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## Youth Olympic Games 2018 - India's Best Medal Haul Ever!

Youth Olympics is an international game event which has a wide range of sports clubbed together under the banner head of Olympics. Youth Olympic Games 2018 started from 6 October 2018 and ended on 18 October. India bagged 13 medals and rose to the sixteenth position making it as India's best performance at the Youth Olympics. Saurabh Chaudhary, Manu Bhaker and Jeremy Lalrinnunga added another feather to India's cap by clinching Gold in Girls and Boys 10m Air Pistol Event and weightlifting respectively. Manu Baker also became the first Indian woman to win Gold at Youth Olympics. Read this article to know all about the Youth Olympic Games 2018. You can also download this article as a PDF.

### India at Youth Olympic Games 2018

Sports - 13	Gold - 3	Silver - 9	Bronze - 1
Shooting - 4	<b>Manu Bhaker</b> (10m Air Pistol) <b>Saurabh Chaudhary</b> (10m Air Pistol)	<b>Tushar Mane</b> (Boy's 10m Air Rifle) <b>Mehuli Ghosh</b> (Girl's 10m Air Rifle)	
Judo - 1		<b>Tababi Devi</b> (44 kg)	
Weightlifting - 1	<b>Jeremy Lalrinnunga</b> (Boy's 62 kg)		
Badminton - 1		<b>Lakshaya Sen</b> (Boys' singles)	
Wrestling - 1		<b>Simran</b> (Girls' 10m 43kg freestyle)	
Athletics - 2		<b>Suraj Panwar</b> (Boy's 5000m Walk)	<b>Praveen Chitravel</b> (Boy's Triple Jump)





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Hockey - 2		<b>India's Men Team</b>	
		<b>India's Women Team</b>	
Archery - 1		<b>Akash Malik (Boy's recurve)</b>	

Lakshaya Sen bagged a gold in the mixed team event of Badminton while Tababi Devi and Manu Bhaker also bagged Silver in the mixed team for Judo and shooting respectively.

## History of Youth Olympic Games

Johann Rosenzopf from Austria was the brain behind the YOUTH version of the Olympics. The main aim was to bridge the gap between all the boundaries and to get people on board for the Olympics. International Olympics Committee was not really impressed with the idea of the Youth Olympics because they wanted it to be more of a cultural exchange than it being a Sports Event. There are several goals for the Youth Olympic Games wherein four of them include bringing together the world's best young athletes, offering an introduction into Olympism, innovating in educating and debating Olympic values. The age limit for every participant wishing or eligible to participate in the event is in between 14-18 years of age. Singapore was the host for the inaugural event for Summer Olympics in 2010 whereas, Innsbruck was the host for the Winter Olympics in 2012. The Youth Olympics happens after every four years and is organized by the International Olympics Committee.

## Major Features of the Youth Olympic Games 2018

Over 200 countries and 3,600 athletes participated in the inaugural 2010 Youth Summer Olympics. The qualification to participate for the Youth Olympics is set by the International Sports Federation for all the different sports events scheduled under the youth category. A certain number of spots in each event are left open for athletes from under-represented nations regardless of qualifying marks to ensure that every nation is able to send at least four athletes to each Youth Olympic Games to make it a fair game for all nations worldwide. What makes the Youth Olympics different from the Olympics is that under this banner they have cultural and educational events as the key components too. It focuses mainly on building up a Youth in all aspects.

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## Quick Facts about the Youth Olympic Games 2018

- 2018 Summer Youth Olympic is commonly known as BUENOS AIRES 2018.
- It is the first Summer Youth Olympic Games to be held outside of Asia and the first Youth Games for either summer or winter to be held outside Eurasia.
- India is participating in the Youth Olympics happening now from 6th of this month to the 18th of the same month (October).
- The opening ceremony of the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics was held at the Obelisco de Buenos Aires on 6 October 2018.

Let's hope Indian athletes beat their own best performance in 2010 and secure India in Top Rank in Asian Games 2018. Was this article helpful for you? Then check out more such articles.

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