Shubhankar Sharma won Maybank Golf Championship (USA) as his 2nd victory on both Asian Tour and European Tour, after his recent win in Joburg Open. With This, Shubhankar is also named as best Indian golfer in world, grabbing 72nd position in Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR).
113. ▶ International Cricket Council (ICC) announced its Future Tours Programme (FTP) for 2018-2023, which includes World Test Championship and a 13-team ODI league. ICC World Test Championship will be held in July of 2019 to June 2021. Test championship will involve 9 teams playing 3 home and 3 away series.
114. ▶ International Cricket Council (ICC) approved granting International status to all Twenty20 matches between Member Nations. It is a part of wider strategic aim of using the T20 format to globalize the game. All Member women's teams will be awarded T20I status on 1 July 2018, whilst all Member men's teams will be awarded T20I status on 1 January 2019.
115. ▶ International Cricket Council (ICC) inducted former Rahul Dravid (India), Ricky Ponting (Australia) and English Female cricketer Claire Taylor into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. Dravid became 5th Indian to be named in Hall of Fame, after Bishan Singh Bedi, Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar and Anil Kumble.
116. ▶ International Olympic Committee (IOC) added 7 medal events to 2022 Beijing Winter Games, with addition of women's monobob, Big Air freestyle skiing for men and women, plus mixed team events in short track speed skating, ski jumping, ski aerials and snowboard cross.
117. ▶ International Olympic Committee (IOC) restored Russia's Olympic membership following its suspension from 2018 Winter Olympics at Pyeongchang in South Korea.
118. ▶ International Shooting Sport Federation ISSF World Cup 2018 Leg 1 (Guadalajara Mexico) -
 India topped medal tally, with 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 bronze medals (Total 9).

🎯 Gold - Shahzar Rizvi (Men's 10m air pistol), Manu Bhaker (Women's 10m air pistol), Manu Bhaker And Om Prakash Mitharval (10m air pistol mixed team). Akhil Sheoran (men's 50m rifle 3 position).

🎯 Silver - Anjum Moudgil (Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions).

119. ▶ International Shooting Sport Federation ISSF World Cup 2018 Leg 2 (Changwon, South Korea) -

🎯 India could win 1 Silver medal at ISSF WC Leg 2, won by Shahzar Rizvi in 10 metre men's air pistol.

🎯 In ISSF World Cup 2018 Leg 1 in Guadalajara (Mexico), India topped medal tally with 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 bronze medals (9 Medals).

🎯 India's Total Medal Tally in ISSF WC 2018 stands at 10 Medals, as of now. Medal Tally after Leg 2 looks like -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	6	4	2	12
2	United States	5	1	3	9
3	India	4	2	4	10
4	Russia	3	2	0	5
5	Finland	2	0	1	3

120. ▶ International Shooting Sport Federation ISSF World Cup 2018 Leg 3 and Leg 4 (In Fort Benning (USA) and Munich (Germany) Respectively) -

🎯 India Could Not win a medal in Leg 3 and Leg 4 of ISSF World Cup 2018.

🎯 India's Total Medal Tally in ISSF WC 2018 stands at 10 Medals, as of now. Medal Tally after Leg 4 looks like -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	13	14	9	36
2	United States	5	1	3	9
3	India	4	2	4	10
4	Russia	4	2	0	6
5	Ukraine	3	0	1	4

121. ▶ Iraq will host West Asia Football Federation championship in Basra in November 2018, after FIFA recently lifted a three-decade ban on Iraq hosting international football.

122. ▶ Italian Open Tennis 2018 (also known as Rome Masters) -

🎯 Men's Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)

🎯 Women's Singles - Elina Svitolina (Ukraine)

🎯 Men's Doubles - Colombia's Juan Sebastián Cabal AND Robert Farah

🎯 Women's Doubles Ashleigh Barty (Australia) AND Demi Schuurs (Netherlands)

123. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) appointed Cricketer Irfan Pathan as coach-cum-mentor for 2018-19 season.

124. ▶ July 07 - International Day of Cooperatives (IDC). 2018 theme is *Sustainable societies through cooperation*. It is also known as World Chocolate Day.

125. ▶ KL Rahul has been named *Cricketer of the Year* in 6th edition of Wisden India Almanack. Shantha Rangaswamy has been inducted into the Wisden India Hall of Fame.

