



CWG 2026: Arundhati Choudhary enters boxing 70kg semifinal, guarantees India a medal

GLASGOW (SCOTLAND), JULY 29 (ANI): Indian boxer Arundhati Choudhary advanced to the women's 70kg semifinals at the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow after defeating New Zealand's Morgan Henderson in the quarterfinal on Wednesday.

Arundhati produced a composed performance in a closely fought contest, edging the first round 3-2 before taking control in the second round. Despite Henderson's aggressive approach, the Indian boxer stayed patient, relying on her movement and effective punches to take the third round via a 3-1 split decision and secure victory, according to ESPN. The win assured Arundhati of a medal as she will now compete in the semifinals with a chance to progress to the gold medal bout.

Earlier on Wednesday, Sakshi Chaudhary advanced to the women's 51kg semifinals after



defeating Northern Ireland's Caitlyn Fryers with a dominant unanimous 5-0 decision in the quarterfinal, also guaranteeing India a medal.

Sakshi, who came into the Games in good form after mov-

ing back to the 51kg category and beating top Indian boxers during the trials, controlled the bout with a composed performance. She won all three rounds by identical 5-0 margins, using her movement and

accurate punches to keep Fryers under pressure, according to ESPN. She will now face Canada's Amber-Jane Wall in the semifinal on Friday for a place in the gold medal bout.

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CWG 2026: Boxer Sakshi Chaudhary storms into 51kg semifinals, medal confirmed

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The victory also assured Sakshi of a Commonwealth Games medal. She will now face Canada's Amber-Jane Wall in the semifinal on Friday for a place in the gold medal bout.

Earlier, Sakshi had defeated Botswana's Lethabo Modukanele in the previ-



ous round to book her quarterfinal spot.

More boxing action is lined up for India at the Commonwealth Games 2026, with Arundhati Choudhary taking on New

Zealand's Morgan Henderson in the women's 70kg quarterfinal.

The schedule ahead also features Sachin Siwach against Botswana's Treasure Moremi in the men's

60kg quarterfinal, Ankush Yadav facing Seychelles' Jade Micock in the men's 80kg quarterfinal, and Narender Berwal battling Samoa's Michael Seko in the men's 90+kg quarterfinal.

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Commonwealth Games Gulveer scripts history with India's 1st men's 10,000m silver

GLASGOW, JULY 29: Gulveer Singh became the first Indian to win a Commonwealth Games medal in the men's 10,000m event, producing a remarkably assured performance on a rain-soaked track to clinch a silver here. The national record holder's medal was India's second silver in athletics at the Games after Sarvesh Kushare's podium finish in the men's high jump event.

The Indian clocked 27:49.78 seconds to claim silver, finishing behind Australia's Ky Robinson, who won gold with a timing of 27:48.93 secondson Tuesday.

Running in difficult conditions amid a heavy downpour at the Scotstoun Stadium here, the 28-year-old Gulveer stayed with the leading pack throughout before unleashing a brilliant finish in the final few laps.

"It always feels good to win a medal. The race was good, there was rain but when you win a medal it hardly matters if there is rain, sunshine, heat or anything else," the reigning Asian champion told PTI.

"I had left everything on God. Before the race I told almighty, dekh lena (please watch over me)," he added.



The soft-spoken Army man from Uttar Pradesh's Atrauli laughed when asked if he had spoken to his family after the historic feat, revealing that he hadn't even told them about the race as yet.

"My family must be sleeping. I don't tell them on race days, I will tell them tomorrow. I don't disturb them, they can watch later. Right now the focus is now on the 5k run. Let's hope the almighty remains kind towards me," he said.

Training under Scott Simmons in the United States, Gulveer executed a near-perfect tactical race in a

strong field featuring multiple African runners, including 2023 World Championships medallist from Kenya Daniel Ebenyo, who boasted a personal best of 26:57.80.

Despite persistent rain, he stayed with the lead pack, and moved into medal contention in the closing stages, producing a powerful final kick to edge past Isle of Man's David Mullarkey for silver. Mullarkey took the bronze medal in 27:50.28 seconds. Gulveer's silver marked the first time since the 1986 Commonwealth Games that no African athlete finished on the podium

in the men's 10,000m.

