

Half Yearly Sports Current Affairs 2018

Sports Current Affairs- June 2018

- ▶ 18th Asian Junior Athletics Championships 2018 in Gifu (Japan) -
 - 437 under 20 athletes from 35 nations participated in 44 Events.
 - Medal Table -

Rank	Country	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

3. 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)
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 2018 Gerry Weber Open Men's Tennis Title (Also called Halle Open (Germany)) -
 - Singles - Borna Ćorić (Croatia), defeating Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer.
 - Doubles - Łukasz Kubot (Poland) AND Marcelo Melo (Brazil)
- ▶ 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.

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2. Silver for Abhishek Verma in COMPOUND MEN
3. Bronze for COMPOUND MIXED TEAM
2. Previous Rounds in 2018 Hyundai Archery World Cup
 1. Round 1 (Shanghai (China)) -
 1. Bronze for Compound Mixed Team
 2. Round 2 (Antalya (Turkey)) -
 1. Silver for Compound Women Team
 2. Bronze for Compound Mixed Team
5. ▶ 2018 Mercedes Cup Men's Tennis (Stuttgart, Germany) -
 1. Singles - Roger Federer (Switzerland), defeating Milos Raonic (Canada)
 2. Doubles - Germany's Philipp Petzschner AND Tim Pütz
6. ▶ American fighter Ronda Rousey will become first female MMA fighter to be inducted into Ultimate Fighting Championship Hall of Fame.
7. ▶ 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.
 1. Also, England Became First ODI Nation to loose to an Associate Nation, after they lost an ODI to Scotland, in Edinburgh.
8. ▶ Bangladesh won Women's Asia T20 Cricket Cup 2018 in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), defeating India.
9. ▶ Brooks Koepka (USA) won US Open Golf 2018 by defeating Tommy Fleetwood, becoming first player in 3 decades to successfully defend his title.
10. ▶ 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.
11. ▶ England created new record for highest total in a men's ODI with 481 against Australia, beating its own previous Record.
12. ▶ FIFA lifted 18 Month long suspension imposed on Guatemala Football Association (Central America), over its failure to comply with anti-corruption rules.
13. ▶ Ferrari's German driver Sebastian Vettel won Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix 2018 -
14. ▶ French Open Tennis 2018 -
 1. Men's Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain), defeating Dominic Thiem (Austria).
 1. Nadal equaled Margaret Court's all-time record of 11 Grand Slam singles titles won at one major (French Open).
 2. Overall, It was Nadal's 17th Grand Slam Victory, 2nd only to Swiss Star Roger Federer (20 Titles).
 2. Women's Singles - Simona Halep (Romania), Defating Sloane Stephens (USA). It was Halep's first Grand Slam title.
 3. Men's Doubles - Pierre-Hugues Herbert (France) AND Nicolas Mahut (France)
 4. Women's Doubles - Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) AND Kateřina Siniaková (Czech Republic)
 5. Mixed Doubles - Latisha Chan (Chinese Taipei) AND Ivan Dodig (Croatia)
 6. Boys' Singles - Tseng Chun-hsin (Chinese Taipei)
 7. Girls' Singles - Cori Gauff (USA)
15. ▶ 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 -
 1. 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).
 2. Tournaments which are held more than once a year will not be considered for computation of marks.
 3. 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.

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16. ▶ 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.
17. ▶ ICC included Nepal, Netherlands, Scotland and the UAE in their ODI rankings list apart from 12 existing countries.
18. ▶ ISSF Junior World Cup 2018 Round 2 (Suhl (Germany)) -
 1. 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.
 2. Medal Table -
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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

