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20th Asian Games 2026: Indian Athletes Shine at Aichi-Nagoya

India is competing in the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, securing significant medals in archery and shooting.

The Asian Games is a quadrennial multi-sport event contested by athletes from across Asia, governed by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **20th edition** of the Asian Games is being held in **Aichi-Nagoya, Japan** in 2026.
- India sent a contingent of over **500 athletes** aiming to surpass the record haul of **106 medals** set at Hangzhou 2023.
- As of October 2026, India reached **70 medals** and holds **6th position** in the overall standings.
- The Indian Women's **Recurve Archery** team comprising Kumkum Anil Mohod, Ankita Bhakat, and Kirti won the **Gold medal**.
- Tamil Nadu shooter **Elavenil Valarivan**, along with Sonam Maskar and Vidarsa Vinod, secured **Silver** in the Women's 10m Air Rifle team event.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The first-ever Asian Games were hosted in **New Delhi**, India in **1951**.

India hosted the Asian Games twice in history: first in 1951 and later in 1982 in New Delhi.

The 19th Asian Games were held in **Hangzhou, China** in 2023 where India won a record **106 medals** (28 Gold, 38 Silver, 40 Bronze).

The Asian Games are governed by the **Olympic Council of Asia** (OCA), established in 1982 and headquartered in **Kuwait City**.

The official symbol of the Asian Games is a **Bright Red Sun** with interlocking rings.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is India's highest sporting honor, instituted in **1991–92**.

Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority (**SDAT**) awards the **Chief Minister's State Sports Award** for outstanding achievements in sports.

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Syllabus Relevance: Directly relevant to Unit 2 (Current Events - Major National & International Sports Achievements).

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