



Current Affairs - August to October 2018

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Sports

- ▶ 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 (London (England)) -
 - Netherlands won the title for record 8th time, defeating Ireland in Final by 6-0.
 - Kitty van Male (Netherlands) was Top Goal Scooper with 8 Goals, while Netherlands' Lidewij Welten was named best player.
 - Spain won 3rd place, defeating Australia to claim their first ever World Cup medal.
 - India finished 8th in 16 Teams Tournament.
- ▶ International Olympics Committee (IOC) picked its first African host of any Olympics, by awarding 2022 Youth Games Hosting to Senegal will host youth games in 3 places - Dakar, A new city of Diamniadio and coastal resort of Saly.
- ▶ 1st North East Olympic Games 2018 held at Main Stadium Khuman Lampak Sports Complex in Imphal (Manipur) -
 - Games included 12 disciplines: Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Judo, Karate-Do, Shooting, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Weightlifting and Wushu.
 - Manipur crowned as the overall champions, with 159 medals (80 Gold, 48 Silver and 31 Bronze). Assam came second with 140 medals. Arunachal Pradesh finished third with 76 medals.
 - 2nd edition of North East Olympic Games will be held in Arunachal Pradesh in 2019.
- ▶ 2018 AIBA Youth Women's & Men's World Championships in Budapest (Hungary).
 - 359 boxers from 65 countries participated. Mascot was Hungarian Grey bull and cow
 - Indian Winners:
 - Gold -Nitu (Women's Light Fly 45-48kg), Sakshi (Women's Feather 54-57kg)
 - Silver - Anamika (Women's Fly 48-51kg), Manisha (Women's Light Welter 64kg)
 - Bronze - Bhavesh Kattimani (Men's Fly 49-52kg), Ankit (Women's Light - 60kg), Jony (Women's Light 57-60kg), Pahwa A (Women's Middle 69-75kg), Gaidhani S (Women's Light Heavy 81kg), Yadav N (Women's Heavy +81kg)
 - Awards:
 - Best Men Boxer - Dzhambulat Bizhamov (Russia - 69KG)
 - Best Women Boxer - Charlie Cavanagh (Canada - 69KG)
 - Best Team - Team Russia
 - Fair Play Award - Team Hungary
- ▶ 2018 ATP Shenzhen Open Men's (Tennis) in Shenzhen (China) -
 - Singles - Yoshihito Nishioka (Japan)
 - Doubles - Ben McLachlan (Japan) and Joe Salisbury (United Kingdom)
- ▶ 2018 Asian Games -
 - Facts -
 - It was 18th edition of Asian Games, hosted by Jakarta and Palembang (Indonesia).
 - 11720 Athletes from 45 Nations participated in 465 events of 40 sports.
 - Official Mascots were named Bhin Bhin, Atung and Kaka, representing Eastern, Central, and Western regions of Indonesia respectively.
 - Next, 19th edition of Asian Games will be hosted by Hangzhou (China), in 2022.

- Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee named Most Valuable player in 18th Asian Games, after she had won 6 medals which is the most for a female athlete at a single Game. She will get a trophy and a cheque for \$50,000. She became the fourth Japanese athlete to win the award since its inception at the 1998 Bangkok Games, and first female athlete to be given this title.

Medal Table -

Rank	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	132	92	65	289
2	Japan	75	56	74	205
3	South Korea	49	58	70	177
4	Indonesia	31	24	43	98
5	Uzbekistan	21	24	25	70
8	India	15	24	30	69

India at 2018 Asian Games -

- 570 Indian athletes participated in 36 sports.
- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was flag bearer for Indian contingent at opening ceremony of Asian Games 2018. Indian women hockey captain Rani Rampal was India's flag-bearer for Closing Ceremony.
- It was India's best ever performance in terms of total medal tally. In terms of gold medal tally, India match its best performance at the inaugural 1951 Games in New Delhi.
- Delhi Government announced enhance in prize money for medalists -
 - Gold - 1 crore (earlier 20 lakh)
 - Silver - 75 lakh (earlier 14 lakh)
 - Bronze - 50 lakh (earlier Rs 10 lakh).
 - Trainers of medal winners to get 6 lakh (earlier Rs 3 lakh).
- As per official provisions, pensions of medalists are -

