

CURRENT AFFAIRS APRIL 2018

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CURRENT AFFAIRS APRIL 2018

- K2-229b: Hot, metallic Earth-sized planet discovered
- Government launches Study in India programme to attract foreign students
- Exim Bank extends \$500 million loan facility to 15-nation ECOWAS
- Skill India partners with Ministry of Power for implementation of Saubhagya Scheme...
- Atal Innovation Mission ink SOI with SAP Global to foster innovation...
- India and China agree roadmap for addressing Trade Imbalance...
- Department of Posts launches Cool EMS Service between India and Japan...
- India's first insect museum opened in Tamil Nadu
- AAI signs MoU with Assam Government to develop villages in Kamrup district
- TESS: NASA, SpaceX collaborate to search for exoplanets...
- GPI Tracker system: SWIFT broadens payment tracking capabilities...
- Government launches E-Tribes India on e-commerce platforms...
- ISA, India sign Host Country Agreement...
- Surat: First district to have 100% solar powered health centres...
- National Conference on Down Syndrome held in New Delhi...
- Government may relax protected area permit rules...
- Government releases Draft policy on Defence Production...
- Brazzaville declaration signed to protect world's largest tropical peatland...
- Ministry of Culture organises Madhavpur Mela in Gujarat...
- Chhattisgarh wins National Water Digest Award...
- Print Biennale India 2018: First International Exhibition of Graphic Prints held in New Delhi ...
- March 25: International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade...
- JS Rajput nominated as India's representative to Executive Board of UNESCO...
- Earth Hour 2018 observed across the world...
- Krem Puri: World's longest sandstone cave discovered in Meghalaya...
- ISRO postpones launch of Chandrayaan-2 mission...
- ISRO-BHEL tie up for Production of Space Grade Lithium-Ion Cells...
- GSL delivers second AOPV to Sri Lanka Navy Ahead of Schedule...
- March 24: World Tuberculosis Day...
- NAIPUNYA RATHAM: Andhra Pradesh Government launches World on Wheels...
- Canadian mathematician Robert P. Langlands wins Abel Prize 2018...
- Indian Navy's warship INS Ganga decommissioned...
- First National Conference on Drug Law Enforcement held in New Delhi...
- Videsh Aaya Pradesh ke Dwaar: MEA launches engagement programme with Regional Media...
- BrahMos missile with indigenous seeker successfully test-fired for first time...

- MCX launches world's first brass futures contracts...
- India's first sign language dictionary of 3000 words launched...
- 44 African countries sign agreement to establish African Continental Free Trade Area...
- Raja Ravi Varma's painting on Tilottama fetches over Rs.5 crore at New York auction...
- Parliament passes Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2017...
- Fluorimeter: DAE develops device to measure uranium traces in water...
- Global carbon emissions hit record high in 2017: IAE...
- Cabinet approves Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission...
- Cabinet extends term of commission on sub-categorisation of OBCs...
- 22 March: World Water Day (WWD)...
- Cabinet approves North-East Industrial Development Scheme 2017...
- Cabinet approves amendments in Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016...
- Cabinet approves opening of 18 new missions in Africa by 2021...
- Parivara and Talawara: Cabinet approves inclusion of communities ST list in Karnataka...
- Cabinet approves revision of DTAA between India and Qatar...
- Cabinet approves closure of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians...
- Government launches Sand Mining Framework to check illegal extraction...
- UGC grants full autonomy to 62 higher educational institutes...
- Government scraps export duty on sugar...
- BIRAC celebrates its 6th Foundation Day...
- NITI Aayog, Piramal Foundation ink agreement to improve health, education in Aspirational Districts...
- National Cultural Audiovisual Archives becomes world's first Trusted Digital Repository...
- Government to set up Plastic Park in Jharkhand's Deoghar District...
- Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Skill Development ink MoU on skill development at KVKs...
- ICFRE and TIFAC ink MoU for supporting Forest Based Communities...
- India, Hong Kong sign double tax agreement...
- India, EU ink cooperation agreement to share earth observation data from each other's satellite...
- Indian hands over 18 locomotives to Myanmar...
- Varuna 2018: Indian Navy hosts bilateral naval exercise with French Navy...
- Airbnb inks four MoUs for promotion of tourism in North-East...
- Gulf Shield 1 military exercise of 23 countries held in Saudi Arabia...
- President of India inaugurates Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship...
- Bihar Governor Satya Pal Malik given additional charge as Governor of Odisha...
- March 20: World Sparrow Day...
- President releases commemorative coins on Nabakalebar festival...
- Ptilomera nagalanda: New species of water strider found in Nagaland...
- C-437: Indian Coast Guard commissions interceptor boat...
- NITI Aayog releases SATH-E Roadmaps...
- Government imposes anti-dumping duty on Ofloxacin import from China...
- CISF launches mobile app for lost items at airports...
- Philippines withdraws from International Criminal Court...

