



Asian Para Games

Archers Sheetal Devi, Swati Chaudhary enter finals, assure India of 2 medals

NAGOYA, OCT 20: Defending champion Sheetal Devi and Swati Chaudhary stormed into the finals of their respective events to assure India of two medals in para archery events of the Asian Para Games here on Tuesday.

The 19-year-old Sheetal, who equalled the world record and created a new Asian record in the qualification round, defeated Japan's Shinohara Aya 145-137 in the women's compound semifinal to set up a gold-medal clash with Singapore's Alim Nur Syahidah.

Swati, who is making her Games debut, also assured India of at least a silver medal after beating South Korea's Eunhee Lee 6-2 in the women's W1 semifinal. She will face China's Mengkan in the final.

W1 classification is for athletes with significant impairment in functional strength, range of motion, or limb loss across all four limbs.

India's recurve and compound mixed teams also advanced to the semifinals with victories over Thailand



and Japan, respectively.

Paralympic gold-medalist Harvinder Singh and Bhawna defeated their Thai opponents 6-0 in the recurve mixed team quarterfinals.

World number one Sheetal, who was born without arms, progressed to the compound mixed team semifinals alongside Toman Kumar, with the In-

dian pair defeating Japan 154-147.

The Jammu and Kashmir archer will be in action again later in the day when she partners Payal Nag in the compound women's doubles semifinals.

However, Harvinder, Toman, Shyam Sundar Swami and Bhawna lost their individual matches.

In the recurve singles

quarterfinals, Harvinder went down 5-6 in a shoot-off to China's Yun Duo in the men's event, while Bhawna lost 2-6 to Mongolia's Selenge Demberel in the women's last eight match. In the men's compound semifinals, Toman lost 144-149 to China's Ai Xinliang, who had defeated Swami 147-146 in the quarterfinals.

Nishad Kumar wins second gold, becomes third Indian to achieve feat at Asian Para Games

NAGOYA, OCT 20: Nishad Kumar on Tuesday became the third Indian to win two gold medals in a single edition of the Asian Para Games as he clinched the top spot in men's high jump T47 event with a Games record here.

He had won a gold in the long jump T47 event on Monday.

In Tuesday's competition, Nishad sailed over 2.04m to win the gold and set a new Games record.

Ankur Dhama (men's 5000m T11 and 1500m T11) and armless archer Sheetal Devi (women's individual compound open and mixed team compound open) had won two gold medals each in the previous edition in Hangzhou, China.

47 classification is for athletes with upper limb impairments.

Delhi Social Welfare Min-



ister congratulates Deepthi Jeevanji on gold, Manish Narwal on silver at Asian

Para Games 2026'

Nishad's right arm was severed by a grass-cutting

machine at his family farm in Himachal Pradesh's Amb when he was merely six.

PM Modi lauds para-athletes for Medal-winning feats on Day 2 of Asian Para Games 2026

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 20 (ANI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Indian para-athletes for their medal-winning performances on Day 2 at the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, praising their determination, perseverance and sporting excellence.

In a series of posts on PMO India's X handle, the Prime Minister lauded athletes across para-athletics, para-table tennis, shooting para sport, para-powerlifting and para-swimming for their achievements at the continental event.

Modi congratulated Ravanni Valasanaini for winning bronze in the women's 1500m T11 event, highlighting her personal-best performance.

"A personal best and a well-earned podium finish! Ravanni Valasanaini has brought home Bronze in the Women's 1500m T11 event at the Asian Para Games 2026. Her performance reflects the determination and perseverance that define our para-athletes. Congratulations to her," the Prime Minister wrote.

He also congratulated Bhavina Patel on winning bronze in the women's singles Class 4-5 para-table tennis event, praising her consistency and

commitment to sporting excellence.

"Another medal, another milestone! Congrats to @BhavinaOfficial for winning the Bronze in the Women's Singles Class 4-5 event at the Asian Para Games 2026. Her consistency over the years and her unwavering commitment to sporting excellence are truly admirable. My best wishes for her upcoming endeavours," PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister also lauded Sonalben Patel for securing bronze in the women's singles Class 3 event, describing the achievement as her first individual medal at the Asian Para Games.

