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India finishes on top in South Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Colombo

- India on May 6, 2018 finished at the top in the South Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Colombo with 20 gold, 22 silver and 8 bronze medals. The Indian junior athletes also registered five new meet records.
- In girls' triple jump, Priyadarshini Suresh grabbed the gold medal with a record of 12.90 metres, while in girls' javelin throw Sanjana Choudhary bagged the top honours with a record of 48.08.
- In boys' shot put, Ashish Bhalothia set a new record and won the gold medal with an effort of 18.53 metres.
- Triple jumper Kamalraj Kanagaraj also contributed to India's gold medal tally with a record jump of 15.96 metres.

Gagan Narang, Pooja Ghatkar win silver medal in 10m air rifle event

- Olympic medalist Gagan Narang made a fine comeback to the 10m air rifle event as he along with Pooja Ghatkar won the mixed team silver medal in the Grand Prix of Liberation international shooting competition in Pilsen, Czech Republic on May 6, 2018.
- The Indian pair, having topped the qualification with 833.2 points, with Pooja shooting 413.5 and Gagan 419.7, came close to overtaking Jurate Cesynaite and Karolis Girulis for the gold, before missing the target by 1.3 point.

Ettie revealed as 2019 women's World Cup mascot

- FIFA and Local Organizing Committee in May introduced a young French poussin named Ettie as the official mascot for the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in France.
- Ettie, whose name comes from the French word etoile for star, is a young chicken with a passion for life and football. She has strong family connection with Footix, the official mascot for the 1998 FIFA World Cup in France, and is the daughter of Footix.
- After many years of playing football together, Footix realized that Ettie was a talented and fearless player, and was an excellent exhibition of the slogan of the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019 - DARE TO SHINE.

Lionel Messi wins fifth European Golden Shoe award

- Barcelona star striker Lionel Messi has been confirmed to pick the prestigious fifth European Golden Shoe award of his career after finishing the campaign as top La Liga goal scorer.
- The Argentine talisman picked the coveted trophy after smashing a total of 34 goals for Barcelona in their Liga-winning campaign.
- Though Messi was all-but assured of clinching the Golden Shoe award, the Premier League's early finish left Liverpool and Tottenham's star strikers no chance of catching up the Barcelona star.

AB de Villiers announces retirement from all forms of cricket

- Star South Africa batsman AB de Villiers announced his decision to retire from all forms of cricket with immediate effect on May 23, 2018.
- The cricketer made the announcement through a video message, in which he said that he had "run out of gas." The 34-year-old batsman said that the time was right for him to hang up his boots, bringing a close to his exceptional 14-year career.
- Overall, De Villiers has played a total of 114 Test matches, 228 ODIs and 78 T20 Internationals.
- He signed off his career with a staggering 20,014 international runs including 8765 in Tests, 9577 in ODIs and 1672 in T20Is and a batting average of over 50 in both Tests and ODIs.
- He would, however, continue to be available for the Titans in domestic cricket.
- De Villiers is regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time. He holds many batting records, including the world's fastest ODI 50, 100 and 150, the fastest Test century by a South African and the fastest T20I 50 by a South African.

- He also holds the record for most Test innings without registering a duck (78).

Cabinet approve to set up India's first sports university in Manipur

- The Union Cabinet in May approved an ordinance to set up the country's first national sports university in Manipur.
- Briefing reporters on the decisions of the Cabinet, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said a bill to set up the university in Imphal (west) is already pending in Parliament. He said things will start moving fast once the President signs the ordinance. The Manipur government has already allocated land for the proposed university, he said.
- The proposed university is expected to bridge this gap. The proposal to set up the national sports university in Manipur was initially announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while Rs 100 crore funds for it were allocated in the 2014-15 budget.

IPL 2018: Chennai Super Kings win 3rd IPL title

- Shane Watson blasted his second hundred this season and finished with the highest ever score in an IPL final as Chennai Super Kings decimated Sunrisers Hyderabad by eight wickets to win the IPL for the third time.
- Watson finished with 117 not out off 57 balls and was involved in valuable partnerships with Suresh Raina (32) and Ambati Rayudu (16 not out). Watson's unbeaten 117 was the highest score in an IPL final.
- CSK are now only the second team besides Mumbai Indians to win the IPL thrice.
- The victory in May also meant Harbhajan Singh and Rayudu became two of only three people to win the IPL as many as four times.

Real Madrid Beats Liverpool to win Champions League 2018

- Real Madrid defeated Liverpool to the UEFA Champions League Final 2018. The final was held in Kiev, Ukrain.
- Gareth Bale scored two goals for Real Madrid, while Benzema scored the opener. Sadio Mane scored from Liverpool's side.
- Liverpool's star player Mohammed Salah(Egypt) got injured in the final.
- This was Real Madrid's 13th Champion's League victory. Cristiano Ronaldo equalled the record of Paolo Maldini by winning 6 UEFA Champions League.

China beat Japan to clinch 10th Thomas Cup win

- China won their 10th Thomas Cup to regain their status as the best men's team in the world after a 3-1 win over Japan.
- Two-time world champion Chen Long dropped the first singles when he lost to a determined Kento Momota 9-21, 18-21 at Impact Arena in Bangkok in May.

Team Japan beat team Thailand 3-0 at BWF Uber Cup 2018 final

- Thailand's fairytale run at the Uber Cup ended in May when the women's badminton team lost the tournament final 3-0 to top-seeded Japan.
- The victory in the best-of-five contest was the first in the biennial tournament by Japan in 37 years.

BCCI, UN Environment sign agreement to promote 'green' Cricket in India

- The BCCI and United Nations Environment on May 27, 2018 signed an agreement to promote green' cricket in India.
- The letter of Intent was signed by BCCI acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary and Erik Solheim, Executive Director of UN Environment, at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai ahead of the IPL 2018 final between Chennai Super Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad.