



Current Affairs - October to December 2018

Month Type



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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. ▶ Cricket Australia (CA) and Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) rebranded Allan Border Medal to Australian Cricket Awards from 2019 onwards.
22. ▶ Croatia defeated France to 2018 Davis Cup Tennis Tournament, as 2nd title for Croatia.
23. ▶ Czech Republic won 2018 Fed Cup Tennis Trophy for 6th time in eight years, defeating defending champion USA.
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. ▶ Ferrari's Racer Kimi Raikkonen (Finland) won F1 USA Grand Prix -

▶ 2018 Formula 1 (F1) Calendar -

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26. ▶ Former Australian Cricketer Ricky Ponting formally inducted into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
27. ▶ 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.
28. ▶ 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.
29. ▶ 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)
30. ▶ Great Britain won 2018 Sultan of Johor Hockey Cup, defeating India. It was hosted by Malaysia.
31. ▶ 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
32. ▶ 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.
33. ▶ India and 6 other members of South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) pulled out of Saudi Arabia led-South West Asian Football Federation (SWAFF). Other are Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.
34. ▶ 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.
35. ▶ India defeated Sri Lanka to win their 6th Under-19 Asia Cup Cricket title.
36. ▶ Indian Premier League franchise Delhi Daredevils renamed as Delhi Capitals ahead of the 2019 Indian Premier League season.
37. ▶ Indian Snooker Player Pankaj Advani won Asian Snooker Tour by defeating Ju Reti of China.
38. ▶ 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.
39. ▶ 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 Dzalimidze. 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).

40. ▶ 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).

41. ▶ 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.

42. ▶ 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).

43. ▶ 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.

44. ▶ International Cricket Council released updated version of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) System along with the new ICC Code of Conduct and ICC Playing Conditions. These came into effect from 30 September, with an ODI between South Africa and Zimbabwe.

45. ▶ 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.

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

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

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

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

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51. ▶ Misc. Sporting Events (December 2018) -

-  Commonwealth Senior Fencing Championships held in Canberra (Australia). India won 3 medals (2 gold and 1 bronze). Medal tally topped by England with 6 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze.
-  Ullas Narayan became first ever Indian individual medal winner in an international ultra running event by clinching a bronze in 2018 International Association of Ultra Running (IAU) 24 Hour Asia & Oceania Championships in Taipei.
-  Australian Golfer Minjee Lee became first woman to win prestigious Greg Norman Medal as best Australian golfer.
-  Atlawim Debebe of Ethiopia won Men's Full Marathon Title in Pune International Marathon 2018, with timing of 2 hours 17 minutes 17 seconds. In women's Full Marathon, Pascalia Chepkogei from Kenya stood first with timing of 2 hour 50 minutes 27 seconds.
-  Indian Olympic Association (IOA) submitted formal expression of interest to bid for 2032 Olympics, with Mumbai and Delhi as top two options under consideration. Bidding process will start in 2022 and host city will be decided by 2025.
-  International Olympic Committee IOC has set up an advisory committee on human rights chaired by Zeid Ra'ad al-Husseini. Human rights standards will be included in Olympic host-city contracts beginning with 2024 Olympic in Paris.
-  Senior National Wrestling Championships held at Nandini Nagar in Gonda (Uttar Pradesh).
-  9th Admirals Cup Sailing Regatta (2018) held at Ettikulam Beach at Indian Naval Academy Ezhimala (INA) Kerala. tonight. Team Italy won it with Team Singapore staying 2nd. Host country (Indian Naval Academy) finished 4th.
-  2nd Edition of Khelo India school games will begin from January 9, 2019 in Pune (Maharashtra). It will allow participants to compete in two categories, (Under 17) and (Under 21). Now, these games will be known as Khelo India Youth Games, also allowing students from colleges and Universities to compete.