- Krishi Unnati Mela held in New Delhi...
- Odisha Government to collaborate with RIMES for disaster management...
- India inks \$120 Million Loan agreement with to improve Rail Infrastructure...
- Prime Minister inaugurates 105th Indian Science Congress...
- Jaipur to witness 8th Theatre Olympics...
- Maharashtra Government bans use of plastic...
- Pune tops in urban governance: ASICS 2017 report...
- LaQshya program launched to improve quality of maternity care...
- Lok Sabha passes Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2017...
- Lok Sabha passes Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill, 2017...
- Sach-Gaurav: India's first cloned Assamese buffalo born...
- Haryana passes bill for death penalty for child rapists...
- China develops artificial heart with rocket technology...
- Arunachal Pradesh Assembly passes bill to have two-tier Panchayati Raj...
- India ranks 78th on WEF Energy Transition Index...

SPORTS LATEST NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- Roger Federer surpasses Agassi to become oldest World No. 1 in tennis history
- India number one ODI team after series win against South Africa
- Shikhar Dhawan becomes first Indian batsman to score century in 100th ODI
- Indra Nooyi appointed as first independent female Director of ICC
- Mary Kom clinches gold medal at India Open Boxing tournament
- Virat Kohli named ICC cricketer of the year
- Harjinder Singh appointed as Chef de Mission for 23rd Winter Olympic Games
- Vibrant Khelo India logo launched
- PV Sindhu loses to Japan's Yamaguchi in Dubai World Superseries final
- Sindhu has won the \$120000 Syed Modi International badminton championship.
- Sindhu had come close to winning the trophy in 2014, but suffered a loss against compatriot Saina Nehwal
- The tournament was the 2nd grand prix's badminton tournament of the 2017 BWF Grand Prix Gold and Grand Prix.
- The tournament was held at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow from Jan 24-29 2017.
- Lewis Hamilton defeated Formula 1 title rival Sebastian Vettel in the Belgian Grand Prix to close the gap in the championship to seven points.
- This was Hamilton's fifth success in 12 races this season, and 58th of his career.
- Sebastian Vettel finished second for Ferrari, 2.3 seconds behind Hamilton while Daniel Ricciardo took third place for Red Bull.
- Former India hockey captain Dhanraj Pillay will be awarded with East Bengal football club's highest honour "Bharat Gaurav" on their foundation day.
- He played a huge role in reviving the Indian team and performed brilliantly during his 15-year career.

- He also received the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award for his performance in 1999-2000 and was awarded Padma Shri and civilian award in 2000.

IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT AFFAIRS

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Sports Achievements

Events	Winner
Gold Javelin F46	DevendraJhalaria
Gold High Jump T42	MariyappanThangavelu
Silver Shot Put F53	Deepa Malik
Bronze High Jump T42	Varun Singh Bhati
2016 Rio de Janeiro, Silver	PV Sindhu
2016 Rio de Janeiro, Bronze	Sakshi Malik
Highest Score in World Cup Knock	Chris Gayle
Grand Slam in Australian Open 2017	Roger Federer
mixed double title of Australian Open winner	Abigail Spears Juan Sebastián Cabal
Caused of first upset of the world cup	Ireland
Venue of the 36th National Games	Goa
fourth Indian golfer	AnirbanLahiri
19 Cooch Behar Trophy	Mumbai
22nd ODI century in World Cup 2015 at Adelaide	ViratKohli
Score four hundred in four test series	ViratKohli
Border Gavaskar Trophy	Australia, Steve Smith
tennis singles crown winner in the Australian Open	Serena Williams
Men's title at the Mumbai Marathon	AlphonseSimbu
Women's title at the Mumbai Marathon	BornesKitur
BCCI chief-in-exile	N Srinivasan
Country hosts the ICC World Twenty 20 tournament in 2018.	South Africa
FIFA Ballon d'Or award for 2016	Cristiano Ronaldo
20th Grand Slam title	Serena Williams
Cricketer who struck fastest century in one day internationals	AB de Villiers
Country will host the U-19 ICC cricket World cup in January-February 2018.	New Zealand
Country will host the ICC Women's World cup in August 2017.	England

India at the 2018 Commonwealth Games

Medalists

India was the best nation in 5 disciplines, [weightlifting](#), [shooting](#), [wrestling](#), [badminton](#) and [table tennis](#), and the second best nation in [boxing](#).

