



India win 6 medals on Day 12 at Asian Games 2026; hockey, cricket teams enter finals

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1 : India won six confirmed medals on Day 12 of the Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, including two silver and four bronze, while the men's hockey and cricket teams advanced to their respective gold-medal matches on Thursday.

Nitesh Siwach in the men's 97kg Greco-Roman wrestling category and Indian sailors Manu Francis and Prince Noble in the men's skiff event headlined the country's medal wins on Thursday.

Siwach won the silver medal in the men's 97kg Greco-Roman wrestling event at the Asian Games 2026 after losing to Japan's Yuri Nakazato in the gold medal bout.

Nitesh went down 0-2 in the opening round of the gold medal bout, with Nakazato taking the lead after the Indian was penalised for passivity. Nitesh defended well when Nakazato got the opportunity to add to his score, keeping the deficit to just two points. However, the Indian was unable to find an advantage in the final 30 seconds of the opening round.

Nakazato then extended his lead to 4-0 with two minutes remaining on the clock after brilliantly bundling Nitesh over and taking two more points. The Japanese wrestler continued to dictate the tempo and put Nitesh under pressure. Nakazato also looked to finish the bout with a pin, but Nitesh held his ground. Nakazato maintained control until the end and secured the gold medal, while Nitesh had to settle for silver.

Meanwhile, the Indian duo of Manu Francis and Prince Noble finished second behind China after completing nine races with 23 points, while Hong Kong secured the bronze medal in the men's skiff event. Manu and Prince, who compete together in the 49er class,



produced a consistent campaign and also won one of the nine races on their way to the silver medal.

Later on Thursday, sailors Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma won a bronze medal in the women's skiff event, giving India another medal in the sailing competition in the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games.

The Indian pair finished third after nine races in the opening series, with 24 net points and 28 total points. Harshita and Shital had initially finished fourth, but China, which had originally secured third place, was subsequently disqualified, moving the Indian pair into the bronze-medal position.

The Indian squash teams also contributed two more bronze medals. The women's team comprising Anahat Singh, Joshana Chinnappa, Tanvi Khanna, and Shameena Riaz won bronze after losing 1-2 to Hong Kong in the semifinal, while the men's team of Abhay Singh, Veer Chotrani, Velavan Senthilkumar, and Suraj Kumar Chand secured bronze following a 1-2 defeat against Malaysia.

In archery, Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru bagged the bronze medal in the men's compound individual event with a 149-144 victory over Vietnam's Cong Duc

Dang.

The medal was Ganesh's second at the Aichi-Nagoya Games.

Ganesh maintained his composure throughout the bronze-medal contest and pulled away from Cong in the final stages. The Vietnamese archer opened with an eight, while Ganesh continued to find the target consistently before sealing the contest with a score of 149.

India assured themselves of another medal in men's sepaktakraw after reaching the semi-finals of the quadrant event with an unbeaten group-stage campaign.

India's men's quadrant team registered a thrilling 2-1 comeback win over Myanmar to top Group A and secure a place in the semi-finals.

After losing the opening game 15-10, India bounced back to win the next two games 15-13 and 15-7. Earlier, the team had defeated the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Vietnam in the group stage.

The biggest team-sport highlights of the day came in hockey and cricket, with both Indian men's teams reaching the finals.

India defeated Pakistan 4-3 in a thrilling semi-final, with Abhishek scoring the decisive goal in the dying

minutes to send the defending champions into the gold-medal match.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh scored twice, while Sukhjeet Singh also found the net as India surrendered a three-goal lead before Abhishek struck late to seal the victory.

The win means India's men's and women's hockey teams will both feature in the finals at the same Asian Games for the first time since 1998.

In men's cricket, India defeated Sri Lanka by 124 runs in the semifinal to set up a gold-medal clash against Pakistan.

India posted 169/7 in their 20 overs, with Ishan Kishan leading the way with an unbeaten 80 off 46 balls to set Sri Lanka a challenging target.

Earlier, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi provided India with a brisk start, scoring 38 off 21 balls despite the early loss of wickets. With the pitch proving difficult for batting, Sri Lanka face a challenging chase.

India will head into Day 13 of the Asian Games with another action-packed day on the cards, with more medals up for grabs across archery, boxing, hockey and several other disciplines.

closer to the action," he said, as quoted by the ICC website.

"South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia will provide an unforgettable stage for the world's best teams, combining a deep passion for cricket, extraordinary destinations and a renowned warmth of welcome. We look forward to welcoming fans from across the world and creating memories that will last long beyond the final," he added.