Category	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	12000
Silver and Bronze medallist in Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games	12000

Some facts and notable points -

- PV Sindhu became the first badminton player to win silver in Asian Games, after she lost to Tai Tzu-Ying (Taiwan).
- Rahi Sarnobat became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in shooting at the Asian Games.
- Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian woman wrestler to win a gold medal at the Asian Games.
- Swapna Barman gave India its first-ever Asiad gold in women's heptathlon event.
- Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian javelin thrower to win an Asiad gold.
- Fouaad Mirza became the first Indian to win an Asian Games individual equestrian medal since 1982.
- India also won its first medal in sepaktakraw at the 18th Asian Games.
- India's first medal in Kurash came through Malaprabha Yallapa Jadav.
- Saina Nehwal winning bronze in Badminton, after losing to Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei in women's singles semifinals.

Indian Gold Medalists (15 Medals) -

Athletics - 7

- Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Men's shot put) - *It was India's first gold in Athletics at 2018 Asian Games.*
- Neeraj Chopra (Men's javelin throw) - *First Indian javelin thrower to win an Asiad gold. With this, he also set up a national record.*
- Manjit Singh (Men's 800 metres)
- Arpinder Singh (Men's triple jump) - *He ended India's 48-year wait for a gold medal in men's triple jump event at Asian Games. It was an Indian medal in men's triple jump, after 36 years.*
- Swapna Barman (Women's heptathlon) - *India's first-ever Asiad gold in women's heptathlon event.*
- Jinson Johnson (Men's 1500 metres)

🇮🇳 M. R. Poovamma, Saritaben Gaikwad, Hima Das, Vismaya (Women's 4 x 400 m relay)

🇮🇳 Boxing - 1

🇮🇳 Amit Panghal (Light flyweight (49 kg))

🇮🇳 Bridge - 1

🇮🇳 Pranab Bardhan, Shibhnath Sarkar (Men's pair)

🇮🇳 Rowing - 1

🇮🇳 Sawarn Singh Dattu, Baban Bhokanal, Om Prakash, Sukhmeet Singh (Men's quadruple sculls)

🇮🇳 Shooting - 2

🇮🇳 Saurabh Chaudhary (Men's 10 metre air pistol)

🇮🇳 Rahi Sarnobat (Women's 25 metre pistol) - *She became first Indian woman to win a gold medal in shooting at the Asian Games.*

🇮🇳 Lawn tennis - 1

🇮🇳 Rohan Bopa

🇮🇳 nna, Divij Sharan (Men's doubles)

🇮🇳 Wrestling - 2

🇮🇳 Bajrang Punia (Men's freestyle 65 kg)

🇮🇳 Vinesh Phogat (Women's freestyle 50 kg)

🇮🇳 **India's Silver Medalists -**

🇮🇳 Shooting -

🇮🇳 Deepak Kumar (Men's 10 metre air rifle)

🇮🇳 Lakshay Sheoran (Men's trap)

🇮🇳 Sanjeev Rajput (Men's 50 metre rifle three positions)

🇮🇳 Shardul Vihan (Men's double trap)

🇮🇳 Kabaddi -

🇮🇳 Women's kabaddi (Lost to Iran).

🇮🇳 Equestrian -

🇮🇳 Fouaad Mirza (Individual eventing)

🇮🇳 Team eventing

🇮🇳 Athletics -

🇮🇳 Hima Das (Women's 400 metres)

🇮🇳 Muhammed Anas (Men's 400 metres)

🇮🇳 Dutee Chand (Women's 100 metres)

🇮🇳 Dharun Ayyasamy (Men's 400 metres hurdles)

🇮🇳 Sudha Singh (Women's 3000 metres steeplechase)

🇮🇳 Neena Varakil (Women's long jump)

🇮🇳 Jinson Johnson (Men's 800 metres)

🇮🇳 Rajiv Arokia, Muhammed Anas, Hima Das, M. R. Poovamma (Mixed 4 x 400 metres relay)

🇮🇳 Dutee Chand (Women's 200 metres)

🇮🇳 Dharun Ayyasamy, Kunhu Mohammed, Rajiv Arokia, Muhammed Anas (Men's 4 x 400 m relay)