- 🏏 Pakistan leg-spinner Yasir Shah became fastest bowler to take 200 Test wickets (in 33 Test matches), Breaking an 82-year-old record held by Australian leg-spinner Clarrie Grimmett who did it in 36 Tests.
- 🏌️ Golfer Shubhankar Sharma won 2018 Asian Tour Order of Merit champion Title, becoming 5th overall and youngest Indian to top Asian Tour money list in a particular season.
- 🏏 Madhya Pradesh's Ajay Rohera slammed highest first-class score world record on debut, with unbeaten 267 score against Hyderabad in Ranji Trophy Match.
- 🏌️ First event of the US Kids Golf India Tour was held Classic Golf & Country Club in Gurugram(Haryana).
- 🏏 62nd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) Shotgun organized by National Rifle Association of India at Jaipur (Rajasthan).
- 🏒 SAIL won 115th All India Aga Khan Gold Cup hockey tournament, defeating Army XI.
- 🏀 American professional basketball team Golden State Warriors named 2018 Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year. Other Winners of 2018 Sports Illustrated Awards. WWE Player John Cena received Muhammad Ali Legacy Award.
- 🏊 21st Usha National Athletics Sports Championships held in New Delhi.
- 🏏 Joshna Chinappa won National Squash Women's Singles title as her 16th National title.
- 🚣 37th Senior National Rowing Championships held in Pune.
- 🏏 Indian Cricketer Virat Kohli became second fastest player to score 25 Test Centuries, only behind former Australian legend Sir Don Bradman.
- ⚽ Belgium ranked at number one position in end-of-the-year FIFA global Football team rankings, 1 point ahead of current World Champions France.
- 🏎 Lewis Hamilton (UK) has been awarded with Drivers' Driver of the Year after claiming 5th F1 World Drivers' Championship, becoming 3rd racer to secure 5th world title.
- ⚽ Croatia Footballer Luka Modric named Balkan Athlete of the Year, becoming only 2nd soccer player to win this title.
- 🏊 3rd women's national boxing championships held in Vijayanagara (Karnataka).
- 🏏 Indian bowler Jasprit Bumrah became highest wicket-taker in international cricket in 2018, picking 78 wickets in 2018.
- 🏏 Cricketer Dale Steyn became highest wicket-taker for South Africa in Test cricket, overtaking Shaun Pollack.
- 🏂 American alpine skier Mikaela Shiffrin became youngest woman to win 50 World Cup ski races with victory in slalom in French Alps.
- 🏪 Wrestler Bala Rafiq Shaikh won Maharashtra Kesari Wrestling Championship 2018, by defeating Abhijeet Katke.
- 🏌️ Indian Junior Golfers won 11 medals, including 4 Gold at US Kids Golf World Championship.

52. ▶ Misc. Sporting Events (November 2018) -

- 🏏 Indian Cricketer Rohit Sharma became 1st to score 4 T20I Centuries, after his knock against West Indies.
- 🏸 Badminton Player Subhankar Dey won SaarLorLux Open at Saarbrücken in Germany, defeating Rajiv Ouseph of Britain.
- 🏊 Simone Biles (US) became first gymnast to win 13 world championship gold medals, by winning her 13th gold medal at world gymnastics championships in Doha (Qatar).
- 🏏 Newly-built Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow renamed after former PM Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, to be known as *Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium*.
- 🏏 Qatar will host 23rd World Corporate Games 2019, for corporations around world to showcase their competitive prowess through sports. This is the first time the World Corporate Games will be held in Middle East.
- ⚽ India won bronze medal in the SAFF U-15 Football Championship at Nepal.
- 🏏 India entered into Division B final of FIBA U-18 women's Asian championship held at Bengaluru, defeating Hong Kong. India is to face Kazakhstan for its promotion to Division A.
- 🏪 Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia achieved number one rank in world in 65kg category, with 96 points in UWW list.
- 🏏 Harmanpreet Kaur became first ever Indian female Cricketer to hit a hundred in T20I cricket, achieving it against New Zealand in Women's World T20 2018 in West Indies.
- 🏏 Thailand's Luksika Kumkhum won first WTA Tennis title in L&T Mumbai Open in Mumbai. In Doubles, Natela Dzalamidze and Veronika Kudermetova of Russia won the title.
- 🏏 All India Football Federation (AIFF) and State government of Odisha signed MoU, to host National team camps and become home of I-League side Indian Arrows.
- 🏏 India U-19 cricketer Saurabh Netravalkar has been appointed captain of United States national cricket team.
- 🏏 62nd National Shotgun championship held at Jaipur (Rajasthan).
- 🏏 India's Pankaj Advani won his third straight IBSF billiards crown in 150-up format, defeating Nay Thway Oo of Myanmar in final.
- 🥊 Kashmiri student Aabid Hamid won gold medal at World Kick Boxing Championships in Argentina.

- 🏆 Indian Chess Maestro Viswanathan Anand won inaugural Tata Steel Chess India Blitz Tournament in Kolkata.
- 🏆 59th edition of Subroto Cup International Football Tournament held in New Delhi, won by Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) by defeating Amini School (Afghanistan).
- 🏆 Indian gymnasts Prins Aris and Rejilesh Suribabu won two bronze medals in Acrobatic Gymnastics World Cup In Baku (Azerbaijan).
- 🏆 Indian Gymnast Dipa Karmakar won bronze medal in vault event in Artistic Gymnastics World Cup in Cottbus (Germany).
- 🏆 Known as *Oscars of sports*, Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 will be held in Monaco on February 18, 2019.
- 🏆 47 years old Indian Cricketer Pravin Tambe became first player to pick up a hat-trick in history of cricket's newest format T-10 League. Playing for Sindhis, He achieved this against Kerala Knights.
- 🏆 62nd National Shooting Championships Held in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).
- 🏆 Cricket Administrator BCCI Increased Ban duration for Age Related Frauds, from 1 to 2 years.
- 🏆 Abhinav Bindra (India's Olympic gold medal-winning shooter) became first Indian to be honoured with Blue Cross by International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF). Blue Cross is the highest laurel for shooters given by ISSF.
- 🏆 India's Manav Thakkar won bronze medal in U-21 Men's singles category in International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Belgosstrakh Belarus Open in Minsk (Belarus).