3. Gold Medals for India in ISSF Junior World Cup 2018 Round 2 (Suhl (Germany)) -
 1. Individual -
 1. Men - Hriday Hazarika (10 Metre Air Rifle), Saurabh Chaudhary (10 metre air pistol), Vijayveer Sindhu (25 meter standard pistol)
 2. Women - Elavenil Valarivan (10 Metre Air Rifle), Vishwa Jignesh Dahiya (25 meter standard pistol), Manu Bhaker (10 metre air pistol)
 2. Team -
 1. Men - 10 metre air rifle, 50 metre pistol, 10 metre air pistol, 25 meter standard pistol, 25 meter pistol
 2. Women - 50 metre pistol, 25 meter standard pistol
 3. Mixd Team - 10 metre air pistol (Saurabh Chaudhary / Devanshi Rana), 100 Metre air rifle (Elavenil Valarivan / Divyansh Singh Panwar)
19. ▶ India Women Cricketer Smriti Mandhana became first Indian player to appear in Kia Super League (women's cricket super league in England).
20. ▶ 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.
21. ▶ 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.
22. ▶ 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.
23. ▶ International Shooting Sport Federation ISSF World Cup 2018 Leg 3 and Leg 4 (In Fort Benning (USA) and Munich (Germany) Respectively) -
 1. India Could Not win a medal in Leg 3 and Leg 4 of ISSF World Cup 2018.
 2. India's Total Medal Tally in ISSF WC 2018 stands at 10 Medals, as of now. Medal Tally after Leg 4 looks like -
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Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	13	14	9	36
2	United States	5	1	3	9

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3	India	4	2	4	10
4	Russia	4	2	0	6
5	Ukraine	3	0	1	4

24. ▶ Kagiso Rabada Named South Africa's Cricketer Of The Year, for 2nd time. He is also named ODI and Test Cricketer of the Year.
25. ▶ Mercedes's British driver Lewis Hamilton won Formula 1 French Grand Prix 2018 -
26. ▶ 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

27. ▶ Misc. Sporting Events (June 2018) -
1. Ariya Jutanugarn (Thailand) won 73rd US Women's Open, becoming first player from Thailand to win a US Women's Open title.
 2. 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.
 3. India's Simran Singhi and Ritika Thaker win Mauritius Open Badminton title 2018.
 4. Indian boxers won 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals at Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in Russian city of Kaspiysk.
 1. Gold - Saweety Boora in Women's 75 kg category, beating Anna Anfinogenova (Russia).
 2. Silver - Brijesh Yadav (men's 81 kg) and Virender Kumar (91 kgs).
 5. Indian swimmer Sandeep Sejwal won gold medal in men's 50m breaststroke event at Singapore National Swimming Championships in Singapore.
 6. India's R Praggnanandhaa 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.
 7. Indian Tennis Player Karman Kaur Thandi won first singles title on ITF Pro circuit at Hong Kong ITF Tournament.
 8. 18th KSS Memorial Shooting Championships held in New Delhi.
 9. Ulaanbaatar Cup boxing tournament 2018 held in Mongolia. India won total 9 medals, including a Gold by Mandeep Jangra (69kg).
 10. 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.
 11. 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).

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12. 45th Glenmark Junior and 35th Sub Junior National Aquatic Championships held in Pune, (Maharashtra).
13. 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.
28. ▶ Mithali Raj become first Indian Female Cricketer to score 2000 runs in T20I cricket.
29. ▶ 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.
30. ▶ 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.
31. ▶ USA, Mexico and Canada chosen as hosts of 2026 FIFA Football World Cup.
 1. 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.
 2. 2022 FIFA World Cup will be hosted by Qatar, with 32 teams participating.

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1. ▶ 2018 Hyundai Archery World Cup Round 2 (Antalya (Turkey)) -
 1. India - (2 Silver and 1 Bronze). Medalists -
 1. Silver - Jyothi Surekha Vennam (Compound Women), Recurve Mixed Team (Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari)
 2. Bronze - Compound Mixed Team (Abhishek Verma AND Jyothi Surekha Vennam)
2. ▶ 2018 Mutua Madrid Open Tennis Title (Spain) -
 1. Men's Singles - Alexander Zverev (Germany)
 2. Women's Singles - Petra Kvitová (Czech Republic)
 3. Men's Doubles - Nikola Mektić (Croatia) AND Alexander Peya (Austria)
 4. Women's Doubles - Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) AND Elena Vesnina (Russia)
 5. Spanish Tennis Player Rafael Nadal broke John McEnroe's 34-year record by winning his 50th consecutive set on clay at Madrid Open.
3. ▶ 2018 Porsche Women's Tennis Grand Prix (Also Known as Stuttgart Open) -
 1. Women's Singles - Karolína Plíšková (Czech Republic)
 2. Women's Doubles - Raquel Atawo (USA) AND Anna-Lena Grönefeld (Germany)
4. ▶ 2018 Thomas Cup Badminton (30th Edition), Bangkok (Thailand) -
 1. China won the tournament, beating Japan in Final. It is 10th Thomas cup title for China.
 2. *Thomas Cup* is informally called World Team Championships for Men.
5. ▶ 2018 Uber Cup Badminton (27th Edition), Bangkok (Thailand) -
 1. Japan won the tournament, beating Thailand in Final. It is Sixth Uber cup title for Japan.
 2. *Uber Cup* is informally called World Team Championships for Women.
6. ▶ Argentina Footballer Lionel Messi won European Golden Shoe for fifth time, after winning it earlier in 2010, 2012 and 2013, 2017.
 1. Additionally, Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo is named he most popular athlete as he topped ESPN World Fame 100 list for 3rd straight year.
7. ▶ 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.
8. ▶ CEAT Cricket Ratings awards 2018 -
 1. International Cricketer of the Year - Virat Kohli

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2. International Batsman of the Year - Shikhar Dhawan
3. International Bowler of the Year - Trent Boult (NZ)
4. T20 Bowler of the Year - Rashid Khan (Afghanistan).
5. T20 Batsman of the Year - Colin Munro (NZ)
6. Outstanding Innings of the Year - Harmanpreet Kaur (Indian Female Cricketer)
7. U-19 Player of the Year - Shubman Gill
8. Popular Choice Award - Chris Gayle (Windies)
9. Lifetime Achievement Award - Farokh Engineer (India).
9. ▶ 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.
10. ▶ 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

11. ▶ 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

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called 'Final 8', would feature eight teams and could commence in October or November 2021.

12. ▶ 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.
13. ▶ 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.
14. ▶ 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*.
15. ▶ Indian Boxer Neeraj Goyat has been conferred with *WBC Asia Boxer of the Year Award*. He is current WBC Asia champion in welterweight category.
16. ▶ 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).
17. ▶ 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.
18. ▶ Italian Open Tennis 2018 (also known as Rome Masters) -
 1. Men's Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)
 2. Women's Singles - Elina Svitolina (Ukraine)
 3. Men's Doubles - Colombia's Juan Sebastián Cabal AND Robert Farah
 4. Women's Doubles Ashleigh Barty (Australia) AND Demi Schuurs (Netherlands)
19. ▶ 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.
20. Real Madrid won 2017 - 18 UEFA Champions League Football by defeating Liverpool in Kiev (Ukraine).
21. South Korea won 5th Women's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy, Defeating defending champions India in Donghae City (South Korea).
22. ▶ 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).
23. ▶ Tim Paine and Aaron Finch have been appointed as Australia Cricket Team's new ODI and T20 captains respectively.
24. ▶ 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.
25. ▶ 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).
26. ▶ Zimbabwe Cricket council appointed 56 year old former Indian Cricketer Lalchand Rajput as interim head coach of Zimbabwe.

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1. ▶ '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.
2. ▶ 2018 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Urgench (Uzbekistan) -

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1. India won 6 Medals, 5 in Youth Championships and 1 in Junior Championships (Bronze by JEREMY Lalrinnunga).
2. Medals in Youth Championships - SURAJIT Changmai (Bronze), GOGOI Sidhant (Bronze), JACOB Vanlaltluanga (Bronze), SHEULI Achinta (Silver), JEREMY Lalrinnunga (Silver).
3. India will host Asian Weightlifting Championships in 2019.
3. ▶ 2018 Badminton Asia Championships Held in Wuhan (China) -
 1. Winners -
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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)

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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)

