

Manipur hosts 1st Northeast Olympic Games

- Players of national and international level geared up for the first-ever Northeast Olympic Games in Manipur's host city Imphal.
- Organized by the Manipur Olympic Association under the aegis of Northeast Olympic Association, the championship acted as a platform for the players to showcase and nurture their talent in different sports discipline.
- The game was a first-of-its-kind which saw a competition in 12 different disciplines including Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Judo, Karate-Do, Shooting, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Weightlifting and Wushu.

Lucknow stadium renamed after Atal Bihari Vajpayee

- The newly-built Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow was on November 5, 2018 renamed after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The stadium will now be known as 'Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium'.
- The stadium was renamed just ahead of the first-ever international cricket match - the T20 International between India and West Indies. The city hosted its first international match at the stadium on November 6, 2018 when India played against West Indies in the second T20 International match.
- Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh announced to rename the upcoming capital Naya Raipur as Atal Nagar.

Uber joins forces with ICC in world first partnership to support ICC Women's World T20

- Cab aggregator Uber and the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced a world first partnership to support the first ever standalone ICC Women's World T20 in the West Indies.
- Uber and the ICC aim to leverage one of the world's most popular sports to engage the broader cricketing community in a conversation around the important role sport plays in empowering girls and women around the world, according to a statement here.

Angad Vir Singh Bajwa wins historic skeet gold at Asian Shotgun Championship

- India's Angad Vir Singh Bajwa won the gold medal with a world record score in the men's skeet final at 8th Asian Shotgun Championship in Kuwait.
- With the feat, he became the first Indian skeet shooter to win gold at a continental or world level event.
- Angad shot a perfect 60 out of 60 in the final round to claim top spot ahead of China's Di Jin who shot 58. UAE's Saeed Al Maktoum won bronze with a score of 46.

Munaf Patel retires from all forms of cricket

- 2011 World Cup winning bowler Munaf Patel announced his retirement from all forms of the game on Friday. The 35-year old pacer, who made his international debut in March 2006 against England in Mohali, has played 13 Tests, 70 ODIs and 3 T20Is for India bagging 125 international wickets.
- Born in Ikhar in Gujarat, Munaf represented Mumbai, Maharashtra, Baroda and Gujarat in domestic cricket. In IPL, he has played for Mumbai Indians, Rajasthan Royals and Gujarat Lions.

Wrestler Bajrang Punia achieves World No. 1 rank in 65 Kg category

- Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia recently touched a new high in his career by achieving the number one rank in the world in the 65kg category.
- Bajrang was placed atop the ranking table with 96 points in the United World Wrestling (UWW) list.
- United World Wrestling is the international governing body for the sport of amateur wrestling. Its duties include overseeing wrestling at the Olympics.

Sushil, Swapna dropped from revised TOPS list

- Double Olympic medallist wrestler Sushil Kumar and India's first Asian Games gold medallist heptathlete Swapna Barman were on November 15, 2018 dropped from the latest Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) that was revised keeping in mind the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Sushil, who won bronze and silver medals respectively in 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympics in 66kg freestyle category, crashed out in his first qualification bout at this year's Jakarta Asian Games in the 74kg and the latest result didn't go in his favour.

Alexander Zverev upsets world number one Novak Djokovic to claim ATP World Tour Finals

- Alexander Zverev on November 18, 2018 upset world number one Novak Djokovic in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 to claim the season-ending ATP Finals and ended the year with the biggest victory of his career.
- With the win, the 21-year-old became the youngest champion of the season-ending event since Djokovic claimed the first of his five titles a decade ago and the first from Germany since 1995.

Indian gymnasts win two bronze medals in Acrobatic Gymnastics World Cup

- Indian gymnasts won two bronze medals in the men's and women's group events of the FIG Acrobatic World Cup in Baku.
- Prins Aris and Rejilesh Suribabu finished third after scoring 20.560 in the two-day event to bag the bronze medal at the National Gymnastics Arena.