53. ▶ Misc. Sporting Events (October 2018) -

- 🏆 Prithvi Shaw became youngest Indian to score a century on Test debut (aged 18 years), scoring against Windies in Rajkot. He also became youngest Indian to win the Man of the Series award in Test cricket history.
- 🏆 Virat Kohli became quickest batsman to reach 24 Test cricket centuries after great Australian Sir Donald Bradman.
- 🏆 India's Keerthana Pandian won girls' title in IBSF World Under-16 Snooker Championships, in St Petersburg (Russia).
- 🏆 India's Squash player Vikram Malhotra won in Texas Open Squash Championship (USA), defeating Daniel Mekbib of Czech Republic.
- 🏆 Indian pair of Meghana Reddy and Tasnim Mir won Under-15 girls doubles title in Badminton Asia Junior Under-17 and Under-15 championships, at Mandalay (Myanmar). India won total 5 medals in championships - 1 gold and 4 bronze.
- 🏆 Deborah Herold won gold in elite women's 40 kilometre competition at Saksham Pedal Delhi, India's Premier Cyclothon. Shreedhar Savanur won gold medal in men's 50 kilometres.
- 🏆 Bajrang Punia became first Indian wrestler to get seeded at the World Championship that will be held in Budapest (Hungary). In 65kg category of men's freestyle event, Bajrang Punia has been seeded third.
- 🏆 Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo became first player to score 400 goals across the top-five European football leagues.
- 🏆 Marc Marquez (Spain) won his 7th World Title and fifth Premier Class Title, after he won Japanese Moto Grand Prix.
- 🏆 Virat Kohli became Fastest Cricketer to score 10000 ODI Runs, taking just 205 innings. Previous best was Sachin Tendulkar (259 Innings).
- 🏆 Indian Navy won 14th PMC Bank all-India Guru Tegh Bahadur Gold Cup hockey tournament, in Mumbai.
- 🏆 Wheelchair Badminton Player Sanjeev Kumar won two gold medals and a bronze medal at the Denmark Open in Odense.
- 🏆 India's Sourav Kothari defeated Peter Gilchrist of Singapore to win 2018 WBL World Billiards Championship title.
- 🏆 Indian golfer Khalin Joshi won Panasonic Open India title, becoming 7th Indian to win Panasonic Open India title in its last 8 editions.
- 🏆 Indian table tennis player Ayhika Mukherjee won a silver medal in under-21 women's singles category of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open. Also, India's Anthony Amalraj and Sanil Shetty won bronze medal in men's doubles.
- 🏆 FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) enhanced prize money for the women's World Cup with 2019 tournament in France in June - July. Overall contribution will be \$50 million for the 24 participating nations. It Includes doubling prize money from \$15 to \$30 million.
- 🏆 Kenyan distance runner Abraham Kiptum has set new new world best time of 58 mins 18 sec for half-marathon, at Valencia Half Marathon in Spain.
- 🏆 India's Vishal Rajveer Shah won gold and Raegan Alburquerque won silver in 2018 Egypt Junior & Cadet Open table tennis tournament.

54. ▶ Mumbai defeated Delhi to win Vijay Hazare Cricket Trophy.

55. ▶ Netherlands won its seventh Women's Hockey Champions Trophy, held in Changzhou (China), defeating Australia.

56. ▶ Norway's Magnus Carlsen retained his title as World Chess Champion beating US opponent Fabiano Caruana, at World Chess Championships in London (UK).

57. ▶ Noted Boxer MC Mary Kom named as brand ambassador of 10th Women's World Championships to be held in New Delhi in November 2018.

58. ▶ 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.

59. ▶ 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)	HiroYuki 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 Yiliu and Huang Dongping (China)	Zheng Siwei and Huang YaQiong (China)

60. ▶ 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.

61. ▶ 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.

 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	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
12	Hungarian Grand Prix	29 July	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
13	Belgian Grand Prix	26 August	Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
14	Italian Grand Prix	2 September	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
15	Singapore Grand Prix	16 September	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
16	Russian Grand Prix	30 September	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
17	Japanese Grand Prix	7 October	Lewis Hamilton (UK)
18	USA Grand Prix	21 October	Kimi Raikkonen (Finland)
19	Mexican Grand Prix	28 October	Max Verstappen (Belgian-Dutch)
20	Brazilian Grand Prix	11 November	
21	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	25 November	

62. ▶ 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.

63. ▶ Spain's Real Madrid won Club Football World Cup for 3rd consecutive year (and its 4th in total), by beating Abu Dhabi side Al Ain in final.

64. ▶ 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.

65. ▶ Swiss tennis Player Roger Federer won his 99th career title after winning the Basel Open. Federer is now 10 titles short of all-time record holder Jimmy Connors, who leads with 109 titles.

66. ▶ 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 Phuangphuaet, Savitree Amitrapai (Thailand)

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

68. ▶ 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)

69. ▶ 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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