126. ▶ Kagiso Rabada Named South Africa's Cricketer Of The Year, for 2nd time. He is also named ODI and Test Cricketer of the Year.

127. ▶ Karnataka won Vijay Hazare Trophy ODI tournament for 3rd time, defeating Saurashtra.

128. ▶ Karnataka's Kishan Gangolli won 13th National 'A' Chess Championship for blind in Mumbai, becoming champion for 5th consecutive time.

129. ▶ Kerala won their sixth Santosh Trophy Football title, defeating Bengal.

130. ▶ Kidambi Srikanth became first Indian male badminton player to attain world number 1 ranking, since Prakash Padukone in 1980s.

131. ▶ Lagos International Badminton 2018 -

🎯 Men's Singles - Misha Zilberman (Israel)

🎯 Women's Singles - Ksenia Polikarpova (Israel)

🎯 Men's doubles - India's Mannu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy

🎯 Women's doubles - India's Kuhoo Garg and Ria Mukherjee

🎯 Mixed doubles - India's Manu Attri and Manisha

132. ▶ Laureus World Sports Awards 2018 -

- ✎ Sportsman of the Year AND Comeback of the year - Swiss Tennis star Roger Federer. With this, He became most decorated winner ever in Laureus World Sports Awards (total 6 awards).
- ✎ Sportswoman of the Year - Serena Williams (USA). She is now most decorated female Laureus Award winner with five Laureus statuettes.
- ✎ Breakthrough of the Year - Golfer Sergio Garcia (Spain).
- ✎ Team of the Year - British F1 Team Mercedes AMG Petronas.
- ✎ Action Sportsperson of the Year - French sailor Armel Le Cléac'h.
- ✎ World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability - Swiss wheelchair racer Marcel Hug.
- ✎ Lifetime Achievement Award - American former track and field athlete Edwin Moses.

133. ▶ Long time Rivals North and South Korea will field a unified team for semi-finals of world Table Tennis championships to be held in Halmstad (Sweden). It was decided after a recent meet between two nations to ease up tensions.

134. ▶ MS Dhoni became fastest wicketkeeper-batsman and third fastest Indian to score 10,000 runs in ODI cricket, achieving it in 273 innings.

135. ▶ Mario Abdo Benítez has been elected as New president of South American Nation Paraguay.

136. ▶ Mercedes's British driver Lewis Hamilton won Formula 1 French Grand Prix 2018 -

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137. ▶ Mercedes's Racer Lewis Hamilton (England) won F1 German Grand Prix -

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138. ▶ Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton won Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix 2018 -

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139. ▶ Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton won the Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2018.

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140.  Miami Open Tennis 2018 (USA) -


 Men's Singles - John Isner (USA)

 Women's Singles - Sloane Stephens (USA)

 Men's Doubles - Mike Bryan (USA), Bob Bryan (USA)

 Women's Doubles - CoCo Vandeweghe (USA), Ashleigh Barty (Australia)


141.  Mike Hesson (New Zealand), Belinda Clark (Australia), and Kyle Coetzer (Scotland) have been appointed to International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket Committee.

142.  Minerva Punjab FC beat Churchill Brothers FC to win their I-League Football title in Panchkula (Haryana).

143.  Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Rajyavardhan Rathore approved revision of pension to meritorious Sportspersons. New Rates are -

Category	Pension Amount
Medallist at Olympic/Para-Olympic Games	20000
Gold medallist at World Cup/World Championship (in Olympic/Asian Games disciplines)	16000
Silver/Bronze medallist at World Cup/World Championship (in Olympics / Asian Games disciplines)	14000
Gold medallist in Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games	
Silver and Bronze medallist in Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games	12000

144.  Misc. Sporting Events (July 2018) -

 India's Bajrang Punia won Gold in 65kg Category in United World Wrestling's Tbilisi Grand Prix (Georgia Capital), defeating Iranian wrestler Mehran Nasiri. Also, India's Deepak Punia won bronze medal in 86kg category, defeating Turkey's Osman Gocen.

 NADA gave 4 year suspension to shot putter Inderjeet Singh for testing positive for anabolic steroids in a dope test before 2016 Rio Olympics.

