

Commonwealth Games 2026, Host, Schedule, Indian Medal Tally

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The **Commonwealth Games 2026** is the latest edition of the Commonwealth's premier multi sport event, bringing together athletes from 72 Commonwealth nations and territories. The 2026 Commonwealth is scheduled in Glasgow, Scotland from 23 July to 2 August 2026. The Games continue a tradition that began in 1930 managed by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). The event promotes sporting excellence, international cooperation and cultural exchange while providing a major platform for elite athletes across multiple disciplines.

As of 28 July 2026, India is placed 8th in the medal standings with 2 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals, taking the total medal count to 10.

What are Commonwealth Games?

The Commonwealth Games are a quadrennial international multi sport competition contested by athletes representing Commonwealth nations and territories. The event is organised by the Commonwealth Games Federation, headquartered in London. The Games were created to strengthen sporting ties among Commonwealth members. Over time, the event has evolved from the British Empire Games into a modern sporting competition

featuring able bodied and para athletes competing together, reflecting inclusivity, equality and the growing diversity of the Commonwealth.

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Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026

The Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026 marks the return of the Commonwealth Games to Scotland, bringing together athletes from across the Commonwealth in a compact, sustainable sporting model.

- **Host and Schedule:** Glasgow, Scotland, is hosting the Commonwealth Games 2026 from 23 July to 2 August 2026, welcoming athletes from 72 Commonwealth countries and territories for eleven days of international sporting competition.
- **Mascot:** Finnie is the official mascot of the Commonwealth Games 2026. Inspired by Scotland's national animal, the unicorn, Finnie features a distinctive traffic cone horn and succeeds Clyde, Glasgow's 2014 Commonwealth Games mascot.
- **Organising Body:** The Games are conducted under the supervision of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).
- **Participating Countries:** A total of 72 Commonwealth Nations and territories are taking part in Glasgow 2026.
- **Indoor bowls debut:** Glasgow 2026 introduces indoor bowls for both able bodied and para competitions. Earlier editions featured lawn bowls on outdoor greens, making this a significant operational change without altering the sport's basic rules.
- **Opening ceremony:** The Games officially begin with the traditional opening ceremony featuring the host nation's flag, athlete parade, artistic performances and the arrival of the Queen's Baton, which concludes its relay at the host city.
- **Queen's Baton Relay:** The Baton Relay, introduced during the 1958 Cardiff Commonwealth Games, remains one of the event's most recognised traditions, symbolising unity before the official opening of every Commonwealth Games.
- **Closing Ceremony:** The Games conclude with athletes entering the stadium together regardless of nationality. The Commonwealth Games flag is then handed over to the representatives of the next host city before the Games officially close.
- **Overall medals record:** Across all editions through 2018, Australia remains the most successful nation with highest medals, followed by England, Canada and India in the all time medal standings.

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Commonwealth Games 2026 Medal Tally

As of now, Indian athletes have brought total 4 medals as tabulated below:

Commonwealth Games 2026 Indian Medal Tally			
Indian Athletes	Games	Medals	Medals Count

Mirabai Chanu	Women's 48kg Weightlifting	Gold	2
Sharmila Dhankar	Women's Shot Put F57 Para-Athletics		
Muthupandi Raja	Men's 65kg Weightlifting	Silver	5
Rishikanta Singh	Men's 60kg Weightlifting		
Sarvesh Kushare	Men's High Jump Athletics		
Valluri Ajaya Babu	Men's 79kg Weightlifting		
Gyaneshwari Yadav	Women's 53kg Weightlifting		
Jhandu Kumar	Men's Heavyweight Para Powerlifting	Bronze	3
Bindyarani Devi	Women's 58kg Weightlifting		
Shilpa Shyla	Women's Shot Put F57 Para-Athletics		
Total Medals			10

Commonwealth Games History

The history and evolution of the Commonwealth Games has been discussed below:

- The Commonwealth Games originated after Australian born Astley Cooper proposed an imperial sporting festival in 1891.
- The first British Empire Games were held at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930, featuring 11 countries and around 400 athletes.
- The Games adopted the title British Empire and Commonwealth Games in 1954, became the British Commonwealth Games in 1970 and have officially been known simply as the Commonwealth Games since 1978.
- Women initially competed only in swimming during the 1930 Games. Athletics for women was introduced in 1934 and the Games achieved an equal number of medal events for men and women at Gold Coast 2018.
- Over the decades, the Games added several disciplines, including badminton and shooting in 1966, team sports in 1998 and fully integrated para sports from 2002.
- Separate Commonwealth Paraplegic Games were organised between 1962 and 1974.