🇮🇳 Archery -

🇮🇳 Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan, Aman Saini (Men's team compound)

🇮🇳 Muskan Kirar, Madhumita Kumari, Jyothi Surekha Vennam (Women's team compound)

🇮🇳 Badminton -

🇮🇳 P. V. Sindhu (Women's singles)

🇮🇳 Kurash -

🇮🇳 Pincky Balhara (Women's 52 kg)

🇮🇳 Sailing -

🇮🇳 Shweta Shervegar, Varsha Gautham (49er FX women)

🇮🇳 Hockey -

🇮🇳 Women's hockey team





🇮🇳 Squash -

 Dipika Pallikal, Joshna Chinappa, Tanvi Khanna, Sunayna Kuruvilla (Women's team)

7. ▶ 2018 China Open (Tennis) -

-  Men's Singles - Nikoloz Basilashvili (Georgia)
-  Women's Singles - Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark)
-  Men's Doubles - Łukasz Kubot (Poland) AND Marcelo Melo (Brazil)
-  Women's Doubles - Czech Republic's Andrea Sestini Hlaváčková AND Barbora Strýcová





8. ▶ 2018 China Open Badminton -

-  Men's Singles - Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia)
-  Women's Singles - Carolina Marín (Spain)
-  Men's Doubles - Denmark's Kim Astrup AND Anders Skaarup Rasmussen
-  Women's Doubles - Japan's Misaki Matsutomo AND Ayaka Takahashi
-  Mixed Doubles - China's Zheng Siwei AND Huang Yaqiong

9. ▶ 2018 Cincinnati Masters Tennis 2018 (Also called Western & Southern Open) -

-  Men's Singles - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
-  Women's Singles - Kiki Bertens (Netherlands)
-  Men's Doubles - Jamie Murray (United Kingdom) AND Bruno Soares (Brazil)
-  Women's Doubles - Lucie Hradecká (Czech Republic) AND Ekaterina Makarova (Russia)

10. ▶ 2018 Hyundai Archery World Cup Final held in Samsun, Turkey.

-  South Korea topped the medal tally with: 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medals. Turkey stayed at 2nd.
-  India won 3 medals - 1 silver and 2 bronze.
 -  Silver - Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha
 -  Bronze - Abhishek Verma AND Deepika Kumari

11. ▶ 2018 Los Cabos Men's Tennis Open -

-  Singles - Fabio Fognini (Italy)
-  Doubles - Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) AND Miguel Ángel Reyes-Varela (Mexico)



12. ▶ 2018 Rogers Cup Tennis (Toronto (Canada)) -

-  Men's Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)
-  Women's Singles - Simona Halep (Romania)
-  Men's Doubles - Henri Kontinen (Finland) AND John Peers (Australia)
-  Women's Doubles - Ashleigh Barty (Australia) AND Demi Schuurs (Netherlands)

13. ▶ 2018 Shanghai Rolex Masters Men's tennis Title -

-  Singles - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
-  Doubles - Łukasz Kubot (Poland) AND Marcelo Melo (Brazil)

14. ▶ 2018 Tianjin Open Women's Tennis (China) -



-  Singles - Caroline Garcia (France)
-  Doubles - Nicole Melichar (USA) AND Květa Peschke (Czech Republic)

15. ▶ 2018 World Wrestling Championships in Budapest (Hungary)



 Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Russia	10	1	2	13
2	Japan	5	1	4	10
3	United States	4	3	5	12
4	Turkey	1	4	4	9
5	Azerbaijan	1	2	2	5

 India at 2018 Wrestling World Championships -

-  Ranked 19 (Jointly with Uzbekistan), India could Manage 2 Medals (1 Silver and 1 Bronze).
-  Pooja Dhanda won a bronze medal in women's freestyle 57kg weight. Bajrang Punia won silver after he went down against Japan's Takuto Otoguro in 65kg final.

16. ▶ 2018 Youth Olympic Games (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

-  It was 3rd edition of Youth Olympic Games, that began with 2010 (Singapore) and 2014 (Nanjing, China).
-  3997 Athletes from 206 Nations participated in 239 Events of 32 sports.

