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Commonwealth Games 2026: India Finishes Fourth with 39 Medals

- India delivered an impressive performance at the **Commonwealth Games 2026**, finishing **fourth** in the overall medal standings with a total of **39 medals**. Although India matched Scotland's medal tally, it secured a higher position due to a superior count of silver medals. The campaign highlighted India's growing strength across multiple sporting disciplines, particularly in boxing and athletics.
- **Key Highlights**
- India secured **4th position** in the overall standings.
- The contingent won **39 medals** in total.
- **Boxing** emerged as India's most successful sport with **10 medals**, including **7 gold medals**.
- **Mirabai Chanu** became the first Indian woman to win **three consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medals**.
- **Asmita Dey** created history as India's first Commonwealth Games Judo Champion.
- **Gulveer Singh** became the first Indian track and field athlete to win two individual medals at a single Commonwealth Games.
- **Tejaswin Shankar** became India's first Commonwealth Games decathlon medallist.
- India's para-athletes recorded their best-ever Commonwealth Games performance by winning **7 medals**.
- **Neeraj Chopra** returned to the Commonwealth Games after missing the Birmingham 2022 edition and won a silver medal.

- **Significance**
- India's performance reflects the country's growing excellence in international sports and showcases the success of investments in athlete development and sports infrastructure.



Rank	Nation	G	S	B	Total	
1	Australia AUS	70	45	56	171	+
2	England ENG	29	45	36	110	+
3	Canada CAN	19	20	23	62	+
4	India IND	13	17	9	39	+
5	Scotland SCO	13	9	17	39	+
6	New Zealand NZL	10	14	12	36	+
7	Nigeria NGR	10	7	7	24	+
8	Jamaica JAM	10	4	5	19	+
9	Wales WAL	9	10	12	31	+
10	Malaysia MAS	8	3	5	16	+

Ankur Bhattacharjee, Yashaswini Ghorpade Win CWG TT Singles Titles

- Indian paddlers **Ankur Bhattacharjee** and **Yashaswini Ghorpade** won the men's and women's singles titles at the **22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships**, reinforcing India's dominance in Commonwealth table tennis. The Indian contingent enjoyed a remarkable campaign by winning **four of the five available gold medals**.
- Key Highlights**
 - Ankur Bhattacharjee won the **men's singles** title.
 - Yashaswini Ghorpade claimed the **women's singles** championship.
 - India secured **four out of five gold medals** in the tournament.
 - In the women's doubles, **Sreeja Akula** and **Syndrela Das** defeated **Yashaswini Ghorpade** and **Divyanshi Bhowmick** in an all-Indian final.
 - Manav Thakkar** and **Taneesha Kotecha** won the **mixed doubles** title after defeating Malaysia in the final.
- Significance**
 - The outstanding performance highlights India's emergence as a major force in Commonwealth table tennis and reflects the country's depth of talent across multiple events.



Ahmedabad Officially Begins Journey Towards Hosting Commonwealth Games 2030

- India took a significant step towards hosting the **Commonwealth Games 2030** as **Ahmedabad** officially received the **Commonwealth Games Flag and Host Baton** during the closing ceremony of the 2026 Games in Glasgow. The handover marks the beginning of preparations for the historic centenary edition of the Games.
- **Key Highlights**
 - Ahmedabad will host the **Commonwealth Games 2030**.
 - The Commonwealth Games Flag and Host Baton were officially handed over during the closing ceremony.
 - The 2030 Games will mark the **100th anniversary** of the Commonwealth Games.
 - India previously hosted the Games in **New Delhi in 2010**.
 - India will become the **second country**, after Australia, to host the Commonwealth Games twice.
- **Significance**
 - Hosting the Commonwealth Games 2030 is expected to boost sports infrastructure, tourism, international recognition, and economic activity while encouraging greater participation in sports across the country.