- 🇮🇳 India won 3 silver and 1 bronze to finish joint third with Iran in Asia Cup World Ranking Tournament Stage 3 in Taipei. Korea topped tally with 8 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze, followed by hosts Taipei.
- 🇮🇳 Noted Portuguese Footballer Cristiano Ronaldo left Spanish club Real Madrid after 9 years, joining Italian club Juventus in a reported £105-million (INR 956 crores) four-year deal.
- 🇮🇳 India's INS Tarangini arrived Sunderland (UK), during its #Lokayan-18 voyage. It also participated in prestigious 'tall ship races – 2018'.
- 🇮🇳 Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan won women's air rifle gold medal in 28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes junior international championship in Plzen (Czech Republic).
- 🇮🇳 Indian Badminton Player Ajay Jayaram finished runners-up at White Nights International Challenge in Gatchina (Russia).
- 🇮🇳 Golfer Rishi Narain won Indian Golf Union's 48th annual All India Seniors Golf Championship.
- 🇮🇳 India's javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won gold medal in Sotteville Athletics meet (France), covering distance of 85.17 meters. He also won gold medal in Savo Games in Lapinlahti (Finland).
- 🇮🇳 Alisson Becker of Brazil became World's most expensive goalkeeper, while transferring clubs from Italy's Roma to England's Liverpool for a record £56 million. Noted Portuguese player Cristiano Ronaldo also changed from Real Madrid (Spain) to Juventus (Italy).
- 🇮🇳 Indian Golfer Shubhankar Sharma became youngest Indian golfer to make cut in any major after he capped a wonderful back nine at 147th Open Championships at Carnoustie (Scotland).
- 🇮🇳 India won 8 medals in Junior Asian Wrestling Championship concluded in New Delhi., comprising of 2 gold (Sachin Rathi, Deepak Punia), 3 silver and 3 bronze.
- 🇮🇳 Indian sprinter Muhammed Anas Yahiya broke his own national record to win 400 metres race at Cena Noveho Mesta nad Metuji meet in Czech Republic, with time of 45.24 seconds.
- 🇮🇳 Fakhar Zaman became first Pakistani cricketer to score a double century in ODIs, after hitting one against Zimbabwe. He also became quickest player in history to reach 1,000 runs in ODIs, taking 18 innings.
- 🇮🇳 Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat won gold at Spanish Grand Prix in Madrid, defeating Canada's Natasha Fox.
- 🇮🇳 India won 17 medals to finish at top in 36th Golden Glove of Vojvodina youth boxing tournament in Subotica (Serbia), including 7 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 bronze. Russia was 2nd with 11 medals.
- 🇮🇳 Indian team won 4 silver and 5 bronze medals at 7th World Junior Wushu Championships in Brasilia (Brazil).
- 🇮🇳 Vancouver Knights won Inaugural 2018 Global T20 Canada Cricket Tournament. Six teams took part in it.
- 🇮🇳 Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk became first man to hold all four world cruiserweight titles, after he beat Russia's Murat Gassiev.
- 🇮🇳 BCCI Include 9 More teams in Ranji Trophy Cricket competition for 2018-19 season, now with 37 teams.
- 🇮🇳 28th Meeting of Shooting Hopes junior International Championship held in Pilsen (Czech Republic).
 - 🇮🇳 India won 27 medals (11 Gold, 9 Silver, 7 Bronze)
 - 🇮🇳 Manu Bhaker won her 9th International Gold medal in 1 year.
- 🇮🇳 Asian Cup for Cadets & Junior Judo Championships 2018 held in Macau. Indian Cadet and Junior Judo Teams have won 15 medals (4 Gold, 2 Silver and 9 Bronze medals).
- 🇮🇳 India Cricketer Virat Kohli presented with International Player of the Year award 2017-2018 by England's Popular Cricket Fan Club Barmy Army.
- 🇮🇳 Indian women's compound archery team became world rank one side in category, ahead of Chinese Taipei team.
- 🇮🇳 Yasar Dogu International Wrestling in Istanbul (Turkey) -
 - 🇮🇳 India won 10 medals, with Bajrang Punia and Pinki winning Gold. Women won 7 medals.
- 🇮🇳 15th National Youth Athletics Championships held in Vadodara (Gujarat).
- 🇮🇳 Kathleen Baker (US) has set a world record of 58 sec to win 100m backstroke at US swimming championships. She has got past 58.10 record set by Canadian Kylie Masse at World Championships in Budapest in July 2017.
- 🇮🇳 India won 15 medals (including 2 gold) at Jordan Junior and Cadet Open. Gold was won by Suhana Saini and Deepit Patil & Dev Shroff (Doubles).
- 🇮🇳 International Army Games 2018 held at Patriot Park in Moscow (Russia).
- 🇮🇳 American Golfer Dustin Johnson won 2018 RBC Canadian Open Golf Championship.
- 🇮🇳 Noted Former Indian Cricketer Kapil Dev is selected in national golf team to take part in 2018 Asia-Pacific Senior Amateur Championships to be held in October in Japan.
- 🇮🇳 All five Indian participants won gold medals at 49th International Physics Olympiad held in Portugal.
- 🇮🇳 International Cricket Council organised the 'Sano Cricket Curry Festival' in Japanese city of Sano to promote cricket in Japan.