"Delighted by Sonalben Patel's success at the Asian Para Games! She has secured Bronze in the Women's Singles Class 3 event, adding a first individual medal to her Asian Para Games achievements. This is a special moment in her sporting journey, made possible by years of dedication, discipline and hard work," he wrote.

In para-athletics, PM Modi congratulated Deepthi Jeevanji for winning gold in the women's 400m T20 event and defending her title with a Games Record.

"A champion who keeps redefining excellence! Deepthi Jeevanji has once

again won Gold in the Women's 400m T20 at the Asian Para Games, defending her title with a phenomenal Games Record. To retain a title while improving one's performance is a remarkable accomplishment indeed. She has demonstrated the true spirit of a champion. Her success will inspire countless young athletes. My best wishes," the Prime Minister said.

PM Modi also praised Pradeep Kumar for winning silver in the men's javelin throw F53/F54 event with a personal best, noting that it was his second consecutive silver medal at the Asian Para Games. He congratulated Ayush Verma for securing bronze in the same event on his debut, also with a personal best.

"A memorable debut for Ayush Verma! Congrats to him for winning the Bronze in the Men's Javelin Throw F53/F54 event, recording a Personal Best. May he build on this success and continue making a mark in the sporting arena. My best wishes," PM Modi wrote.

The Prime Minister also congratulated Praveen Sharma for winning bronze in the men's shot put F11 event, attributing the achievement to his preparation and dedication.

India thrash Zimbabwe by 92 Runs in 3rd women's T20I to complete 3-0 whitewash

RAIPUR, OCTOBER 20: Harmanpreet Kaur's unbeaten 91, Shafali Verma's explosive 69 and all-round bowling performance powered India to a 92-run victory over Zimbabwe in the third and final women's T20I, held at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur on Tuesday, helping the hosts complete a 3-0 series sweep.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, India posted a formidable 216/7 in 20 overs, with Harmanpreet and Shafali leading the charge. In reply, Zimbabwe could manage only 124/7 in their allotted 20 overs. India's bowlers maintained control and restricted the visitors to secure a comprehensive victory.

Shafali gave India an aggressive start, scoring 69 off 37 balls with six fours and five sixes. She shared an opening stand of 54 runs with Anushka Sharma, who contributed 28 off 20 deliveries, including four fours and a six. Anushka was dismissed by Nomvelo Sibanda in the sixth over, while Niki Prasad fell for nine off 12 balls to Nyasha Gwanzura, leaving India at 68/2.

Harmanpreet then joined Shafali and added 84 runs for the third wicket, taking the attack to the Zimbabwe bowlers. Shafali's innings ended at 152/3 in the 15th



over when she was caught by Tendai Makusha off Beloved Biza. The former India skipper, however, continued to accelerate and struck an unbeaten 91 off just 41 deliveries, hitting 10 fours and five sixes at a strike rate of 221.95.

India lost a few wickets in the closing overs, with Richa Ghosh scoring one, Deepti Sharma departing without scoring, and Arundhati Reddy making four. Prema Rawat also scored four before being run out, but Harmanpreet's late hitting ensured India crossed the 200-run mark and finished at 216/7. Beloved Biza was Zimbabwe's most successful

bowler, claiming three wickets for 50 runs in four overs, while Sibanda, Gwanzura and Tendai Makusha took one wicket each.

In reply, Zimbabwe suffered an early setback when Kelis Ndhlovu was dismissed for a first-ball duck by Kranti Gaud. Modester Mupachikwa followed soon after for one, caught by Richa Ghosh off Nandani Sharma, leaving the visitors struggling at 12/2. Sharne Mayers and Beloved Biza attempted to rebuild the innings, but the required run rate continued to climb as India kept the scoring in check.