2. Medal Table - 1.

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

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Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
4	Indonesia	0	1	1	2
5	India	0	0	2	2
	South Korea	0	0	2	2
7	Malaysia	0	0	1	1

4. ▶ 2018 Barcelona Open Banco Sabadell Men's Tennis Title -
 1. Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)
 2. Doubles - Spain's Feliciano López AND Marc López
5. ▶ 2018 Hyundai Archery World Cup Round 1 (Shanghai (China)) -
 1. India - (2 Bronze). Medalists -
 1. Bronze for Abhishek Verma (Compound Men)
 2. Bronze for Recurve Mixed Team (Atanu Das and Ankita Bhakat).
6. ▶ 2018 Kunming Open Tennis Title (China) -
 1. Men's Singles - Prajnesh Gunneswaran (India), defeated Mohamed Safawat (Egypt)
 2. Women's Singles - Irina Khromacheva (Russia)
 3. Men's Doubles - Aliaksandr Bury (Belarus) AND Lloyd Harris (South Africa)
 4. Women's Doubles - Dalila Jakupović (Slovenia) AND Irina Khromacheva (Russia)
7. ▶ 2018 Monte - Carlo Masters Men's Tennis Tournament (France) -
 1. Singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)
 2. Doubles - USA's Bob Bryan AND Mike Bryan
8. ▶ Barcelona FC became first team in 85 years to win four straight Copa del Rey Football titles after defeating Sevilla.
9. ▶ 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.
10. ▶ Bayern Munich FC won German Football League called Bundesliga for 28th time, defeating Augsburg.
11. ▶ Bengaluru FC won inaugural edition of Super Cup Football tournament in Bhubaneswar (Odisha), defeating Kolkata football giants East Bengal.
12. ▶ 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 Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.
13. ▶ ESPN Multi-Sport Awards -
 1. Badminton players, PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth named Sportspersons of the Year in Male and Female Categories.
 2. Badminton Coach Pullela Gopichand adjudged 'best coach'.
 3. Indian Women's Hockey Team got 'Team of the Year' title.

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14. ▶ Egyptian Football Player forward Mohamed Salah is named Player of the Year by England's Professional Footballers' Association (PFA).
15. ▶ 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.
16. ▶ Ferrari's German Racer Sebastian Vettel won Bahrain Grand Prix title.
17. ▶ 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.
18. ▶ 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.
19. ▶ 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.
20. ▶ International Shooting Sport Federation ISSF World Cup 2018 Leg 2 (Changwon, South Korea) -
 1. India could win 1 Silver medal at ISSF WC Leg 2, won by Shahzar Rizvi in 10 metre men's air pistol.
 2. 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).
 3. India's Total Medal Tally in ISSF WC 2018 stands at 10 Medals, as of now. Medal Tally after Leg 2 looks like -
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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

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

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22. ▶ Kidambi Srikanth became first Indian male badminton player to attain world number 1 ranking, since Prakash Padukone in 1980s.
23. ▶ Mario Abdo Benítez has been elected as New president of South American Nation Paraguay.
24. ▶ Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton won the Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2018.
25. ▶ Miami Open Tennis 2018 (USA) -
 1. Men's Singles - John Isner (USA)
 2. Women's Singles - Sloane Stephens (USA)
 3. Men's Doubles - Mike Bryan (USA), Bob Bryan (USA)
 4. Women's Doubles - CoCo Vandeweghe (USA), Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
26. ▶ Misc. Sports Events (April 2018) -
 1. 17th Sub-junior National Wushu Championships held in Jammu.
 2. India defeated Bangladesh to win fifth South East Asian Women Handball Championship, in Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).
 3. 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).
 4. 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.
 5. 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.
 6. 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.
 7. India will host Asian Weightlifting Championship in 2019.
 8. India's CA Bhavani Devi won silver medal in sabre event of Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship in Reykjavik (Iceland).
 9. 56th Belgrade International Boxing Championship held at Belgrade in Serbia. Indian boxers won 3 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze medals.
27. ▶ Monterrey Open Women's Tennis 2018 (Mexico) -
 1. Women's singles - Garbiñe Muguruza (Spain)
 2. Women's doubles - Naomi Broady (United Kingdom) & Sara Sorribes Tormo (Spain)
28. ▶ 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.
29. ▶ Red Bull's Australian Racer Daniel Ricciardo won Chinese Grand Prix 2018.