Mascot was *Pandi*, a young Yaguareté (A southamerican animal very similar to Jaguar).

Next, 2022 Youth Olympic Games will be hosted by Dakar (Senegal). It will be first ever hosting of any Olympic Games by an African Nation.

Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Russia	29	18	12	59
2	China	18	9	9	36
3	Japan	15	12	12	39
—	Mixed-NOCs	13	13	13	39
4	Hungary	12	7	5	24
5	Italy	11	10	13	34

India at 2018 Summer Youth Olympics -

With Total 13 Medals (2 Gold, 9 Silver, 1 Bronze), India was ranked 17th. It was India's Best performance in Youth Olympics So far. India won 8 Medals in 2010 and 2 in 2014, wit No Gold in either of first two.

Indian Medallists -

Gold -

Jeremy Lalrinnunga - Weightlifting (Boys 62 kg)

Manu Bhaker - Shooting (Girls' 10 metre air pistol) (She also won a silver in International Mixed event, mixing up with Tajikistan's Behzan Fayzuallev)

Saurabh Chaudhary - Shooting Boys (10 metre air pistol)

Silver -

Tushar Mane - Shooting Boys' 10 metre air rifle

Tababi Devi - Judo Girls' 44 kg

Mehuli Ghosh - Shooting Girls' 10 metre air rifle

Lakshya Sen - Badminton Boys' singles

Simran - Wrestling Girl's freestyle 43 kg

Men's hockey team (*Lost to Malaysia*)

Women's hockey team (*Lost to Argentina*)

Suraj Panwar - Athletics Boys' 5 km walk

Akash Malik - Archery Boys' individual

Bronze -

Praveen Chitravel - Athletics Boys' triple jump

17. ▶ 2019 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships will be held in North Korean capital Pyongyang.

18. ▶ 36th National Games will be held in Goa in March - April 2019.

19. ▶ 52nd ISSF World Shooting Championships held in Changwon (South Korea) -

This also served as first qualification for 2020 Summer Olympics.

India at the Games -

In Senior - India won total 7 Medals (2 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze), ranked 9th.

In Junior - India won total 20 Medals (2 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze), ranked 2nd.

India with 27 medals was overall (senior + junior) ranked 3, after China (43 medals) and South Korea (36 medals).

Shahzar Rizvi claimed India's first medal at ISSF World Cup 2018, winning 10m air pistol silver.

Indian Gold Medalists -

Senior -

50 m pistol (Om Prakash Mitharwal)

Double trap (Ankur Mittal)

Junior -

10 m air rifle (Hriday Hazarika)

10 m air pistol (Saurabh Chaudhary)

25 m pistol (Udhayveer Sidhu)

25 m standard pistol (Vijayveer Sidhu)

50 m pistol (Arjun Singh Cheema)

- 🔨 25 m standard pistol team (Vijayveer Sidhu, Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu, Adarsh Singh)
- 🔨 25 m pistol team (Udhayveer Sidhu, Vijayveer Sidhu, Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu)
- 🔨 50 m pistol team (Arjun Singh Cheema, Gaurav Rana, Anmol)
- 🔨 10 m air rifle Women team (Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agrawal, Manini Kaushik)

🔨 Medal table -

🔨 Senior -

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2	Russia	8	8	10	26
3	South Korea	7	5	8	20
4	Germany	6	6	3	15
5	Sweden	4	2	3	9
9	India	2	4	1	7

🔨 Junior -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	11	6	5	22
2	India	9	5	6	20
3	Italy	5	1	3	9
4	South Korea	4	9	3	16
5	Norway	2	0	1	3

20. ▶ A friendly Football match played between India and China in Suzhou (China), as first time in 21 years, after Nehru Cup in Kochi in 1997. Sandesh Jhingan was captain of Indian team for the Match. The game ended in a Draw at 0-0.

21. ▶ Asian Para Games 2018 (Jakarta, Indonesia)-

- 🔨 2762 Athletes from 43 Nations participated in 512 Events in 18 sports.
- 🔨 Official mascot was a Bondol eagle named Momo (short for motivation and mobility).
- 🔨 India ranked 9th with total 72 Medals. It was India's best ever show in Asian Para Games.