Biza top-scored for Zimbabwe

with 44 off 50 balls, hitting five fours, while the visitors finished at 124/7 in 20 overs.

Nandani Sharma led India's bowling effort with three wickets for 18 runs, while Deepti Sharma also claimed a wicket. India's disciplined bowling performance ensured Zimbabwe remained well short of the target.

With the victory, India completed a 3-0 clean sweep, having won the first two T20Is as well. The 92-run margin was also India's biggest victory by runs at home in women's T20 internationals, capping a dominant performance in the series. (ANI)

Arafat Minhas' all-round show helps Pakistan thrash England by 87 runs

RAWALPINDI [PAKISTAN], OCTOBER 20 : Arafat Minhas delivered a sensational all-round performance, scoring 59 runs and taking six wickets as Pakistan defeated England by 87 runs in the second match of the Pakistan ODI Tri-Series 2026 at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.

Batting first, Pakistan posted a massive total of 302/9 in their 50 overs before bowling England out for 215 in 38.4 overs to register a convincing victory.

Pakistan suffered an early setback when Fakhar Zaman was dismissed for a duck off the first ball. Saim Ayub fell for eight, while Babar Azam contributed 34 runs before being dismissed. Saad Baig scored 35, but Pakistan found themselves under pressure after losing five wickets for 133 runs.

Hasan Nawaz steadied the innings with a crucial 79 off 74 balls, striking five fours and four sixes. He found valuable support from Minhas, who scored



59 off 58 deliveries, including nine boundaries, to help Pakistan rebuild and accelerate in the middle overs.

Faheem Ashraf provided the finishing touch with a quickfire 39 off 26 balls as Pakistan reached 302/9, setting England a challenging target of 303 runs.

In response, England made a promising start, with Tom Banton scoring 57 off 53 balls and Ben

Duckett contributing 45 off 46 deliveries. The pair helped England build momentum before Duckett's dismissal triggered a shift in the contest.

Banton also departed after reaching his half-century, while Harry Brook managed just five runs, leaving England under increasing pressure. Joe Root attempted to stabilise the innings, but Pakistan's bowlers continued

to make inroads.

Minhas proved to be the decisive factor with the ball, claiming six wickets for 40 runs and dismantling England's middle and lower order. England eventually folded for 215 in 38.4 overs, falling 87 runs short of the target.

Minhas was named Player of the Match for his outstanding contribution with both bat and ball. (ANI)

Asian Para Games 2026: India bags 35 medals on Day 2, stays sixth in standings

AICHI-NAGOYA [JAPAN], OCTOBER 20 (ANI): India delivered an impressive performance on Day 2 of the Asian Para Games 2026, taking its medal tally to 35, comprising nine gold, 11 silver and 15 bronze medals, to remain sixth in the overall standings.

India completed a podium sweep in the men's discus throw F43/F44/F62/F64 event, with Devender Kumar clinching gold, Rakesh securing silver and Pardeep Kumar claiming bronze.

Other notable performances included silver medals for Preeti Pal, Manish Narwal and para powerlifter Ashok Ku-

mar Malik. Hokato Hotozhe, Praveen Sharma, Ayush Verma and Niranjan Mukundan also secured bronze medals, while Indian athletes added to the tally with podium finishes in para table tennis and shooting.

The impressive medal haul marked a memorable day for India at the Asian Para Games, with athletes delivering strong performances across multiple disciplines and achieving significant milestones.

Indian athletes produced a series of record-breaking performances and podium finishes across para-athletics, para table tennis, para shooting, para

powerlifting and para-swimming, underlining the country's strong campaign at the continental event.

In para-athletics, Simran Sharma clinched gold in the women's 200m T12 event with a Games-record time of 24.80 seconds.

India also secured bronze in the event through Tejalben Damor, who clocked 25.23 seconds to register a personal best.

Iran's Hajjar Safarzadeh finished a close second in 25.02 seconds, just 0.22 seconds behind Simran. China's Yaqin Shen finished fourth with a time of 26.49 seconds.