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20th Asian Games 2026: Indian Cricket, Squash Teams Excel in Japan

At the 20th Asian Games in Japan, India's cricket team reached the final while the women's squash team secured a bronze medal.

The Asian Games is a quadrennial multi-sport event among athletes from all over Asia, organized by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

KEY EXAM POINTS

- India defeated Sri Lanka by **124 runs** in the cricket semifinal at the **20th Asian Games** in **Japan** to reach the final.
- **Ishan Kishan** top-scored with an unbeaten **80** off 46 balls, while **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** scored 38 runs.
- India scored **169 for 7** in 20 overs and bowled out Sri Lanka for **45 runs** in 9.5 overs.
- **Jasprit Bumrah** and **Axar Patel** picked up two wickets each to bundle out Sri Lanka.
- The Indian **women's squash team** won a **bronze medal** at the 20th Asian Games.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **20th edition** of the Asian Games in **2026** is hosted by **Aichi-Nagoya**, Japan.

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

India hosted the Asian Games twice, first in **1951** and later in **1982** in **New Delhi**.

The **Olympic Council of Asia** (OCA), headquartered in **Kuwait City**, is the governing body of the Asian Games.

Cricket was first introduced as a medal sport at the Asian Games in **Guangzhou** in **2010**.

The emblem of the Olympic Council of Asia features a bright **red sun** surrounded by **white rays**.

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The 20th Asian Games (2026) are hosted by Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; the inaugural edition was held in New Delhi in 1951.

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