

**Sports Current Affairs – January 2019****Cricket:****India Vs Australia Test Series**

- India made history winning their first ever series on Australian soil beating the home team 2-1. Virat Kohli became the first Indian as well as the first Asian captain to win a Test series in Australia.

**BCCI announces cash awards for triumphant Team India members**

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced cash awards of Rs 15 lakh per match for each of the playing eleven that featured in India's maiden Test Cricket series win on Australian soil.

**Dhoni joins elite list of Indian cricketers to score ten thousand runs**

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the fifth player to score ten thousand runs for India in One-day International Cricket.
- Dhoni thus joined an elite list of Indian cricketers who had previously achieved the feat, which include Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid and Virat Kohli.

**Virat Kohli named Captain of ICC's Test, ODI teams of Year**

- The International Cricket Council announced the men's Test and ODI teams of the year. Virat Kohli has been named captain of both sides following a remarkable 2018 as batsman and skipper.

**BCCI announces bonus of Rs 20 lakh**

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a bonus of 20 lakh rupees each for the senior selection committee members following India's maiden Test series win in Australia.

**Mohammed Shami is the fastest Indian bowler to reach 100 ODI wickets**

- Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian bowler to claim 100 ODI wickets, during the first one-dayer against New Zealand . Shami reached the milestone in his 56th match, with the wicket of opener Martin Gupthill.

**BCCI lifts suspensions on Hardik Pandya, KL Rahul**

- Committee of Administrators of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has lifted the suspension on Hardik Pandya and KL Rahul.

## **Tennis:**

### **ATP tour Tennis**

- Indian pair of Rohan Bopanna's and Divij Sharan have won maiden ATP tour Tennis title at the Tata Open Maharashtra in Pune.

### **International Tennis Federation's tournament**

- India's Ankita Raina has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore.

### **Australian Open Tennis**

- Australian Open, the first of the four Grand Slams of the season, begins in Melbourne.
- In the Women's Singles Final of the Australian Open at Melbourne, Osaka, seeded fourth, defeated eighth placed Czech Petra Kvitova, 7-6, 5-7, 6-4.
- Novak Djokovic defeated Rafael Nadal to win his 7th Australian Open Men's Singles title at Melbourne.
- Japan's Naomi Osaka has become the first player since 2001 to win back-to-back Grand Slam titles.
- Naomi Osaka became the first Asian player to achieve the world number one ranking.

## **Badminton:**

### **Premier Badminton League**

- Bengaluru Raptors beat Mumbai Rockets to win their first ever Premier Badminton League title.

### **Malaysia Masters Badminton 2019**

- Saina Nehwal crashed out of the Malaysia Masters 2019 after losing 16-21, 13-21 to Carolina Marin of Spain in the semifinal match at Kuala Lumpur.

### **Indonesia Masters badminton**

- Indonesia Masters badminton tournament will begin in Jakarta.
- Saina Nehwal won her first Indonesia Masters title after three-time world champion Carolina Marin limped out of the final due to a leg injury.

## **Khelo India Youth Games:**

### **2nd edition of Khelo India Youth Games**

- Maharashtra is all set to host the second edition of Khelo India Youth Games in Pune.

**Khelo India Youth Games**

- At the Khelo India Youth Games in Pune, ten year old Abhinav Shaw became the youngest gold medallist in shooting. He teamed up with Mehuli Ghosh to help West Bengal win the 10m air rifle mixed team event.
- The Khelo India Youth Games concluded in Pune with the hosts Maharashtra walking away with the overall trophy.
- Maharashtra finish top with 228 medals. Haryana second with 178 medals, and Delhi third with 136 medals.

**Chess:****Tata Steel Chess**

- Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand scored a crushing victory over Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the eighth round to share the lead with Norway's Magnus Carlsen in the Tata Steel Chess tournament in Netherlands.

**Delhi International chess Grandmaster Open**

- D Gukesh became the India's youngest ever Grandmaster after he captured the title at the Delhi International chess Grandmaster Open.

**Indian men's hockey team coach**

- Indian men's hockey coach Harendra Singh was sacked from the position and offered the task of helming the junior squad by the national federation.

**Others:****80th National Table Tennis Championship**

- The 80th National Table Tennis Championship began at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack. Odisha State Table Tennis Association (OSTTA) is hosting the championships after a gap of 18 years.

**AFC Asian Cup**

- India defeated Thailand 4-1 at the AFC Asian Cup campaign in Abu Dhabi.
- India crashed out of the AFC Asian Cup with a heartbreaking 0-1 defeat at the hands of Bahrain.

**Senior National's Judo Championship**

- Lady head constable Rani of 5th Indian Reserve Battalion of Himachal Pradesh Police won a Gold medal in the Senior National Women's Judo Championship at Visakhapatnam.

**Women's National Boxing Championship**

- Tamil Nadu's S. Kalaivani and Nikhat Zareen of Telangana entered the finals at the women's National Boxing Championship.

**Egypt to host 2019 Africa Cup of Nations**

- Egypt will host the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations Football. Egypt hosting the African football for the fifth time.

**World record in indoor rowing**

- Asian Cup gold medallist Shakil Ahmed set up a world record in indoor rowing by completing one lakh metres of simulated distance in 10 hours in above-40 year's category in Kolkata.

**Mumbai Marathon**

- Cosmas Lagat of Kenya and Worknesh Alemu of Ethiopia won the men's and women's crowns in the Tata Mumbai Marathon in Mumbai.

**International Weightlifting Federation lifts ban on Sanjita Chanu**

- At the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Sanjita won a gold in the women's 53kg category, but tested positive. The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) on January 23 revoked the ban imposed on India's Commonwealth Games gold medallist Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu.

**India para-powerlifter banned for 4 years**

- Indian para-powerlifter Vikram Singh Adhikari has been handed a four-year ban by the International Paralympic Committee for a second anti-doping violation.

**Amateur Golf Championship**

- India's Kartik Sharma won the New South Wales men's Amateur Golf Championship in Australia.

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