The feat was reminiscent of Avinash Sable's historic silver medal in the 3000m steeplechase at the 2022 Birmingham Games, where he had ended Kenya's dominance. However, there was disappointment in store in women's high jump where Asian champion Pooja Singh bowed out after failing to clear 1.82m.

Making her CWG debut, the 19-year-old's event was disrupted by heavy rain before play resumed. Pooja could not clear the bar in her third and final attempt at 1.82m, bringing an end to her campaign.

NEW DELHI, JULY 29: Rising sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has made a significant jump in the latest ICC Men's T20I Batting Rankings following an impressive start to his international career.

The 15-year-old was named Player of the Series after scoring 151 runs at an average of 50.33 during India's 3-0 T20I series win over Zimbabwe in Harare. Sooryavanshi's performances helped him climb 230 places to a career-best 48th position among T20I batters in the rankings released by the ICC on Wednesday.

Sooryavanshi currently has 536 rating points and trails India teammate Ishan Kishan, who leads the latest T20I batting rankings. Kishan reached a career-best 916 points after scoring 81 in the second match against Zimbabwe, the third-highest rating ever recorded by a T20I batter. He finished the series with 910 points but remains comfortably ahead of second-placed Sahibzada



Farhan, who has 848 points.

Kishan's career-best rating is also higher than those achieved by fellow Indian stars Suryakumar Yadav (912) and Virat Kohli (909). Abhishek Sharma holds the record for the highest-ever T20I batting rating with 931 points, followed by England's Dawid Malan at 919 and Kishan at 916, according to the ICC.

Tilak Varma also moved up two places to sixth, while Shreyas Iyer climbed seven spots to 24th among T20I batters. Ravi Bishnoi made

one of the biggest jumps in the bowling rankings, rising 31 places to 41st after taking three wickets in the Zimbabwe series.

Zimbabwe also had some movement in the rankings, with Ryan Burl climbing six places to joint 85th among T20I batters. Fast bowler Blessing Muzarabani moved up 10 spots to 26th among T20I bowlers.

In the ODI rankings, Shubman Gill regained the No. 1 position among batters after New Zealand's Daryl Mitchell missed the recent series against the

West Indies. Mitchell had occupied the top spot since January, according to the ICC.

Namibia spinner Bernard Scholtz was another major mover, climbing five places to seventh among ODI bowlers following his performances in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 tri-series in Utrecht.

West Indies all-rounder Justin Greaves also made significant progress in the Test rankings after his standout display against Pakistan in Trinidad. He climbed 21 places to 48th among Test bowlers and moved up eight spots to ninth among all-rounders after claiming five consecutive wicket maidens.

His West Indies teammate Jayden Seales rose five places to 24th among Test bowlers, while Pakistan's Mohammad Abbas climbed nine spots to 17th. Babar Azam also moved up four places to 15th among Test batters following his 32nd Test half-century in the second innings. (ANI)

ICC rankings: Gill reclaims No. 1 spot among ODI batters; Sooryavanshi breaks into T20I top 50

NEW DELHI, JULY 29: India captain Shubman Gill on Wednesday reclaimed the No. 1 spot in ICC rankings for batters in ODI cricket while young batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi moved up a whopping 230 places to 48th in T20Is after his recent exploits against Zimbabwe.

Gill has replaced New Zealand batting mainstay Daryl Mitchell at the top spot in the ODI chart. Mitchell had held the top spot since January this year.

"There was some change at the top of the latest ODI rankings following the completion of the recent series between the West Indies and New Zealand as the absence of Black Caps' right-hander Daryl Mitchell saw Shubman Gill move back to become the No.1 ranked batter in 50-

over cricket," the ICC said.

"Mitchell had held the top billing since January this year," it added.

Sooryavanshi, who smacked two half-centuries in the recently-concluded India's tour of Zimbabwe for three T20Is, scored 151 runs at 50.33 in his side's 3-0 victory.