🔨 Medal Table -

Rank	NPC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China (CHN)	172	88	59	319
2	South Korea (KOR)	53	45	46	144
3	Iran (IRI)	51	42	43	136
4	Japan (JPN)	45	70	83	198
5	Indonesia (INA)	37	47	51	135
6	Uzbekistan (UZB)	35	24	18	77
7	Thailand (THA)	23	33	50	106
8	Malaysia (MAS)	17	26	25	68
9	India (IND)	15	24	33	72
10	Hong Kong (HKG)	11	16	21	48

22. ▶ Badminton World Championships 2018, Held at Nanjing (China). -

- 🔨 India's P V Sindhu finished second best in Women;s Singles, becoming only Indian to have four world championships podium finishes.
- 🔨 Men's singles - Kento Momota (Japan), defeating China's Shi Yuqi. He became first Japanese man to win it.
- 🔨 Women's singles - Carolina Marin (Spain) won by defeating India's P V Sindhu.
- 🔨 Men's doubles - Chinese pair of Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen
- 🔨 Women's doubles - Japanese pair of Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara.
- 🔨 Mixed doubles - Chinese pair of Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong.
- 🔨 Mascot of Event was *Yu Bao*.

23. ▶ CERN(world's largest physics laboratory) has discovered two new particles, as well as hints of another new particle, in high-energy proton collisions at 27-km-long Large Hadron Collider. The particles belong to the same family of protons called baryons.

24. ▶ Denmark Open Badminton 2018 -

- 🔨 Men's Singles - Kento Momota (Japan)
- 🔨 Women's Singles - Tai Tzu-ying (Chinese Taipei), **defeating Saina Nehwal (India)**
- 🔨 Men's Doubles - Indonesia's Marcus Fernaldi Gideon AND Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo

 Women's Doubles - Japan's Yuki Fukushima AND Sayaka Hirota

 Mixed Doubles - China's Zheng Siwei AND Huang Yaqiong

25. ▶ FIFA took temporary control over the Uruguayan Football Association (AUF) due to governance issues.

26. ▶ Ferrari's Racer Sebastian Vettel (Germany) won F1 Belgian Grand Prix -

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21	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	25 November	

27. ▶ Ferrari's Racer Kimi Raikkonen (Finland) won F1 USA Grand Prix -

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28. ▶ For first time in history of FIFA international football team rankings, two teams are sharing top spot after World Cup 2018 semi-finalists Belgium joined World Cup winners France Jointly at top of rankings.
29. ▶ Forbes' List Of Highest Paid Female Athletes 2018 -
- ▶ American Tennis Player Serena Williams (with earnings of \$18.1 million) is highest paid female athlete for 3rd consecutive year.
 - ▶ Top 3 -
 - ▶ Serena Williams (\$18.1 million) (American Tennis Player)
 - ▶ Dane Caroline Wozniacki (\$13 million) (Danish Tennis Player)
 - ▶ Sloane Stephens (\$11.2 million) (American tennis player)
 - ▶ Indian badminton player P.V. Sindhu ranked at 7th place with earnings of \$8.5 million.
30. ▶ Former India Cricketer Anil Kumble's Tech startup Spektacom Technologies launched the *Power Bat*, powered by Microsoft's Azure Cloud platform and its Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) services. Star India is broadcasting partner.
- ▶ Power Bat will provide real-time data on a player's performance based on parameters like speed of the ball on impact, twist on impact and quality of the shot.
 - ▶ In a live match, when the batsman hits the ball, data is captured in a new unit of measurement called Power Speks.
31. ▶ France Football magazine announced that, a women's Ballon d'Or will be awarded for first time in 2018, to be presented on 8 December 2018 in Paris (France).
- ▶ Ballon d'Or is awarded annually for men since 1956.
32. ▶ Germany will host UEFA 2024 European Championship, as Germany's first major football championship hosting since World Cup 2006. 24 national teams will play in 10 German cities.
33. ▶ Great Britain won 2018 Sultan of Johor Hockey Cup, defeating India. It was hosted by Malaysia.
34. ▶ India Blue won 2017-18 Duleep Cricket Trophy by defeating India Red, in Dindigul (Tamilnadu).
35. ▶ India and Pakistan declared joint winners of Men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy at Muscat in Oman, after summit clash was called off due to heavy rain.
36. ▶ India defeated Bangladesh to win Unimoni Asia Cup Cricket Championship 2018, held in UAE. This was India's seventh Asia Cup Title.
37. ▶ India won South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-15 Women's Football Championship, held in Thimpu (Bhutan), by defeating Bangladesh.
38. ▶ Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami became first bowler in women's cricket to pick 300 international wickets. Also, Mithali Raj went past England's Charlotte Edwards as most-capped captain in women's ODIs with her 118th appearance.
39. ▶ Indian sprinter Hima Das was appointed as Sports Ambassador of Assam.
- ▶ She was 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. She is nicknamed 'Dhing Express' after her village in Assam.
40. ▶ Indian tennis Player Leander Paes won his second Challenger-level title of season, winning Santo Domingo Open trophy (Dominican Republic) with partner Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela.
41. ▶ International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced that Madrid (Spain) would host the first 2 new-format Davis Cup Tennis finals in 2019 and 2020. It will engage 18 countries at one place for a week at the end of tennis season. Kosmos will spend \$3 billion over 25 years on revamped 118-year-old Davis Cup.
42. ▶ Japan Open Badminton 2018 -
- ▶ Men's Singles - Kento Momota (Japan)
 - ▶ Women's Singles - Carolina Marin (Spain)
 - ▶ Men's Doubles - Indonesia's Marcus Fernaldi Gideon AND Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo

 Women's Doubles - Japan's Yuki Fukushima AND Sayaka Hirota

 Mixed Doubles - China's Zheng Siwei AND Huang Yaqing

43. ▶ Japan will host 2019 edition of 4th International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Relays, in May 2019. This will serve as a qualifier for world championships taking place in Doha in September and October 2019.

44. ▶ Japan won its first FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup title, held in France. Japan defeated Spain in final.

 England held 3rd place while France stayed 4th.

 Patricia Guijarro (Spain) named as Best Player.

45. ▶ Laver cup Tennis 2018 (Chicago, United States)-

 Its an indoor hard court men's tennis tournament between two teams - Team Europe and Team World. It was founded in 2017.

 Team Europe successfully defended their title, winning the tournament 13–8.

46. ▶ Maldives won 2018 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup 2018, defeating India. It was hosted by Bangladesh.

47. ▶ Manipur won 24th Senior Women's National football championships in Cuttack (Odisha). Manipur secured their 19th title win after beating Odisha.

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52.  Misc. Sporting Events (August 2018) -


-  10-year-old swimmer Clark Kent Apuada (USA) has broke a record held by Noted Olympian Swimmer Michael Phelps, completing 100-meter butterfly in 1:09:38, ahead of Phelps' record that he set in 1995 (with 1:10.48 timing).
-  Kliment Kolesnikov of Russia created a world record for 50 metres backstroke swimming, as he won European Championship in Glasgow (Scotland). He recorded 24 seconds and broke previous record by 0.04 seconds.
-  Indian Chess Player Vaibhav Suri beat Prithu Gupta and won Biel Masters Chess title in Switzerland.
-  Indian Golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar won his first European Tour title at Fiji International.
-  Indian Cricketer Virat Kohli became fastest captain to reach 7000 international runs. Kohli also featured at top in latest ICC Test Rankings. Also, Nepalese cricketer Rohit Kumar Paudel (aged 15 years) became 4th youngest debutant in men's ODI cricket.
-  Karman Kaur Thandi became 6th Indian to rank among top 200th in WTA (Women's Tennis Association) list, after Ankita Raina, Sania Mirza, Nirupama Vaidyanathan, Shikha Uberoi and Sunitha Rao.
-  India's under-20 Football team won a game against traditionally strong Argentina tea by 2-1, during COTIF Cup in Spain. Also, under-16 team football of India defeated under-16 champions team of Iraq in West Asian Football Federation Cup in Amman (Jordan).
-  India's Swastika Ghosh won bronze medal in junior girls' doubles along with Singapore's Jingyi Zhou in 2018 Hang Seng Hong Kong Junior and Cadet Open, in Hong Kong.
-  Tokyo 2020 (Japan) will be first Olympics to use facial recognition technology to increase security around all venues. It will use IC chips within identification cards to automatically verify identity of those entering over 40 sporting venues.
-  Indian-American student Avi Goel won world championship at International Geography Bee's junior varsity division held in Berlin (Germany).
-  Saudi Arabia's Mosaad Aldossary won FIFA eWorld Cup held at O2 Arena in London (Britain).
-  English cricketer James Anderson became first player to take 100 wickets at Lord's, achieving it during second Test against India.