145. ▶ Misc. Sporting Events (June 2018) -

- ▶ Ariya Jutanugarn (Thailand) won 73rd US Women's Open, becoming first player from Thailand to win a US Women's Open title.
- ▶ Long distance runner Gavit Murali Kumar bagged a gold in men's 10,000m race at Gouden Spike meeting in Leiden (Netherlands). He also became second fastest Indian in this event, 2nd only to Surendra Singh, who holds national record of 28:02.89.
- ▶ India's Simran Singhi and Ritika Thaker win Mauritius Open Badminton title 2018.
- ▶ Indian boxers won 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals at Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in Russian city of Kaspiysk.
 - ▶ Gold - Saweety Boora in Women's 75 kg category, beating Anna Anfinogenova (Russia).
 - ▶ Silver - Brijesh Yadav (men's 81 kg) and Virender Kumar (91 kgs).
- ▶ Indian swimmer Sandeep Sejwal won gold medal in men's 50m breaststroke event at Singapore National Swimming Championships in Singapore.
- ▶ India's R Pragganandhaa become country's youngest and world's second youngest Grand Master at age of 12 years and 10 months, after reaching the final round of Grenadine Open in Italy.
- ▶ Indian Tennis Player Karman Kaur Thandi won first singles title on ITF Pro circuit at Hong Kong ITF Tournament.
- ▶ 18th KSS Memorial Shooting Championships held in New Delhi.
- ▶ Ulaanbaatar Cup boxing tournament 2018 held in Mongolia. India won total 9 medals, including a Gold by Mandeep Jangra (69kg).
- ▶ Chemistry World Cup of Olympic Boxing 2018 held in Halle (Germany), conducted in 10 Weight Categories. Cuba topped medal tally by winning 9 medals in total. India won 6 medals (2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals). India's Gaurav Solanki (52kg) defeated Cuba's Jorge Alejandro Merencio and won a gold medal.
- ▶ Sprinter Dutee Chand has set a new national record in women's 100-metre race, when she clocked 11.29 seconds at 58th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships in Guwahati (Assam).
- ▶ 45th Glenmark Junior and 35th Sub Junior National Aquatic Championships held in Pune, (Maharashtra).
- ▶ 12th Tunis International Meeting organized by National Paralympic Committee of Tunisia. Iran won total 23 medals. India's Amit Kumar Saroha wins gold at World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in men's club throw F51 event.