The 15-year-old batter rose as many as 230 spots to reach 48th in the list of T20I batters, which is led by compatriot Ishan Kishan with 910 rating points.

Kishan had recorded the third highest batting rating of all time behind Abhishek Sharma (931) and Dawid Malan (919) when he reached 916 points after the end of the second T20I against Zimbabwe.

Despite losing some rating points, Kishan maintains a

healthy lead over the second-ranked Sahibzada Farhan (848).

"Sooryavanshi's rating of 536 points is well adrift of his more experienced teammates, but Kishan can now boast of having a better career batter rating than more accomplished Indian players like Suryakumar Yadav (912) and Virat Kohli (909)," the ICC said. History

Meanwhile, Tilak Varma moved up two positions to reach sixth while T20I skipper Shreyas Iyer jumped seven places to 24th.

Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi gained 31 positions to move to 41st in the list of T20I bowlers but Varun Chakravarthy, who missed the Zimbabwe tour due to an injury, dropped three places but remained in the top 10 rankings.

Zimbabwe's Ryan Burl rose six positions to reach 85th in rankings for batters while Blessing Muzarabani jumped 10 spots to reach 26th among bowlers.

West Indies' Justin Greaves was also rewarded for his impressive showing against Pakistan in the first Test. Greaves recorded five consecutive wicket-maidens in Tarouba as the West Indies beat Pakistan by 90 runs to take an unassailable 1-0 lead in the series.

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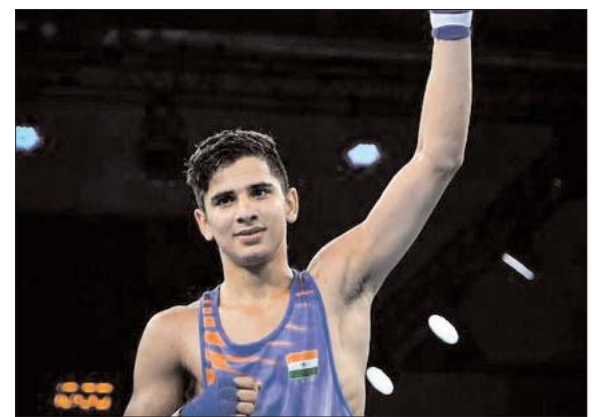
Jayden Seales moved up to the 24th position while Pakistan's Mohammad Abbas, who also recorded a five-for, jumped to the 17th spot.

CWG 2026: Boxer Sachin Siwach cruises into 60kg semifinals with dominant win

GLASGOW [SCOTLAND], JULY 29 : Indian boxer Sachin Siwach advanced to the men's 60kg semifinals at the Commonwealth Games 2026 after defeating Botswana's Treasure Moremi by a unanimous decision in the quarterfinal on Wednesday, guaranteeing India a medal.

Sachin delivered a commanding performance from the opening bell, landing a powerful left hook early in the first round and controlling the pace of the contest. Despite a brief stoppage due to Moremi's dressing coming off near his right eye, the Indian boxer maintained his composure and secured the opening round with all five judges scoring in his favour.

The Indian continued his dominance in the second round, with his quick combinations and sharp left hooks proving too difficult for Moremi to handle. The



judges once again awarded the round unanimously to Sachin.

With the victory within reach, Sachin stayed in control during the final round as Moremi struggled to find momentum. The Indian boxer comfortably completed the bout and sealed a unanimous decision win.

Sachin, who had earlier defeated Canada's Keoma Al-Ahmadieh and England's William Hewitt in the tour-

name, will now face Wales' Owain Harris-Allan in the semifinals on Friday for a place in the gold medal bout.

Earlier on Wednesday, Arundhati Choudhary and Sakshi Chaudhary also secured respective places in the boxing semifinals.

While Arundhati reached the women's 70kg semifinals after defeating New Zealand's Morgan Henderson in the quarterfinal, Sakshi Chaudhary advanced to

the women's 51kg semifinals after defeating Northern Ireland's Caitlyn Fryers with a dominant unanimous 5-0 decision in her quarterfinal clash. So far, India has won 12 medals -- two gold, seven silver and three bronze. WorldNews Section

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