- Para events became demonstration sports in 1994 and have formed part of the main Commonwealth Games programme since 2002.

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Commonwealth Games 2026 Indian Participation

India begins its 19th Commonwealth Games appearance in Glasgow 2026 with a strong contingent featuring Olympic champions, experienced medal winners and several emerging athletes.

- **India's participation:** India is competing in its 19th Commonwealth Games after making its debut at the 1934 Games, continuing a long history of participation in one of the Commonwealth's biggest sporting events.
- **Indian Representation:** The Sports Ministry approved a 191 member contingent, including 126 athletes and 65 overall team officials, while Indian athletes represent multiple sports during the Glasgow 2026 competition.
- **Leading Athletes:** Olympic Champion Neeraj Chopra, Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu and Olympic bronze winning boxer Lovlina Borgohain headline India's athlete contingent for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.
- **Opening Ceremony Roles:** Mirabai Chanu serves as India's flag bearer, while Lovlina Borgohain carries the Queen's Baton during the opening ceremony, representing Indian sport on the international stage.
- **Sustainable Indian Uniforms:** India is introducing jute viscose blended apparel, developed by the National Jute Board under the Ministry of Textiles, making Glasgow 2026 the first international multi sport event to feature such clothing. The biodegradable sportswear supports the Make in India initiative.
- **2030 Hosting:** India will host the **Commonwealth Games 2030 in Ahmedabad**, Gujarat, marking the country's second time hosting the Games after Delhi 2010.

Commonwealth Games 2026 Indian Winners

The Commonwealth Games 2026 Indian Winners have been highlighted below:

Mirabai Chanu

Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold medal at Glasgow 2026 and secured her third consecutive Commonwealth Games title. She broke the Games snatch record twice with 82kg and 85kg, and lifted 105kg while becoming only the second Indian to claim three successive individual Commonwealth Games gold medals.

Rishikanta Singh

Rishikanta Singh earned India's first able-bodied medal by winning silver in the men's 60kg category. He also created a new Commonwealth Games record in the snatch event, highlighting India's continued strength in weightlifting despite narrowly missing the gold medal.

Muthupandi Raja

Muthupandi Raja secured silver after achieving a combined lift of 286kg. He successfully lifted 160kg and contributed to the Indian Medal Tally list of the Glasgow CWG 2026.

Jhandu Kumar

Bronze (Men's Heavyweight Para Powerlifting): Jhandu Kumar opened India's medal account by winning bronze in the men's heavyweight para powerlifting event. His podium finish marked India's first medal of the Games and underlined the important contribution of Indian para athletes to the country's overall medal tally.

Sharmila Dhankar

Sharmila Dhankar is an Indian para shot put athlete who won the women's shot put F57 gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2026, becoming India's first-ever para athletics gold medallist at the Games.

Sarvesh Kushare

Indian high jumper Sarvesh Kushare won the silver medal after clearing 2.25 metres in the men's high jump final. Sarvesh became the first Indian to win a Commonwealth Games silver medal in men's high jump.

Valluri Ajaya Babu

He finished second in the men's 79kg category and won Silver Medal. He missed gold by just 1kg to Malaysia's Muhammad Erry Hidayat.

Gyaneshwari Yadav

She claimed silver in the women's 53kg event on her Commonwealth Games debut.

Shilpa Shyla

She is an Indian shot putter and secured the bronze medal in the women's shot put F57 event.

Bindyarani Devi

She won Silver Medal in Weightlifting Women's 53kg category at Commonwealth Games 2026 at Glasgow.

Lovlina Borgohain

Lovlina Borgohain has already secured at least a bronze medal after receiving a quarter-final bye. Since both losing semi-finalists receive bronze medals in Commonwealth Games boxing, she is assured of a podium finish and will compete for a place in the final to challenge for gold.

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