Medal	Name	Sport	Event	Date
 Gold	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting	Women's 48 kg	5 April
 Gold	Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu	Weightlifting	Women's 53 kg	6 April
 Gold	Sathish Sivalingam	Weightlifting	Men's 77 kg	7 April
 Gold	Ragala Venkat Rahul	Weightlifting	Men's 85 kg	7 April
 Gold	Punam Yadav	Weightlifting	Women's 69 kg	8 April
 Gold	Manu Bhaker	Shooting	Women's 10 metre air pistol	8 April
 Gold	Manika Batra Mouma Das Sutirtha Mukherjee Madhurika Patkar Pooja Sahasrabudhe	Table tennis	Women's team	8 April
 Gold	Jitu Rai	Shooting	Men's 10 metre air pistol	9 April
 Gold	Sharath Achanta Anthony Amalraj Harmeet Desai Sanil Shetty Sathiyam Gnanasekaran	Table tennis	Men's team	9 April
 Gold	Pranav Chopra Prannoy Kumar Saina Nehwal Ashwini Ponnappa Satwiksairaj Rankireddy Sikki Reddy Chirag Shetty Gadde Ruthvika Shivani P V Sindhu Kidambi Srikanth	Badminton	Mixed team	9 April
 Gold	Heena Sidhu	Shooting	Women's 25 metre pistol	10 April
 Gold	Shreyasi Singh	Shooting	Women's double trap	11 April
 Gold	Rahul Aware	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 57 kg	12 April
 Gold	Sushil Kumar	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 74 kg	12 April
 Gold	Tejaswini Sawant	Shooting	Women's 50m rifle 3 positions	13 April
 Gold	Anish Bhanwala	Shooting	Men's 25 metre rapid fire pistol	13 April
 Gold	Bajrang Punia	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 65 kg	13 April
 Gold	Mary Kom	Boxing	Women's light flyweight 48 kg	14 April
 Gold	Sanjeev Rajput	Shooting	Men's 50m rifle 3 positions	14 April
 Gold	Gaurav Solanki	Boxing	Men's flyweight 52 kg	14 April
 Gold	Neeraj Chopra	Athletics	Men's javelin throw	14 April
 Gold	Sumit Malik	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 125 kg	14 April
 Gold	Vinesh Phogat	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 50 kg	14 April
 Gold	Manika Batra	Table tennis	Women's singles	14 April
 Gold	Vikas Krishan Yadav	Boxing	Men's middleweight 75 kg	14 April

1	Gold	Saina Nehwal	Badminton	Women's singles	15 April
2	Silver	Gururaja Poojary	Weightlifting	Men's 56 kg.	5 April
2	Silver	Heena Sidhu	Shooting	Women's 10 metre air pistol	8 April
2	Silver	Pardeep Singh	Weightlifting	Men's 105 kg	9 April
2	Silver	Mehuli Ghosh	Shooting	Women's 10 metre air rifle	9 April
2	Silver	Tejaswini Sawant	Shooting	Women's 50 metre rifle prone	12 April
2	Silver	Babita Kumari	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 53 kg	12 April
2	Silver	Seema Antil	Athletics	Women's discus throw	12 April
2	Silver	Anjum Moudgil	Shooting	Women's 50m rifle 3 positions	13 April
2	Silver	Pooja Dhanda	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 57 kg	13 April
2	Silver	Mausam Khatri	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 97 kg	13 April
2	Silver	Manika Batra Mouma Das	Table tennis	Women's doubles	13 April
2	Silver	Amit Panghal	Boxing	Men's light flyweight 49 kg	14 April
2	Silver	Manish Kaushik	Boxing	Men's lightweight 60 kg	14 April
2	Silver	Dipika Pallikal Karthik Saurav Ghosal	Squash	Mixed doubles	14 April
2	Silver	Sharath Achanta Sathiyam Gnanasekaran	Table tennis	Men's doubles	14 April
2	Silver	Satish Kumar	Boxing	Men's super heavyweight (+91 kg)	14 April
2	Silver	P. V. Sindhu	Badminton	Women's singles	15 April
2	Silver	Dipika Pallikal Karthik Joshna Chinappa	Squash	Women's doubles	15 April
2	Silver	Kidambi Srikanth	Badminton	Men's singles	15 April
2	Silver	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy Chirag Shetty	Badminton	Men's doubles	15 April
3	Bronze	Deepak Lather	Weightlifting	Men's 69 kg	6 April
3	Bronze	Ravi Kumar	Shooting	Men's 10 metre air rifle	8 April
3	Bronze	Vikas Thakur	Weightlifting	Men's 94 kg	8 April
3	Bronze	Om Prakash Mitharwal	Shooting	Men's 10 metre air pistol	9 April
3	Bronze	Apurvi Chandela	Shooting	Women's 10 metre air rifle	9 April
3	Bronze	Sachin Chaudhary	Powerlifting	Men's heavyweight	10 April
3	Bronze	Om Prakash Mitharwal	Shooting	Men's 50 metre pistol	11 April
3	Bronze	Ankur Mittal	Shooting	Men's double trap	11 April
3	Bronze	Kiran Bishnoi	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 76 kg	12 April
3	Bronze	Navjeet Dhillon	Athletics	Women's discus throw	12 April
3	Bronze	Naman Tanwar	Boxing	Men's heavyweight 91 kg	13 April
3	Bronze	Divya Kakran	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 68 kg	13 April
3	Bronze	Hussamuddin Mohammed	Boxing	Men's bantamweight 56 kg	13 April
3	Bronze	Manoj Kumar	Boxing	Men's welterweight 69 kg	13 April
3	Bronze	Sakshi Malik	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 62 kg	14 April
3	Bronze	Somveer Kadian	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 86 kg	14 April
3	Bronze	Ashwini Ponnappa Sikki Reddy	Badminton	Women's doubles	14 April

