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Sports

- ▶ 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 ATP Shenzhen Open Men's (Tennis) in Shenzhen (China) -
 - ▶ Singles - Yoshihito Nishioka (Japan)
 - ▶ Doubles - Ben McLachlan (Japan) and Joe Salisbury (United Kingdom)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup -
 - ▶ It was 14th edition of the tournament, hosted by India at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar (Odisha).
 - ▶ 16 teams participated in the event.
 - ▶ Belgium won the Title, as their first Hockey World Cup title. They defeated Netherlands in Final. Australia were ranked at Third place.
 - ▶ India ranked 6th and were eliminated in Quarter finals, after a defeat by Netherlands.
 - ▶ Arthur Van Doren (Belgium) was named as Best Player of tournament. Australia's Blake Govers and Belgium's Alexander Hendrickx scored most number of goals (7).
 - ▶ Team of Spain was given Fair Play award.
 - ▶ Mascot was Turtle 'Olly', representing Olive Ridley turtles which are an endangered species.
- ▶ 2018 Rolex Paris Masters Tennis Title -
 - ▶ Singles - Karen Khachanov (Russia)
 - ▶ Doubles - Rajeev Ram (USA) AND Marcel Granollers (Spain)
- ▶ 2018 Shanghai Rolex Masters Men's tennis Title -

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

9. ▶ 2018 Tianjin Open Women's Tennis (China) -

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

10. ▶ 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.

11. ▶ 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 Yagouareté (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

12. ▶ 34th National Junior Athletics Championships 2018 held in Ranchi (Jharkhand).
13. ▶ 36th National Games will be held in Goa in March - April 2019.
14. ▶ 8th Asian Shotgun Championship held in Kuwait. Angad Vir Singh Bajwa won gold medal by setting world record score in men's skeet final. He became first Indian skeet shooter to win continental or world level event.
15. ▶ 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.
16. ▶ Alexander Zverev (Germany) won ATP World Tour finals in London, defeating Novak Djokovic (Serbia). He became first player to beat both Djokovic and Federer in same ATP Finals.
17. ▶ Argentina Footballer Lionel Messi named La Liga Player of the Year for 6th time. England player Bobby Robson received FIFA's fair play award, while presidential award for contributions to football and society went to Jordan's Queen Rania.
18. ▶ Asian Cricket Council (ACC) approved Pakistan as hosts of 2020 Asia cup.
19. ▶ 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

20. ▶ Australia won ICC Women's World Twenty20 Cricket title, defeating England . This is Australia's 4th title win at Women's World T20 in 6 editions of the tournament. West Indies hosted the event.
21. ▶ Croatia defeated France to 2018 Davis Cup Tennis Tournament, as 2nd title for Croatia.
22. ▶ Czech Republic won 2018 Fed Cup Tennis Trophy for 6th time in eight years, defeating defending champion USA.
23. ▶ 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 Sukumuljo
 - ▶ Women's Doubles - Japan's Yuki Fukushima AND Sayaka Hirota
 - ▶ Mixed Doubles - China's Zheng Siwei AND Huang Yaqiong
24. ▶ Ferrari's Racer Kimi Raikkonen (Finland) won F1 USA Grand Prix -
 - ▶ 2018 Formula 1 (F1) Calendar -

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25. ▶ Former Australian Cricketer Ricky Ponting formally inducted into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ Former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid formally inducted into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame, as 5th Indian to receive this honour. The other four Indians are Bishan Singh Bedi, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev and Anil Kumble.
28. ▶ Fuzhou China Badminton Open 2018 -
- 🔧 Men's Singles - Kento Momota (Japan)
 - 🔧 Women's Singles - Chen Yufei (China)
 - 🔧 Men's Doubles - Marcus Fernaldi Gideon Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia)
 - 🔧 Women's Doubles - Lee So-hee, Shin Seung-chan (South Korea)
29. ▶ Great Britain won 2018 Sultan of Johor Hockey Cup, defeating India. It was hosted by Malaysia.
30. ▶ Hong Kong Badminton Open 2018 -
- 🔧 Men's Singles - Son Wan-ho (South Korea)
 - 🔧 Women's Singles - Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
 - 🔧 Men's Doubles - Indonesia's Marcus Fernaldi Gideon AND Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo
 - 🔧 Women's Doubles - Japan's Yuki Fukushima AND Sayaka Hirota
 - 🔧 Mixed Doubles - Japan's Yuta Watanabe AND Arisa Higashino
31. ▶ Hungarian capital Budapest confirmed as host city of 2023 International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Championships. Upcoming hosts are - Qatar in 2019 and Eugene (USA) in 2021.
32. ▶ 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.
33. ▶ Indian Premier League franchise Delhi Daredevils renamed as Delhi Capitals ahead of the 2019 Indian Premier League season.
34. ▶ 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.
35. ▶ India's Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi won doubles title at Taipei Open Women's Tennis 2018. In final, they defeated Russian pair of Olga Doroshina and Natela Dzalamidze. This marks first WTA title for an Indian since Sania Mirza, success came on WTA Tour and Grand Slam stage.
- 🔧 In Singles, Thailand's Luksika Kumkhum won by defeating Sabine Lisicki (Germany).
36. ▶ India's Badminton Player Lakshya Sen won bronze medal in BWF World junior badminton championship at Markham (Canada). He was defeated by Thailand's Vitidsarn.
- 🔧 Boys' Singles title was won by Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand), while Girls' Singles title won by Goh Jin Wei (Malaysia).
37. ▶ India's Sameer Verma won Syed Modi India Grand Prix Gold badminton title 2018 in men's singles category, held In Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh). He defeated China's Lu Guangzu. Women's singles title won by China's Han Yue, defeating India's Saina Nehwal.

38. ▶ India's junior shooters won total 11 medals (4 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze), at 11th Asian Air Gun championships held in Kuwait City (Kuwait).
39. ▶ International Cricket Council (ICC) renamed ICC World T20 as ICC T20 World Cup. Next edition of events in 2020 in Australia will be known as ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 and ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020.
40. ▶ 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.
41. ▶ Manipur won 24th Senior Women's National football championships in Cuttack (Odisha). Manipur secured their 19th title win after beating Odisha.
42. ▶ Mercedes Racer Lewis Hamilton (UK) won Abu Dhabi Grand Prix -

 Also, Lewis Hamilton (UK) earlier won F1 Season 2018, as his 5th F1 world title.

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43. ▶ Mercedes Racer Lewis Hamilton (UK) won Brazilian Grand Prix -

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44. ▶ Mercedes's Racer Lewis Hamilton (UK) won F1 Japanese Grand Prix -

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45. ▶ Mercedes's Racer Lewis Hamilton (UK) won F1 Russian Grand Prix -

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46. ▶ Netherlands won its seventh Women's Hockey Champions Trophy, held in Changzhou (China), defeating Australia.
47. ▶ Norway's Magnus Carlsen retained his title as World Chess Champion beating US opponent Fabiano Caruana, at World Chess Championships in London (UK).
48. ▶ Odisha government launched 'Olly', 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.
49. ▶ PV Sindhu became first Indian Badminton Player to win BWF World Tour Finals tournament in Guangzhou (China), the season-ending Tournament. She defeated Nozomi Okuhara (Japan). Total Prize of Championship is USD 1500000. Winners of BWF World Tour 2018 -

Category	Winner	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Shi Yuqi (China)	Kento Momota (Japan)
Women's Singles	P. V. Sindhu (India)	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
Men's Doubles	Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen (China)	Hiroiyuki Endo and Yuta Watanabe (Japan)
Women's Doubles	Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi (Japan)	Lee So-hee and Shin Seung-chan (South Korea)
Mixed Doubles	Wang Yili and Huang Dongping (China)	Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong (China)

50. ▶ Professional Boxer Canelo Alvarez signed he 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.
51. ▶ 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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52. ▶ 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.

53. ▶ Sport Australia Hall of Fame announced cricketing 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.

54. ▶ Tata Open Badminton 2018 (Mumbai) -

🎨 Men's Singles - Lakshya Sen (India)

🎨 Women's Singles - Ashmita Chaliha (India)

🎨 Men's Doubles - Arjun M.R., B. Sumeeth Reddy (India)

🎨 Women's Doubles - Ng Wing Yung, Yeung Nga Ting (Hong Kong)

🎨 Mixed Doubles - Nipitphon Phuangphuapet, Savitree Amitrapai (Thailand)

55. ▶ Wasim Jaffer became first cricketer to score 11000 runs in Domestic Cricket Tournament Ranji Trophy.

56. ▶ Women's World Boxing Championships 2018 Held in New Delhi, as 10th edition of the tournament.

🎨 277 Players from 62 nations participated.

🎨 Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China (CHN)	4	1	0	5
2	Chinese Taipei (TPE)	2	0	0	2
3	India (IND)	1	1	2	4
4	North Korea (PRK)	1	0	2	3
5	Germany (GER)	1	0	1	2

🎨 Indian Medallists -

🎨 Gold -

🎨 Mary Kom became India's only six-time world boxing champion after defeating Hanna Okhota of Ukraine.

🎨 Silver -

🎨 Sonia Chahal won silver medal after losing to Germany's OG Wahner in 57-kg category.

🎨 Bronze -

🎨 Simranjit Kaur (64kg)

🎨 Lovlina Borgohain (69kg)

57. ▶ Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) rolled out its contracts system for Wrestlers, to be reviewed after one year. Wrestlers are placed in four Grades. WFI is only Indian Olympic Association-affiliated National Sports Federation to offer contracts to its athletes and only second

sports federation in India after BCCI.

- ✎ Grade A offers assistance of 30 lakh rupees and includes Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat along and Pooja Dhanda.
- ✎ Grade B contract offers assistance of 20 lakh rupees and includes Sushil Kumar and Sakshi Malik.
- ✎ Grade C offers support of 10 lakh rupees and features Sandeep Tomar, Sajjan Bhanwal, Ritu Phogat, and Divya Kakran.
- ✎ Grade D offers support of 5 lakhs and includes Rahul Aware, Naveen, Sachin Rathi, and Anshu Malik.

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