The 12 teams already confirmed for the Group Stage have been divided into two groups of six. India, Australia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe and Qualifier A form Group A, while New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka, England, Bangladesh and Qualifier B make up Group B. The Group Stage will begin on October 7, with India taking on Australia in a repeat of the 2023 World Cup final in Cape Town. South Africa will begin their campaign against New Zealand in Cape Town on October 9, while co-host Zimbabwe will face Qualifier A in Bulawayo on the same day. (ANI)

Asian Games: Lovlina, Parveen, Ankush eye gold; India face China in women's hockey final on Day 13

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[JAPAN], OCTOBER 1 : India will look to add to its medal tally on Day 13 of the Asian Games 2026 on Friday, with several medal opportunities lined up across archery, boxing, hockey, wrestling, cycling, canoe slalom and sepaktakraw.

The day will see three Indian boxers compete in gold-medal bouts, while the Indian women's hockey team will face China in the final with a gold medal at stake.

The recurve archers will also be in action in the team and mixed team events.

The Indian women's hockey team will take on China in the gold-medal match at 3:30 pm IST. The Indian side will look to finish on top and secure the Asian Games title, with qualification for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games also at stake.

In boxing, Lovlina Borgohain will face China's Bao Ziyi in the women's 75kg final at 10 am IST. Parveen will take on Chen Nien-chin of Chinese Taipei in the women's 65kg final at 2:15 pm IST, while Ankush will face South Korea's Kim Minseong in the men's 80kg final at 2:45 pm IST.



The recurve women's team will begin India's archery campaign for the day against China in the semifinal at 5:55 am IST. The mixed team, featuring India against Japan, will compete in the semifinal at 8:20 am IST, while the men's team will face Iran in the semifinal at 10:55 am IST. Medal matches will follow depending on the results.

Wrestling will also provide medal opportunities, with Dipanshi competing in the women's 50kg, Rajat Ruhail in the men's freestyle 125kg, Priya in the women's 76kg and Sujeet in the men's freestyle 65kg.

In sepaktakraw, India's women's quadrant team will face Thailand in a group-stage match at 5:30

am IST, while the men's quadrant team will feature in the semifinals at noon.

Canoe slalom will see Shikha Chauhan and Hitesh Kewat compete in the women's and men's kayak cross events, respectively. In track cycling, Harshita Jakhar will compete in the women's omnium quarterfinal, while Harshveer Singh Sekhon and Vishavjeet Singh will feature in the men's madison final. Golf will also see Indian participation, with Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Urs and Diksha Dagar competing in the women's individual stroke play and team round, while Veer Ahlawat, Saptak Talwar and Yuvraj Sandhu will be in action in the men's events from 6:00 am IST onwards.

India will also compete in volleyball against South Korea in the men's 5-8th place classification match, while the women's rugby sevens team will face Malaysia.

With three boxing finals, a women's hockey gold-medal match and multiple archery and wrestling medal opportunities, India will have several chances to add to its medal tally on Day 13 of the Asian Games.

2027 Men's ODI World Cup: India to open campaign against Australia on Oct 7, play Pakistan on Oct 10

NEW DELHI [INDIA], OCTOBER 1 (ANI): The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Thursday announced the schedule for the Men's ODI Cricket World Cup 2027, with India set to open their Group Stage campaign against defending champions Australia in Cape Town on October 7.

The 12 teams already confirmed for the Group Stage have been divided into two groups of six.

India, Australia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe and Qualifier A form Group A, while New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka, England, Bangladesh and Qualifier B make up Group B.

The Group Stage will begin on October 7, with India taking on Australia in a repeat of the 2023 World Cup final in Cape Town. South Africa will begin their campaign against New Zealand in Cape Town on October 9, while co-host Zimbabwe will face Qualifier A in Bulawayo on the same day.

The much-anticipated India vs Pakistan clash will be played in Johannesburg on October 10.

Of the 14 teams at the tournament, South Africa and Zimbabwe qualified directly as hosts, alongside the best eight teams on the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings at the 30 September 2026 cut-off.

The remaining four spots will be decided at the Cricket World Cup Qualifier. The top-placed finisher goes directly to the Group Stage, while the other three teams compete in the Super Series for a Group Stage spot.

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A total of 12 venues will play host to the tournament.

The Namibia Cricket Ground in Windhoek plays host to the three Super Series matches and three group games, with three venues in Zimbabwe and eight in South Africa.

The Mosi-oa-Tunya Stadium in Victoria Falls joins Harare and Bulawayo, while in South Africa, matches will be held in Cape Town, Paarl, Johannesburg, Tshwane, Bloemfontein, Dur-

ban, KuGompo City and Gqeberha.

