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Asian Para Games 2026: Indian Contingent Begins Campaign in Japan

Indian athletes commenced competitions in events like para-badminton, table tennis, and blind football at the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

The Asian Para Games is a multi-sport event held every four years, featuring athletes with physical disabilities from across the Asian continent.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- India began its campaign at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Para Games 2026 on **October 16** in **Japan**.
- Events on the opening day of competition included **para-badminton**, para-table tennis, and **blind football**.
- Prominent Indian para-badminton stars **Pramod Bhagat**, **Krishna Nagar**, and Manasi Joshi are among the competitors.
- **Bhavina Patel** started her campaign in the **para-table tennis** category.
- Other leading Indian shuttlers like **Suhas Yathiraj** and **Nitesh Kumar** also feature in the contingent.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The Asian Para Games are organized by the **Asian Paralympic Committee**.

India recorded its highest-ever medal haul at the Asian Para Games 2022 held in **Hangzhou**, China, winning **111 medals**.

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

The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award is India's highest sporting honor, recently renamed as the **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**.

Tamil Nadu has consistently produced elite sportspersons supported by state sports policies and the **Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu** (SDAT).

The **International Paralympic Committee** (IPC) governs the Paralympic Games globally and was established in **1989**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

India began its campaign at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Para Games 2026 in Japan featuring top athletes like Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel.

Syllabus Relevance: Important for TNPSC Unit 2 questions on international sports events, Indian medal achievements, and multi-sport championships.

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