

19 March 2018 Current Affairs

Putin wins historic 4th term as Russian President

Russian President Vladimir Putin stormed to victory in presidential election, giving him another six years in power. Putin, who has ruled Russia for almost two decades, won more than 75% of the vote according to preliminary results.

Purva Barve wins title at Israel Junior 2018

Purva Barve won the women's singles (Under-19) title at the Israel Junior badminton tournament 2018 held in Rishon LeZion. Earlier she won the Israel Junior 2017, Italian Junior International 2017 apart from a bronze at the Russian Junior White Nights 2017.

Punjab imposes permanent ban on Hookah bars

The Punjab Government imposed a permanent ban on Hookah bars in the state. The state cabinet approved an amendment to the Cigarette & Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply, and Distribution) Act, 2003, to prevent and control diseases caused by the use of various tobacco products.

English cricketer Kevin Pietersen announces Retirement

Kevin Pietersen, 37 years old, has officially announced his retirement from the International cricket. Pietersen has 8,181 runs in 104 tests, 4,440 runs in 136 ODIs and 1,176 runs in 37 Twenty20 Internationals. Pietersen is England's fifth highest test run-scorer.

India clinches Nidahas Trophy in last-ball thriller

India pulled off an unforgettable chase beating Bangladesh by four wickets in the Nidahas T20 tri-series final at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The nerve-breaking victory came as a result of an incredible performance by wicketkeeper-batsman Dinesh Karthik who came in at the fag end of India's batting, with the team needing 34 off the last two overs.

Sony India appoints Sunil Nayyar as MD

Sony India announced the appointment of Sunil Nayyar as its Managing Director (MD) in place of Kenichiro Hibi. Hibi, who was MD of Sony India from 2012 till 2018, has now been appointed as President of Sony Brazil. Nayyar is the first Indian to be appointed as Managing Director for Sony India.

Indian Wells 2018- List of Winners

The Indian Wells Masters, also known as BNP Paribas Open and the WTA Indian Wells Open, is an annual tennis tournament held in March at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California, United States. Former US Open champion Juan Martin Del Potro stunned top-ranked Roger Federer to win his first Indian Wells title and second consecutive ATP crown. Unseeded Naomi Osaka became the first Japanese player to win the Indian Wells final.

Complete list of Indian Wells Title:

S. No.	Category	Winner	Runnerup
1.	Men's Singles	Juan Martin Del Potro (Argentina)	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
2.	Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Daria Kasatkina (Russia)
3.	Men's Doubles	John Isner (US) Jack Sock (US)	Bob Bryan (US) Mike Bryan (US)
4.	Women's Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)	Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) Elena Vesnina (Russia)