146. ▶ Misc. Sporting Events (May 2018) -

- ▶ Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) conducted 3rd All India Invitational Blind Football Tournament in Kochi (Kerala).
- ▶ India finished on top in 3rd South Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Colombo (Sri Lanka), with 20 gold, 22 silver and 8 bronze medals (50 Medals).
- ▶ India's javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra finished 4th in IAAF Diamond League at in Doha (Qatar). Neeraj Chopra bettered his previous national record mark of 86.48 metres, with a throw of 87.43 metres. Germany's Thomas Rohler won gold medal with throw of 91.78 metres.
- ▶ Shooters Gagan Narang and Pooja Ghatkar won silver in mixed event at Grand Prix of Liberation international shooting competition in Pilsen (Czech Republic).
- ▶ Indian judokas won 3 medals at Asian Cadet Judo Championships 2018 in Beirut (Lebanon) - Gold - Rohini S Mohite AND Thanjam Tababi Devi, Bronze - Harish.
- ▶ Indian U-16 football team won Four-Nation Tournament held in Serbia, defeating Tajikistan. Tournament was played by India, Serbia, Tajikistan and Jordan.
- ▶ Indian shooter Heena Sidhu won gold medal in 10-meter air pistol category of international shooting competition of Hannover (Germany).
- ▶ Swiss Tennis Star Roger Federer became oldest world number one male tennis player for 2nd time in his career. He regained top rank after Rafael Nadal lost in Madrid Open quarter-final.
- ▶ Bala Prasath won Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship in Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu).
- ▶ Srinath Narayanan won LIC 3rd Kolkata Open International Grandmasters Chess Tournament.
- ▶ Indian Shooter Tejaswini Sawant won gold in Munich Grand Prix (Germany).
- ▶ Table tennis player Manika Batra and weightlifter Mirabai Chanu signed multi-year agreements with sports management firm IOS.
- ▶ A mountain biking race, touted to be world's highest, at over 17,000 feet across 330 km will be held in June 2018 in North Sikkim. The themes for the race are 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' and 'Secure Himalayas'.

147. ▶ Misc. Sports Events (April 2018) -

- ▶ 17th Sub-junior National Wushu Championships held in Jammu.
- ▶ India defeated Bangladesh to win fifth South East Asian Women Handball Championship, in Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).
- ▶ India's Selena Selvakumar and Shreya Shivakumar won 2 bronze medals at 2018 Ivory Coast Junior and Cadet Open Table Tennis Tournament in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire).

- 8th South Asian Judo Championships held in Lalitpur (Nepal). India won 10 Gold medals and stayed on top. India won all 7 Gold medals in Women's events and men won 4 Gold medals. Next South Asian Judo Championships will be held in Bangladesh.
 - 16th Federation Cup Junior National athletics championships held at Coimbatore (Tamilnadu). This meet will serve as selections trials for 18th Asian Junior Athletic Meet to be held at Gifu (Japan) in June.
 - Asian Armwrestling Championships and Para Armwrestling Championships 2018 held in Kazakhstan. India's Differently-abled Indian arm wrestler Shrimant Jha won a bronze medal in 80kg senior category.
 - India will host Asian Weightlifting Championship in 2019.
 - India's CA Bhavani Devi won silver medal in sabre event of Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship in Reykjavik (Iceland).
 - 56th Belgrade International Boxing Championship held at Belgrade in Serbia. Indian boxers won 3 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze medals.
148. ▶ Misc. Sports Events (Mar 2018) -
- Ayyasamy Dharun broke men's 400m hurdles national record and qualified for Commonwealth Games Gold Coast 2018 (Australia). He timed 49.94 Secs for this record.
 - Tejaswin Shankar broke his own national record to claim high jump gold at 22nd Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships. Shankar jumped 2.28m to beat his own previous national mark of 2.26m.
 - Maharashtra women's team won interstate national tennis championship 2018 in Chhattisgarh, organised by Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association (CSTA).
 - Indian para-athlete Deepa Malik won gold medal in F-53/54 category javelin event at World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai. She became Asian rank one in F-53 category.
 - Bishworjit Singh and Samira Abraham won gold medals in the men's and women's categories of the senior National triathlon championship held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
 - India's Purva Barve won women's singles (Under-19) title at Israel Junior badminton tournament 2018.
 - India's Sanjivani Jadhav won bronze in women's 8km cross country race in 14th Asian Cross Country Championship at Guiyang in China.
149. ▶ Mithali Raj become first Indian Female Cricketer to score 2000 runs in T20I cricket.
150. ▶ Monterrey Open Women's Tennis 2018 (Mexico) -
- Women's singles - Garbiñe Muguruza (Spain)
 - Women's doubles - Naomi Broady (United Kingdom) & Sara Sorribes Tormo (Spain)
151. ▶ Mumbai Football Arena will host inaugural edition of 4 nation Intercontinental Cup to be held in June 2018 and will see participation of South Africa, New Zealand and Chinese Taipei.
152. ▶ Nepal gained one-day international status for first time, after winning over Papua New Guinea during World Cup Qualifiers in Zimbabwe. Nepal will now join three other teams - Scotland, Netherlands and UAE with temporary ODI status until 2022.
153. ▶ New Zealand Cricketer Amelia Kerr created a world record in women's ODI cricket by scoring an unbeaten 232 runs (145 Balls) in a match against Ireland in Dublin.
154. ▶ Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) is appointed as official partner for Hockey Men's World Cup 2018 to be held in November - December at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. India will host Hockey WC for 3rd time.
155. ▶ Odisha government will sponsor Indian National Hockey teams for next 5 years, along with upcoming Men's Hockey World Cup in November - December 2018 in Kalinga Stadium (Bhubaneswar).
156. ▶ Odisha will host Senior National Table Tennis Championships after 12 years, as 80th Championship will be held in Cuttack.
157. ▶ Pankaj Advani won Asian Billiards Championships title by defeating B Bhaskar, in Yangon, Myanmar. India's Ameer Kamani won Asian Women's Snooker title by defeating her Thai opponent Siripaporn Nuanthakhamjan.
158. ▶ Para-swimmer Prasanta Karmakar has been suspended for 3 years by Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) due to code of conduct violations.
159. ▶ Portuguese Footballer Cristiano Ronaldo became first player in UEFA Champions League history to score 100 goals for a single club (Real Madrid).
160. ▶ Punjab won 8th men's National hockey championships, defeating Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, in Lucknow (UP).
161. ▶ Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) won 8th Senior National Women's Hockey Championship, defeating Madhya Pradesh in Ranchi.
162. ▶ Rani Rampal is named as captain of India's 18-member squad for women's hockey World Cup to be played in London in July 2018.
163. ▶ Real Madrid won 2017 - 18 UEFA Champions League Football by defeating Liverpool in Kiev (Ukraine).
164. ▶ Red Bull's Belgian-Dutch driver Max Verstappen won Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix 2018 -

