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Ahmedabad Hosts First Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026

Ahmedabad is hosting the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship from October 23-31, 2026, aiming for future CWG and Olympic inclusion.

The Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship is an international tournament featuring 13 nations, organised to promote kabaddi globally.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship is held in **Ahmedabad** from **October 23-31, 2026** .
- A total of **13 nations** and **62 matches** are featured in this nine-day sporting event.
- Participating countries include **India**, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Uganda, England, Scotland, and **Australia**.
- The tournament is organised by the **Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India** (AKFI).
- India's men's team is captained by **Surjeet Singh** and **Naveen Kumar** serves as vice-captain.
- **Nidhi Sharma** leads the women's team, with **Ritu** serving as vice-captain.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Kabaddi is an indigenous sport of India that made its Asian Games debut in **Beijing in 1990**.

The Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (**AKFI**) was founded in **1973** to manage and promote the sport nationally.

Major Dhyan Chand National Sports Day is celebrated across India on **August 29** to mark the birth anniversary of hockey legend Dhyan Chand.

The **International Kabaddi Federation** (IKF) was formed in **2004** to govern international kabaddi competitions.

Arjuna Award for Kabaddi was first presented to S. Sawant in **1999** for excellence in sports.

India has traditionally dominated international kabaddi tournaments, winning multiple consecutive gold medals at the **Asian Games**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Ahmedabad hosts the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026 with 13 participating nations.

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