ICC Chairman Jay Shah said the announcement of the 2027 World Cup schedule and ticket ballot marked major milestones, adding that the ICC aims to make the tournament accessible through affordable ticket options. He said South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia would provide a memorable stage for the competition and looked forward to welcoming fans from around the world.

ODI World Cup 2026 Full Schedule Super Series

Saturday, 2 October 2027 - QF1 v QF3 - Windhoek

Monday, 4 October 2027 - QF1 v QF2 - Windhoek

Wednesday, 6 October 2027 - QF2 v QF3 - Windhoek

Thursday, 7 October 2027 - India v Australia - Cape Town

Friday, 8 October 2027 - Pakistan v Afghanistan - Tshwane

Friday, 8 October 2027 - England v Bangladesh - Windhoek

Saturday, 9 October 2027 - Zimbabwe v Qualifier A - Bulawayo

Saturday, 9 October 2027 - South Africa v New Zealand - Cape Town

Sunday, 10 October 2027 - India v Pakistan - Johannesburg

Sunday, 10 October 2027 - Sri Lanka v Qualifier B - Windhoek

Monday, 11 October 2027 - Zimbabwe v Afghanistan - Bulawayo

Tuesday, 12 October 2027 - Australia v Qualifier A - Paarl

Tuesday, 12 October 2027 - New Zealand v Bangladesh - KuGompo City

Wednesday, 13 October 2027 - England v Sri Lanka - Windhoek

Wednesday, 13 October 2027 - South Africa v Qualifier B - Paarl

Thursday, 14 October 2027 - India v Afghanistan - Tshwane

Friday, 15 October 2027 - Pakistan v Qualifier A - Bloemfontein

Friday, 15 October 2027 - Zimbabwe v Australia - Harare

Saturday, 16 October 2027 - Sri Lanka v Bangladesh - Durban

Saturday, 16 October 2027 - South Africa v England - Gqeberha

Sunday, 17 October 2027 - India v Qualifier A - Bloemfontein

Sunday, 17 October 2027 - New Zealand v Qualifier B - Harare

Monday, 18 October 2027 - Australia v Afghanistan - KuGompo City

Tuesday, 19 October 2027 - Zimbabwe v Pakistan - Harare

Tuesday, 19 October 2027 - South Africa v Bangladesh - Durban

Wednesday, 20 October 2027 - New Zealand v Sri Lanka - Johannesburg

Wednesday, 20 October 2027 - England v Qualifier B - Harare

Thursday, 21 October 2027 - Afghanistan v Qualifier A - KuGompo City

Friday, 22 October 2027 - Australia v Pakistan - Paarl

Friday, 22 October 2027 - South Africa v Sri Lanka - Johannesburg

Saturday, 23 October 2027 - England v New Zealand - Gqeberha

Saturday, 23 October 2027 - Bangladesh v Qualifier B - Tshwane

Sunday, 24 October 2027 - Zimbabwe v India - Victoria Falls

Super 7 Stage (current seeded team in brackets)

Monday, 25 October 2027 - A2 (Australia) v B3 (Sri Lanka) - Johannesburg

Tuesday, 26 October 2027 - B1 (New Zealand) v A3 (Pakistan) - Gqeberha

Wednesday, 27 October 2027 - B2 (South Africa) v AB4 (England) - Tshwane

Thursday, 28 October 2027 - A1 (India) v A2 (Australia) - Victoria Falls

Friday, 29 October 2027 - B1 (New Zealand) v B3 (Sri Lanka) - KuGompo City

Saturday, 30 October 2027 - A3 (Pakistan) v AB4 (England) - Victoria Falls

Sunday, 31 October 2027 - B2 (South Africa) v A1 (India) - Johannesburg

Monday, 1 November 2027 - A2 (Australia) v B1 (New Zealand) - Victoria Falls

Tuesday, 2 November 2027 - B3 (Sri Lanka) v AB4 (England) - Cape Town

Wednesday, 3 November 2027 - B2 (South Africa) v A3 (Pakistan) - Durban

Thursday, 4 November 2027 - A1 (India) v B1 (New Zealand) - Paarl

Friday, 5 November 2027 - A2 (Australia) v AB4 (England) - Durban

Saturday, 6 November 2027 - B2 (South Africa) v B3 (Sri Lanka) - Bloemfontein

Sunday, 7 November 2027 - A1 (India) v A3 (Pakistan) - Cape Town

Monday, 8 November 2027 - B1 (New Zealand) v AB4 (England) - Durban