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

1. About -
 1. Motto - Share theDream.
 2. 4426 Athletes from 71 Commonwealth Nations participated in 275 Events of 19 sports.

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3. Borobi is Official mascot of 2018 Commonwealth Games. Borobi is a blue koala, with indigenous markings on its body.
2. Medal Tally -
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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

3. India at CWG 2018 -
 1. PV Sindhu was flag-bearer of Indian contingent for opening ceremony.
 2. 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).
 3. Indian Gold Medalists at CWG 2018 -
 1. Saikhom Mirabai Chanu - **Weightlifting** Women's 48 kg
 2. Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu - **Weightlifting** Women's 53 kg
 3. Sathish Sivalingam - **Weightlifting** Men's 77 kg
 4. Ragala Venkat Rahul - **Weightlifting** Men's 85 kg
 5. Punam Yadav - **Weightlifting** Women's 69 kg
 6. Manu Bhaker - **Shooting** Women's 10 metre air pistol
 7. Table tennis Women's team (Manika Batra, Mouma Das, Sutirtha Mukherjee, Madhurika Patkar, Pooja Sahasrabudhe)
 8. Jitu Rai - **Shooting** Men's 10 metre air pistol
 9. Table tennis Men's team (Sharath Achanta, Anthony Amalraj, Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty, Sathiyam Gnanasekaran)
 10. 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)
 11. Heena Sidhu - **Shooting** Women's 25 metre pistol
 12. Shreyasi Singh - **Shooting** Women's double trap
 13. Rahul Aware - **Wrestling** Men's freestyle 57 kg
 14. Sushil Kumar - **Wrestling** Men's freestyle 74 kg
 15. Tejaswini Sawant - **Shooting** Women's 50m rifle 3 positions
 16. Anish Bhanwala - **Shooting** Men's 25 metre rapid fire pistol
 17. Bajrang Punia - **Wrestling** Men's freestyle 65 kg
 18. Mary Kom - **Boxing** Women's light flyweight 48 kg
 19. Sanjeev Rajput - **Shooting** Men's 50m rifle 3 positions

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20. Gaurav Solanki - **Boxing** Men's flyweight 52 kg
21. Neeraj Chopra - **Athletics** Men's javelin throw
22. Sumit Malik - **Wrestling** Men's freestyle 125 kg
23. Vinesh Phogat - **Wrestling** Women's freestyle 50 kg
24. Manika Batra - **Table tennis** Women's singles
25. Vikas Krishan Yadav - **Boxing** Men's middleweight 75 kg
26. Saina Nehwal - **Badminton** Women's singles (Beating India's P V Sindhu)

4. ▶ Indian Wells Masters tennis Title (also known as BNP Paribas Open), held at Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California (US) -
 1. Men's Singles - Juan Martin Del Potro (Argentina) (*defeated Roger Federer (Switzerland)*)
 2. Women's Singles - Naomi Osaka (Japan) (*Defeated Daria Kasatkina (Russia)*)
 3. Men's Doubles - USA's John Isner AND Jack Sock
 4. Women's Doubles - Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) AND Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)
5. ▶ 17th IAAF World Indoor Championships held in Birmingham (United Kingdom) -
 1. 632 athletes from 144 nations participated in 26 Events.
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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	<i>Authorized Neutra Athletes (ANA)</i>	2	1	0	3

3. India could not win a medal at the event. 1 Indian Athlete participated in event - Siddhant Thingalaya (Track and field athlete).
6. ▶ 2018 Asian Wrestling Championships held at Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan).
 1. Medal Tally -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	7	1	6	14

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Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
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

2. India at the Event -

1. India secured 9th Rank, with 8 Medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver and 6 Bronze).
 2. 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.
 3. Bronze - Bajrang Punia, Vinod Kumar Omprakash, Rajender Kumar, Harpreet Singh, Sangeeta Phogat AND Sakshi Malik.
7. ▶ 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.
8. ▶ Afghan Cricketer Rashid Khan (19 years age) became youngest captain in history of international cricket, after he was chosen to lead the T20I side.
9. ▶ 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.
10. ▶ Archery Asia Cup 2018 (Bangkok (Thailand))-
1. India's Muskan Kirar and Promila Daimary clinched gold medals in the women's compound and recurve events respectively.

