

# Neeraj Chopra Wins Silver in Paris

## Why In News

- India's star track and field athlete **Neeraj Chopra** recorded his season-best throw of **89.45m to win silver** in the men's javelin event at the Paris Olympics after **Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem** shattered the all-time Olympic record of 90.57m with a throw of 92.97m to clinch the gold medal.



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- **Neeraj Chopra's silver at the Paris Olympics** immortalises his legacy in the track and field category and in javelin, in particular.
- He became the **first Indian track and field athlete** to claim two medals after independence.



- However, the **silver in Paris didn't come easily** for Neeraj as he battled adductor niggle all the way leading into his run at the Summer Games in 2024.
- After the **conclusion of events on Day 13**, Pakistan were ranked 53rd in the standings, courtesy of their sole gold medal in the men's javelin throw final.











- **India, on the other hand, was placed 64th**, with one silver and four bronze.
- The common method of determining the success of countries at the Olympic Games is a ranking order based on the number of gold medals won. Even if a nation has **10 silver or bronze medals**, it would be ranked lower than a solitary gold medal.
- **The tally of silver and bronze medals** only comes into effect when there's a tie between two nations on the number of gold medals won.

Tournament	Event	Medal
Paris Olympics	Javelin throw	Silver
Tokyo Olympics	Javelin throw	Gold
2023 World Championships	Javelin throw	Gold
2022 World Championships	Javelin throw	Silver
2023 Diamond League	Javelin throw	Second
2022 Diamond League	Javelin throw	First
2022 Asian Games	Javelin throw	Gold
2018 Asian Games	Javelin throw	Gold
2018 Commonwealth Games	Javelin throw	Gold

- **Arshad clinched his country's first gold medal** in four decades while also setting a new Olympic record with his stunning throw.
- Pakistan had never won an individual Olympic gold medal until the Paris Games where **Arshad defeated India's javelin throw** hero Neeraj Chopra.



- The **South Asian nation** has a total of three gold medals to its name in Olympic history, and all three of them came in field hockey - in 1960, 1968, and 1984.
- **In Pakistan's history, only two athletes** have won individual Olympic medals of any color. They both were bronze - in wrestling in 1960 and boxing in 1988. Pakistan last won an Olympic medal at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona when the field hockey clinched bronze.

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