

Year End Review 2018 - Department of Sports (Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports)

How has it been for India in sports in 2018?

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- The year 2018 has turned out to be the landmark for India in terms of achievements in Sports arena.

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- **Commonwealth Games, 2018** - 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, Australia was India's 18th appearance at the Commonwealth Games.

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- With 66 Medals, India finished 3rd for the tournament. It was India's best position since the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

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- **Asian Games, 2018, and Para Asian Games, 2018** - India put a commendable performance in Asian Games 2018 at Jakarta and Palembang (Indonesia).

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- With 69 medals, India was placed at 8th position in medals tally.

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- With 72 medals, India finished overall 9th, the highest ever by India at an Asian Para Game, outdoing the previous best by a huge margin.

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- **Youth Olympic Games** - India finished overall 14th in the medals tally, in Youth Olympic Game (YOG) in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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- With 13 medals, outdoing the previous best, this was the highest ever by India at YOG.

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- **2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships** - It was held in New Delhi, where Mary Kom of India beat Ukrainian boxer Hana Okhota to win the gold in the light flyweight category.

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- She became the first woman boxer to win six gold medals in the AIBA

(International Boxing Association) World Boxing Championships.

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- India stood 3rd in the medal tally with one gold, one silver and two bronze.

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What are the major support initiatives?

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- **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** - NSDF was established with the objective of promotion of excellence in sports through support to top level sportspersons and creation of sports infrastructure in priority disciplines.

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- India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) made contribution of Rs.10.00 Crore to the NSDF.

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- The IIFCL contribution is being utilized for promotion of sports in the disciplines Badminton, Archery and Para Sports.

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- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy** - The Union Sports Minister approved the revised guidelines for MAKA Trophy.

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- It was to rationalize and simplify the selection of top performing university in sports for award of MAKA Trophy.

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- The amount of award money for the overall all winner university has been enhanced from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 15 lakh.

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- **Pension** - Pension to meritorious sportspersons was revised for the welfare of Sportspersons.

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- The rate of pension has been doubled of the existing rate of pension on winning medals in international sports events.

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- The rate of pension of medal winners in the Para-Olympics Games and Para Asian Games will be at par with winners in the Olympic Games and Asian Games respectively.

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- **Scholarship** programme under Khelo India - More than 1100 players were identified for a scholarship programme under Khelo India Talent Identification Development scheme.

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- Under this programme, an annual stipend of Rs. 1.2 lakhs will be given to the players on a quarterly.
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- It is designed to take care of their expenses on training, development, boarding and lodging and tournament exposure apart from offering them out of pocket expense allowance.
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- **Financial Assistance** - The Ministry is operating Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS).
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- It is to assist outstanding sportspersons of the past who had brought glory to the country, living in impoverished circumstances.
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- **Special (Cash) Awards** - It is a Scheme of Special (Cash) Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches.
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- A total of around Rs. 11 crore has been given to winning sportspersons during 2018-19 so far.
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What are the institutional and promotional programmes?

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- Government has taken up a two pronged approach to sports -
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- i. nurture top sports talent
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- ii. find untapped sports stars at the grassroots
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- **Khelo India School Games (KISG), 2018** - 1st Khelo India School Games, 2018 were held with participation from all States and Union Territories.
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- Maharashtra, Delhi and Haryana outshined others.
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- More than 1100 sports talents have been identified; they will be imparted training for next 8 years with annual expenditure on each athlete of Rs. 5

lakh.

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- **Republic Day Parade Tableau** of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports was adjudged the best among all Ministries.

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- Theme of the Tableau of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports was Khelo India.

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- **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** - NADA put its efforts during the 1st Khelo India School Games, Delhi.

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- It ensured that sports integrity is maintained and the participating sportspersons become aware of International Standards on it.

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- A total of 377 dope tests were conducted by NADA to make the school games dope free.

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- NADA also tested as many as 498 Indian Athletes prior to Asian Games, the largest testing conducted by NADA before any international games.

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- To monitor the Code Compliance activities, World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) audit team audited anti doping program of NADA, India last year.

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- Followed by Corrective Action Report recommended by WADA's audit team, NADA has implemented the corrective action.

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- As per the annual statistics report published by WADA, the number of anti doping rule violation in India has come down, bringing India from 3rd to 6th place globally.

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- **National Sports University, Manipur** - The National Sports University Act, 2018 came into place for establishing a National Sports University in Manipur.

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- It will be the first of its kind to promote sports education (Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programmes) in sports sciences, sports technology, sports management and sports coaching.

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- Besides, it will also function as the national training centre for select sports disciplines, by adopting best international practices.

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- **National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR)** - The scheme aims to support high level research, education and innovation with respect to high performance of elite athletes.

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- The scheme has two components-

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- i. setting up of NCSSR at NIS, Patiala

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- ii. creation of support to Sports Sciences Department in select Universities and Sports Medicine Departments in select Medical Colleges/ Institutes/ Hospitals

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- **National Sports & Adventure Awards 2018 :**

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1. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna - to S. Mirabai Chanu (Weightlifting) and Virat Kohli (Cricket)

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2. Dronacharya Award, Arjuna Award and Dhyan Chand Award - to 32 sportspersons/coaches in various disciplines

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3. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award - to 10 persons in categories of Land Adventure, Water Adventure and one award to Life Time Achievement category

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4. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy - to Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

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5. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar to three (3) entities -

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- i. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited in 'Identification and Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent' category

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- ii. JSW Steel in 'Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility'

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iii. Isha Foundation in category of 'Sports for Development'
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- **Kho Kho** - Participation of Kho Kho team from India at the First International Kho Kho Championship in England was approved with financial support from the Government.
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 - The approval was given for the first time in relaxation of existing guidelines.
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 - Notably, sports disciplines like Kho Kho are categorised as “Others” which will not be eligible for financial support for participation in International sporting events.
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 - **PG Diploma course** - The Ministry has funded and guided Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak to commence a 2-year Post-Graduate Diploma course in Business Management in Sports.
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 - This is to strengthen the overall sports ecosystem in the country and to develop expertise in various sectors.
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