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165. ▶ Red Bull's Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo won Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix 2018 -

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166. ▶ Red Bull's Australian Racer Daniel Ricciardo won Chinese Grand Prix 2018.

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167. ▶ Reigning Ranji Trophy champions Vidarbha won Irani Cricket Cup beating Rest of India.

168. ▶ Sharmila Nicollet become first Indian golfer to qualify for China Ladies PGA Tour.

169. ▶ Shikhar Dhawan became first Indian cricketer to score a century in his 100th One-day International.

170. ▶ South Korea won 5th Women's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy, Defeating defending champions India in Donghae City (South Korea).

171. ▶ Sports Authority of India cleared 734 players for a scholarship programme under Khelo India Talent Identification Development scheme, with 1.2 lakh stipend for selected trainees. Talent spotting and age verification of the selected players has been driven by trusted method through TW3.

172. ▶ Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore stated that name of Sports Authority of India will be changed to Sports India.

173. ▶ Sports Ministry granted a financial assistance (for Medical purpose) of 5 Lakh to Manipuri Fencer Kalambia Chanu, from Pandit DeenDayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportsperson (PDUNWFS).

174. ▶ Sports and Youth Affairs Ministry included entire Men's Hockey team of India under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), being first instance of an entire team made as beneficiary of scheme. 18 team members will be provided with monthly allowance of Rs. 50,000 each under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).

175. ▶ Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament at Sofia in Bulgaria -

 India won 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze Medals.

🏅 Gold - Amit Panghal (defeated Morocco's Said Mordaji in 49 KG Category), Vikas Krishan (won gold in 75 kg category, was also adjudged best boxer of event).

🏅 Silver - Mary Kom (48kg), Seema Poonia (81kg).

176. ▶ Swiss Tennis Ace and Twenty Grand slams winner, Roger Federer became oldest world number one, after he defeated his Dutch opponent Robin Haase in Rotterdam at the ABN Amro World Tennis Tournament.

177. ▶ Tamil Nadu won Senior Women's National Football Championship for the first time, defeating Manipur in Cuttack (Odisha).

178. ▶ Thailand Open Badminton 2018 -

🏅 Men's Singles - Kanta Tsuneyama (Japan)

🏅 Women's Singles - Nozomi Okuhara (Japan), defeated PV Sindhu (India)

🏅 Men's Doubles - Japan's Takeshi Kamura AND Keigo Sonoda

🏅 Women's Doubles - Indonesia's Greysia Polii AND Apriyani Rahayu

🏅 Mixed Doubles - Indonesia's Hafiz Faisal AND Gloria Emanuelle Widjaja

179. ▶ Tim Paine and Aaron Finch have been appointed as Australia Cricket Team's new ODI and T20 captains respectively.