- 🔑 Indian golfer Viraj Madappa became youngest Indian to win on Asian Tour, after winning his first title on Asian Tour at Take Solutions Masters in Bengaluru (Karnataka).
 - 🔑 Indian cricketer Virat Kohli stayed at top spot in list of highest run scorers in international cricket in 2018.
 - 🔑 Indian cyclist Esow Alben won India's maiden medal in track cycling at world level, after he won silver medal in Men's Keirin event of UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships held in Aigle (Switzerland).
 - 🔑 New Delhi will host Combined ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup to be held before 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
 - 🔑 14 years old Nihal Sarin became India's 53rd Chess Grandmaster after winning at Abu Dhabi Masters. Also, Vaishali R (17 years), became India's latest Woman Grandmaster (WGM) after earning her third and final WGM norm at Riga Technical University Open at Latvia.
 - 🔑 India's Para Athlete Divyesh Sondagar won 2 Gold medals in World Cerebral Palsy Games in Barcelona (Spain).
 - 🔑 Pakistani fast bowler Mohammad Irfan set the world record for the most economical four-over bowling figures in history of T20 cricket, when he conceded just 1 run in 4 overs spell, with 23 dot balls.
53. ▶ Misc. Sporting Events (September 2018) -
- 🔑 Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela became first set of Indian shooters to secure quota places for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
 - 🔑 Indian shuttlers Anoushka Parikh, Saurabh Sharma AND Krishna Prasad Garaga, Dhruv Kapila won mixed doubles and men's doubles title respectively, at RSL Kharkiv International challenge in Kharkiv (Ukraine).
 - 🔑 Man Kaur, 102-year-old Indian athlete won 200m race in 100-104 age group category at World Masters Athletics Championships in Spain. Last year, Man Kaur won 100m gold at World Masters Games at Auckland (New Zealand).
 - 🔑 Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge set a new marathon world record in Berlin (Germany), smashing previous best as he clocked 2 hours 1 minute 39 second.
 - 🔑 Simranjit Kaur (64kg), Monika (48 kg) and Bhagyabati Kachari (81 kg) claimed gold medals at Ahmet Comert Tournament in Istanbul (Turkey).
 - 🔑 Indian boxing champion M C Mary Kom won her 3rd gold medal of 2018 in 48 kg category, while Jyoti Gulia picked up gold in 51 kg of youth category of Silesian Open boxing Tournament for women in Gliwice (Poland).
 - 🔑 Medved International Wrestling tournament held in Minsk (Belarus). India's Sakshi Malik won silver in 62 kg category. India's Pooja Dhanda won a Bronze medal in 57 kg category.
 - 🔑 Mahendra Singh become 2nd most capped player for India in international cricket as he played his 505th match for India, in Asia Cup 2018 against Pakistan. Dhoni overtook Rahul Dravid as 2nd most capped player for India.
 - 🔑 India won silver medal after losing to Pakistan in final of Asian Team Snooker Championships, in Doha (Qatar).
 - 🔑 Junior World wrestling championships held in Trnava (Slovakia), with India winning total 7 Medals (Silver - 4, Bronze - 3).
 - 🔑 5th Track Asia Cup Cycling championships held in New Delhi. India topped medal tally with 6 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals. It was followed by Indonesia in 2nd place and Hong Kong in third.
 - 🔑 Serbia Junior and Cadet Open (table tennis) held in Belgrade (Serbia).
 - 🔑 Cadet boys singles title was won by India's Payas Jain. Junior girls also won team title.
 - 🔑 Cadet boys team event title won by India's Payas Jain and Vishwa Deenadayalan.
 - 🔑 Silver medal was won by India B team - Divyansh Srivastava and Aadarsh Om Chhetri.
 - 🔑 Blind chess player Vaishali Narendra Salavkar became first Indian female to be part of the International Braille Chess Association (IBCA) team at world chess Olympiad held in Batumi (Georgia).
 - 🔑 58th National Open athletics championships held at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar (Odisha).
 - 🔑 India's Yuvraj Wadhvani won 25th Asian junior individual squash championship title, by beating Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan. It was held in Chennai. Also, in Under 15, Arnav Sareen settled for runner-up spot.
 - 🔑 8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship organised by Asian Yoga Federation in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).
54. ▶ New Kabaddi Federation of India (NKFI) launched Indo International Premier Kabaddi League, to start on 26 January 2019.
- 🔑 Winner will be awarded a cash prize of Rs 1.25 crore, with Over 1000 players participating.
 - 🔑 League will have 8 teams, Each team having 2 to 3 international players.
55. ▶ Odisha for First time will Organize 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup, which will be the 14th edition of tournament. It will be organized in November - December 2018, at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.
56. ▶ Odisha government launched 'Oolly', official mascot of 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup, aimed at raising awareness about conservation of Olive Ridley turtle. 2018 Men's Hockey WC is to be hosted at Kalinga Stadium (Bhubaneswar) in Nov - Dec 2018.
57. ▶ Parijat Urja Chakra and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) organized a special campaign at Fatehgarh village of Ambala in Haryana, to create awareness about the ill effects of crop residue burning and management.