India Plans ₹45,000 Crore Railway Infrastructure Upgrade Along Border Regions

- The Government of India has planned a **₹45,000 crore railway infrastructure programme** to strengthen rail connectivity in border regions adjoining **China, Pakistan, and Bangladesh**. The project aims to improve transportation networks while enhancing strategic logistics and regional connectivity.
- **Key Highlights**
- Investment of **₹45,000 crore** planned over the next **18–24 months**.
- The programme covers border states including:
 - Punjab
 - Rajasthan
 - Himachal Pradesh
 - West Bengal
 - Assam
 - Other North-Eastern states
- Major works include:
 - Construction of new railway tracks
 - Addition of platforms
 - Strengthening of existing rail corridors
- The railway network is planned as **dual-use infrastructure**, supporting both civilian transportation and defence logistics.
- The programme includes connectivity improvements in the **Siliguri Corridor** and Himalayan regions.
- **Significance**
- The project is expected to enhance regional connectivity, improve transportation efficiency, strengthen logistics in strategically important border areas, and contribute to India's long-term infrastructure development.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. India finished at which position in the Commonwealth Games 2026 medal tally?

- A) 2nd
- B) 3rd
- C) 4th
- D) 5th

Answer: C) 4th

Explanation: India finished 4th in the Commonwealth Games 2026 with a total of 39 medals, matching Scotland's tally but securing a higher position due to more silver medals.

2. Which sport emerged as India's most successful sport at the Commonwealth Games 2026?

- A) Athletics
- B) Wrestling
- C) Shooting
- D) Boxing

Answer: D) Boxing

Explanation: Boxing was India's most successful discipline, contributing 10 medals, including 7 gold medals.

3. Who became the first Indian woman to win three consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medals?

- A) PV Sindhu
- B) Nikhat Zareen
- C) Mirabai Chanu
- D) Lovlina Borgohain

Answer: C) Mirabai Chanu

Explanation: Mirabai Chanu created history by becoming the first Indian woman to win three consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medals.

4. Which Indian paddlers won the men's and women's singles titles at the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships?

- A) Manav Thakkar and Sreeja Akula
- B) Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra
- C) Ankur Bhattacharjee and Yashaswini Ghorpade
- D) Sathiyar Gnanasekaran and Syndrel Das

Answer: C) Ankur Bhattacharjee and Yashaswini Ghorpade

Explanation: Ankur Bhattacharjee won the men's singles title, while Yashaswini Ghorpade claimed the women's singles championship.

5. How many gold medals did India win at the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5

Answer: C) 4

Explanation: India won four of the five available gold medals, showcasing its dominance in Commonwealth table tennis.

6. Which city will host the Commonwealth Games 2030?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Ahmedabad

Answer: D) Ahmedabad

Explanation: Ahmedabad officially received the Commonwealth Games Flag and Host Baton, beginning preparations to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

7. The Commonwealth Games 2030 will be significant because it will mark the:

- A) 50th anniversary of the Games
- B) First Games in Asia
- C) 100th anniversary of the Commonwealth Games
- D) 25th edition of the Games

Answer: C) 100th anniversary of the Commonwealth Games

Explanation: The 2030 edition will celebrate the centenary (100th anniversary) of the Commonwealth Games.

8. India has planned to invest ₹45,000 crore to strengthen railway infrastructure mainly along the borders with:

- A) Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar
- B) Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bangladesh
- C) China, Nepal and Myanmar
- D) China, Pakistan and Bangladesh

Answer: D) China, Pakistan and Bangladesh

Explanation: The programme focuses on strengthening railway infrastructure along India's borders with China, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

9. The proposed railway infrastructure project is planned to be implemented over:

- A) 6–12 months
- B) 12–18 months
- C) 18–24 months
- D) 36 months

Answer: C) 18–24 months

Explanation: The border railway upgrade programme is scheduled for implementation over the next 18 to 24 months.

10. The planned railway corridors are designed as dual-use infrastructure, meaning they support:

- A) Passenger and tourism services only
- B) Freight transport only

- C) Metro and suburban rail services
- D) Civilian transportation and military logistics

Answer: D) Civilian transportation and military logistics

Explanation: The railway network is planned as dual-use infrastructure, enabling movement of passengers, freight, and defence supplies to improve connectivity and strategic logistics.