180. ▶ To set a Guinness World record for ice hockey on highest altitude, an international level tournament was organized at a new ice hockey rink at height of 4371 meters, at Chiba Kargyam in Ladakh (Jammu and Kashmir).

181. ▶ Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games committee announced that 2 futuristic figures, inspired by anime, have been chosen as mascots for the mega sporting event, aimed at boosting children's participation in Games. Mascots will be launched in late 2018.

182. ▶ Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee officially launched its Olympic mascots *Miraitowa* and *Someity*.

🏅 Blue-checked *Miraitowa* is derived from a combination of Japanese words for future and eternity and seeks.

🏅 Pink-checked Paralympic mascot *Someity* owes its name to a type of cherry tree blossom and exhibits enormous mental and physical strength.

183. ▶ US defeated Belgium in 4th Quidditch World Cup 2018 final to win their 3rd title, Hosted by Italy. Quidditch is a game mentioned in JK Rowling's Harry Potter books.

184. ▶ USA's Christian Coleman broke 20 year old world record of Maurice Greene in 60 metres sprint with 6.34 seconds timing, at US Indoor National Championships in Albuquerque.

185. ▶ USA, Mexico and Canada chosen as hosts of 2026 FIFA Football World Cup.

🏅 2026 FIFA World Cup will be 23rd FIFA World Cup. It will be jointly hosted by 16 cities in USA (60 Matches), Canada (10 Matches) and Mexico (10 Matches). 2026 World Cup will also see the tournament expanded from 32 to 48 teams.

🏅 2022 FIFA World Cup will be hosted by Qatar, with 32 teams participating.

186. ▶ Virat Kohli became first batsman to score 500 runs in a bilateral ODI series, after he scored the same during ODI series against South Africa. Kohli also became 2nd batsman (After AB De Villiers) to cross 900-point mark concurrently in Tests & ODIs. Also, Bhuvneshwar Kumar became first Indian bowler to take 5 wicket hauls in all three formats in international cricket.

187. ▶ Wimbledon 2018 Tennis Championships, London (UK) -

🏅 Men's Singles - Novak Djokovic (Serbia), defeating Kevin Anderson (South Africa). Djokovic won his 4th Wimbledon title and overall his 13th Grand Slam Title.

🏅 Women's Singles - Angelique Kerber (Germany), defeating Serena Williams (USA). It was Angelique Kerber's 1st Wimbledon and overall her 3rd Grand Slam win.

🏅 Men's Doubles - USA's Mike Bryan AND Jack Sock

🏅 Women's Doubles - Czech Republic's Barbora Krejčíková AND Kateřina Siniaková

🏅 Mixed Doubles - Alexander Peya (Austria) AND Nicole Melichar (USA)

🏅 Boys' Singles - Tseng Chun-hsin (Chinese Taipei)

🏅 Girls' Singles - Iga Świątek (Poland)

188. ▶ Wimbledon officials announced increase of £50,000 for 2018 men's and women's singles champions, to receive £2.25 million as Prize Money This year. It has boosted overall prize money total to £34 million this year.

189. ▶ Winter Paralympics 2018 (Pyeongchang, South Korea) -

🏅 569 Athletes from 49 Nations participated in 80 Events in 6 sports. No Indian para-athlete participated in these games.

🏅 Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States	13	15	8	36
2	Neutral Paralympic Athletes	8	10	6	24
3	Canada	8	4	16	28

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4	France	7	8	5	20
5	Germany	7	8	4	19
6	Ukraine	7	7	8	22
7	Slovakia	6	4	1	11
8	Belarus	4	4	4	12
9	Japan	3	4	3	10
10	Netherlands	3	3	1	7

190. ▶ With 69 Doping cases, India is ranked joint-sixth (with Russia) in World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)'s report of number of doping violations in 2016. India improved after being joint-third for from 2013 to 2015. Italy topped drug cases in 2016, followed by France (86), USA (76).

191. ▶ World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) suspended Romania's drug-testing laboratory for six months, due to several non-conformities with regulations.

192. ▶ World Junior Squash Championships 2018 (Chennai, India) -

✎ Egypt beat England to win World Junior squash team title.