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11. ▶ Australia won 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey cup 2018 for record 10th time, defeating England in Malaysia.
12. ▶ 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.
13. ▶ Chennaiyin FC won Indian Super League Football's 4th Session after defeating Bengaluru FC by 3-2.
14. ▶ 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.
 1. Additionally, David Warner will never be considered for any leadership position in future.
15. ▶ FIFA lifted 30 year old ban on Iraq for hosting international football matches. FIFA allowed games to be staged in Arbil, Basra and Karbala.
16. ▶ Ferrari's German Racer Sebastian Vettel won Australian Grand Prix title.
17. ▶ ISSF Junior World Cup 2018 (Sydney (Australia)) -
 1. India won total 22 Medals in the event, with 4 Individual and 5 team Gold Medals.
 2. Medal Table -
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Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	9	8	8	25
2	India	9	5	8	22

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3	Italy	3	1	2	6
4	Australia	1	2	0	3
5	Chinese Taipei	0	2	0	2

3. Gold Medals for India -

1. 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).
2. 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.

18. ▶ India B won 45th Deodhar Cricket Trophy 2018 by defeating Karnataka in Dharamsala (Himachal Pradesh).
19. ▶ India Under-16 Football team won Jockey Cup International Youth Invitational Football Tournament in Hong Kong, defeating Hong Kong.
20. ▶ 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.
21. ▶ India won Hero Nidhaas Cricket Tri Series by defeating Bangladesh, in Sri Lanka.
 1. 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.
22. ▶ Indian chess player Viswanathan Anand won Tal Memorial rapid chess title in Moscow (Russia), defeating Boris Gelfand of Israel.
23. ▶ International Olympic Committee (IOC) restored Russia's Olympic membership following its suspension from 2018 Winter Olympics at Pyeongchang in South Korea.

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24. ▶ International Shooting Sport Federation ISSF World Cup 2018 Leg 1 (Guadalajara Mexico) -
1. India topped medal tally, with 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 bronze medals (Total 9).
 2. 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).
 3. Silver - Anjum Moudgil (Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions).
25. ▶ Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) appointed Cricketer Irfan Pathan as coach-cum-mentor for 2018-19 season.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ Minerva Punjab FC beat Churchill Brothers FC to win their I-League Football title in Panchkula (Haryana).
28. ▶ Misc. Sports Events (Mar 2018) -
1. 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.
 2. 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.
 3. Maharashtra women's team won interstate national tennis championship 2018 in Chhattisgarh, organised by Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association (CSTA).
 4. 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.
 5. 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.
 6. India's Purva Barve won women's singles (Under-19) title at Israel Junior badminton tournament 2018.

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7. India's Sanjivani Jadhav won bronze in women's 8km cross country race in 14th Asian Cross Country Championship at Guiyang in China.
29. ▶ 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.
30. ▶ Odisha will host Senior National Table Tennis Championships after 12 years, as 80th Championship will be held in Cuttack.
31. ▶ 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.
32. ▶ Para-swimmer Prasanta Karmakar has been suspended for 3 years by Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) due to code of conduct violations.
33. ▶ Punjab won 8th men's National hockey championships, defeating Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, in Lucknow (UP).
34. ▶ Reigning Ranji Trophy champions Vidarbha won Irani Cricket Cup beating Rest of India.
35. ▶ Winter Paralympics 2018 (Pyeongchang, South Korea) -
 1. 569 Athletes from 49 Nations participated in 80 Events in 6 sports. No Indian para-athlete participated in these games.
 2. 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
4	France	7	8	5	20

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Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
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

36. ▶ 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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