3	Bronze	Harmeet Desai Sanil Shetty	Table tennis	Men's doubles	14 April
3	Bronze	Manika Batra Sathiyam Gnanasekaran	Table tennis	Mixed doubles	15 April
3	Bronze	Sharath Achanta	Table tennis	Men's singles	15 April

CURRENT AFFAIRS (APRIL MONTH)

1. **Siddhant Banthia has won the Indian leg of the junior French Open wild card tournament. He belongs to which city?**
[A] Patna [B] Pune [C] New Delhi [D] Indore
2. **Under the 'Adopt a Heritage' project, which corporate house has signed MoU to maintain historic site "Red Fort"?**
[A] GMR Sports [B] IndiGo airlines
[C] Dalmia Bharat Ltd [D] Reliance Industries Ltd
3. **The Shirui Lily Festival 2018 was celebrated in which state?**
[A] Mizoram [B] Assam [C] Himachal Pradesh [D] Manipur
4. **Which Indian shooter has made brand ambassador for Haryana's Measles and Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign?**
[A] Apurvi Chandela [B] Ronjan Sodhi [C] Vijay Kumar [D] Gauri Sheoran
5. **The Government of India (GoI) has recently entered into a legal agreement with which international organisation on biotech?**
[A] World Bank [B] IMF
[C] Asian Development Bank (ADB) [D] New Development Bank (NDB)
6. **Who has become the India's longest serving Chief Minister of India?**
[A] Naveen Patnaik [B] Raman Singh
[C] Shivraj Singh Chauhan [D] Pawan Chamling
7. **Which Indian city hosted the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)?**
[A] Guwahati [B] Bhopal [C] New Delhi [D] Gandhinagar
8. **Who has been chosen for the 2017 Saraswati Samman?**
[A] Vijay Tendulkar [B] Sitanshu Yashaschandra
[C] Ramakanta Rath [D] Sri Ramayana Mahanveshanam
9. **NDMA has conducted its first-ever Mock Exercise on Bio-Disasters at which city?**
[A] Patna [B] Surat [C] Kochi [D] Agra
10. **The Sipat Super Thermal Power Station is located in which state?**
[A] Punjab [B] Karnataka [C] Chhattisgarh [D] Assam
11. **Which Indian fencer has won a silver in the sabre event of the Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship in Iceland?**
[A] Nandani Magesh [B] Ruchi Trikha [C] C A Bhavani Devi [D] Geeta Singh
12. **On which date, Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated in India?**
[A] April 27 [B] April 29 [C] April 28 [D] April 30
13. **Prajesh Gunneswaran has clinched his first-ever singles tennis title on the ATP Challenger circuit. He belongs to which city?**
[A] Chennai [B] New Delhi [C] Kochi [D] Patna
14. **Who clinched the 2018 Barcelona Open tennis tournament?**
[A] Dominic Thiem [B] Rafael Nadal [C] Kei Nishikori [D] Stefanos Tsitsipas
15. **Which state government has signed a MoU with the British Council to strengthen educational and cultural cooperation?**
[A] Punjab [B] Kerala [C] Tamil Nadu [D] Maharashtra
16. **Who has been honoured with the 26th P C Chandra Puraskar 2018?**
[A] Mithun Chakravarti [B] Sonu Nigam
[C] Sharmila Tagore [D] Asha Bhosle

17. **The 2018 International Dance day is observed on which date?**
[A] April 29 [B] April 28 [C] April 30 [D] April 27
18. **Who is the author of the book “My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism”?**
[A] C H Hanumantha Rao [B] Bimal Jalan
[C] Amartya Sen [D] Kaushik Basu
19. **Which city hosted the 2018 International Buddhist Conference?**
[A] Dharmshala [B] Varanasi
[C] Kathmandu [D] Lumbini
20. **Which country to host the multi-nation counter-terrorism exercise “Peace Mission 2018”?**
[A] Russia [B] India [C] China [D] Tajikistan