✎ Czech Republic and USA finished third and secured the bronze medal. Host India finished 11th overall.

193. ▶ XXI (21st) Commonwealth Games 2018, Held at Gold Coast, Queensland Country (Australia) -

✎ About -

✎ Motto - Share theDream.

✎ 4426 Athletes from 71 Commonwealth Nations participated in 275 Events of 19 sports.

✎ Borobi is Official mascot of 2018 Commonwealth Games. Borobi is a blue koala, with indigenous markings on its body.

✎ Medal Tally -

Rank	CGA	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Australia	80	59	59	198
2	England	45	45	46	136
3	India	26	20	20	66
4	Canada	15	40	27	82
5	New Zealand	15	16	15	46
6	South Africa	13	11	13	37
7	Wales	10	12	14	36
8	Scotland	9	13	22	44
9	Nigeria	9	9	6	24
10	Cyprus	8	1	5	14

✎ India at CWG 2018 -

✎ PV Sindhu was flag-bearer of Indian contingent for opening ceremony.

✎ India Finished 3rd with 66 Medals (26 Gold, 20 Silver and 20 Bronze), better than 5th Place India had in 2014 CWG Games in Glasgow (Scotland) with 64 Medals (15 G, 30 S, 19 B).

✎ Indian Gold Medalists at CWG 2018 -

✎ Saikhom Mirabai Chanu - **Weightlifting** Women's 48 kg

✎ Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu - **Weightlifting** Women's 53 kg

✎ Sathish Sivalingam - **Weightlifting** Men's 77 kg

✎ Ragala Venkat Rahul - **Weightlifting** Men's 85 kg

✎ Punam Yadav - **Weightlifting** Women's 69 kg

✎ Manu Bhaker - **Shooting** Women's 10 metre air pistol

✎ Table tennis Women's team (Manika Batra, Mouma Das, Sutirtha Mukherjee, Madhurika Patkar, Pooja Sahasrabudhe)

✎ Jitu Rai - **Shooting** Men's 10 metre air pistol

✎ Table tennis Men's team (Sharath Achanta, Anthony Amalraj, Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty, Sathiyam Gnanasekaran)

✎ Badminton Mixed team (Pranav Chopra, Prannoy Kumar, Saina Nehwal, Ashwini Ponnappa, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Sikki Reddy, Chirag Shetty, Gadde Ruthvika, Shivani, P V Sindhu, Kidambi Srikanth)

✎ Heena Sidhu - **Shooting** Women's 25 metre pistol

✎ Shreyasi Singh - **Shooting** Women's double trap

✎ Rahul Aware - **Wrestling** Men's freestyle 57 kg

✎ Sushil Kumar - **Wrestling** Men's freestyle 74 kg

- 🏹 Tejaswini Sawant - **Shooting** Women's 50m rifle 3 positions
- 🏹 Anish Bhanwala - **Shooting** Men's 25 metre rapid fire pistol
- 🏹 Bajrang Punia - **Wrestling** Men's freestyle 65 kg
- 🏹 Mary Kom - **Boxing** Women's light flyweight 48 kg
- 🏹 Sanjeev Rajput - **Shooting** Men's 50m rifle 3 positions
- 🏹 Gaurav Solanki - **Boxing** Men's flyweight 52 kg
- 🏹 Neeraj Chopra - **Athletics** Men's javelin throw
- 🏹 Sumit Malik - **Wrestling** Men's freestyle 125 kg
- 🏹 Vinesh Phogat - **Wrestling** Women's freestyle 50 kg
- 🏹 Manika Batra - **Table tennis** Women's singles
- 🏹 Vikas Krishan Yadav - **Boxing** Men's middleweight 75 kg
- 🏹 Saina Nehwal - **Badminton** Women's singles (Beating India's P V Sindhu)

194. ▶ Zimbabwe Cricket council appointed 56 year old former Indian Cricketer Lalchand Rajput as interim head coach of Zimbabwe.

195. ▶ Zimbabwe Cricket sacked its entire coaching staff and removed Graeme Cremer as captain after their failure to qualify for the 2019 World Cup. Note that ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 Qualifier was recently held in Zimbabwe. 10 teams participated in it and it was won by Afghanistan. West Indies (WINDIES) was other finalist team. AFG and WIN qualified for ICC Cricket World cup 2019 to be held in England and Wales.

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