58. ▶ Professional Boxer Canelo Alvarez 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. Under it, Alvarez will participate in 11 fights starting December 2018. Previous richest contract was 13-year, \$325-million deal signed by New York Yankees' Giancarlo Stanton in 2014.
59. ▶ Red Bull's Racer Max Verstappen (Netherlands) won F1 Mexican Grand Prix -
- ✎ With this, Mercedes's Racer Lewis Hamilton (UK) won his 5th F1 world title.
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60. ▶ Romanian Female tennis player Simona Halep became 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.
61. ▶ September 25 - Antyodaya Divas. It marks birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
62. ▶ Sport Australia Hall of Fame announced cricketering great Richie Benaud, who died in April 2015, as 40th Legend of Australian Sport. He is third cricketer behind Sir Donald Bradman and Keith Miller to be given Legend status.
63. ▶ The Best FIFA Football Awards 2018 (London) -
- ✎ Best FIFA Men's Player - Luka Modrić (Croatia)
 - ✎ Best FIFA Goalkeeper - Thibaut Courtois (Belgium)
 - ✎ Best FIFA Men's Coach - Didier Deschamps (France)
 - ✎ Best FIFA Women's Player - Marta (Brazil)
 - ✎ Best FIFA Women's Coach - Reynald Pedros (Lyon)
 - ✎ FIFA Fair Play Award - Lennart (Germany), Missed an Eredivisie match to donate stem cells to a leukemia patient
 - ✎ FIFA Puskás Award (Best Goal) - Mohamed Salah (Egypt), Plays for Liverpool FC. Won for his goal in 2017–18 Premier League.
64. ▶ Triple jumper Arpinder Singh became first Indian to win a medal in IAAF Continental Cup 2018 held in Ostrava (Czech Republic), after winning bronze. He was representing the Asia-Pacific team.
- ✎ IAAF Continental Cup (formerly known as IAAF World Cup) is an international athletics competition. It is the only world cup contested by teams representing entire continents, rather than just those of individual countries.

 In 2018, first Athletics World Cup was held in London (UK). It is not related to original IAAF Continental Cup, and latter continues to be held.

65. ▶ UAE will host upcoming Asia Cup Cricket T20 Tournament 2018. 6 Asian Teams will participate in it.

66. ▶ US Open Tennis 2018 -

 Men's Singles - Novak Djokovic (Serbia), defeating Juan Martín del Potro (Argentina). It was 14th Grand Slam Title for Djokovic, and his 3rd US Open title.

 Women's Singles - Naomi Osaka (Japan), Defeating Serena Williams (USA).

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

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

 Mixed Doubles - Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) AND Jamie Murray (UK)

67. ▶ Women's Boxing World Championships, to be hosted by India after more than a decade, in November 2018 in New Delhi.

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