ICC rejects Pakistan compensation claim against India

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) on November 20, 2018 dismissed a compensation claim by Pakistan over India's refusal to honour an agreement to play bilateral series.
- The ICC said in a statement that following a three-day hearing, the Dispute Panel has dismissed the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)'s claim against the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Mary Kom wins record sixth World Championships gold

- Mary Kom scripted history by clinching a record sixth World Championship Gold medal in the light flyweight 48 kilogram category after outclassing Ukraine's Hanna Okhota by an unanimous 5:0 verdict.
- The 35-year-old Mary, a mother of three and a pre-tournament favourite for the gold, rewrote the record books when she eclipsed her joint haul of five golds with Katie Taylor of Ireland. Watch this video to know more.

Mary Kom named best boxer of AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships

- India's M C Mary Kom, who won a historic sixth world title, was adjudged the best pugilist of the 10th World Women's Boxing Championships here.
- The AIBA panel which chose the Indian as the best among the competitors was a richly deserved honour to the 35-year-old Manipuri, whose endurance, perseverance and the never-say-die attitude is unparalleled in history.

Australia beats England by 8 wickets to win the 2018 T20 World Cup final

- Australia are women's World Twenty20 champions again after they romped to an eight-wicket victory over England in the final in Antigua.
- Gardner then combined with captain Meg Lanning to steer Australia to their target with 29 balls to spare.

Australia to host newly renamed ICC T20 World Cup 2020

- After registering their convincing fourth title against formidable England in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's World T20 finals, Australia on Sunday have been officially declared as the host of the newly renamed ICC T20 World Cup.
- Women's T20 World Cup comprising of 10 teams playing 23 matches from February 21 - March 8, followed by the Men's T20 World Cup, involving 16 teams playing 45 matches from October 18 - November 15, will be played in Australia in 2020.

Harmanpreet Kaur named captain of ICC Women's World Twenty20 XI

- India's batting star Harmanpreet Kaur was on November 26, 2018 named the captain of the ICC Women's World Twenty20 XI, which also features Indian opener Smriti Mandhana and leg-spinner Poonam Yadav.
- The Women's World Twenty20 XI was decided upon by an ICC selection panel in Dubai on the basis of the players' performances in the tournament that concluded on November 24 with Australia winning the title.

Netherlands wins FIH Women's Hockey Champions Trophy

- The Netherlands outclassed Australia 5-1 to win its seventh Women's Hockey Champions Trophy at the Wujin Hockey Stadium here on Sunday.
- With the win, the reigning world champion has kept its record intact during the tournament and extended its winning streak to 43 matches.

Croatia win Davis Cup 2018 final by defeating France

- Croatia won the final Davis Cup title of the old system on Sunday. Marin Cilic, the world No 7, was far too good for his French opponents throughout, and overcame Lucas Pouille in straight sets to complete a 3-1 victory.
- It was the Frenchmen, however, whose response may come to define the tie.
- The home-and-away element of the Davis Cup has been greatly reduced by the new model, but not eliminated.

BCCI announces two-year ban for age fraud

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India on November 27, 2018 announced that a cricketer guilty of age fraud will be barred from all its recognised tournaments for a period of two years.
- The cricketing body said in a statement, "The BCCI has a zero-tolerance policy for age fraud in sport and has taken strict action against cricketers found guilty of manipulating their date of birth certificates while registering for BCCI tournaments."

AIFF to launch school-level project with FIFA

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) will launch a school-level project by March-April next year in association with the game's world governing body FIFA. This was stated by AIFF General Secretary, Kushal Das at the Star Sports India Football Forum 2018 organised by SportzPower in Mumbai today.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs & TRIFED felicitate Mary Kom at Aadi Mahotsav"

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED felicitated sixth time Women's World Boxing Champion Mary Kom at the closing ceremony of Aadi Mahotsav" at Dilli Haat today.
- Ms Kom is the Brand Ambassador for the TRIBES India's Panchatantra range of products handcrafted by tribal master-craftsmen from across the country.