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Asian Para Games 2026: Mona Agarwal Wins Gold, Avani Lekhara Secures Silver

Indian shooters Mona Agarwal and Avani Lekhara won gold and silver medals respectively with a record-breaking performance at the Asian Para Games 2026.

A prestigious continental multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities, featuring international shooting competitions under the SH1 classification.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Mona Agarwal won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at the Asian Para Games 2026.
- Mona Agarwal scored 250.0 points in the final to set a new Asian Para Games record.
- Avani Lekhara secured the silver medal with an identical score of 250.0 in the same shooting event.
- Mona bettered the previous Games record of 249.6 set by Avani Lekhara at the Hangzhou 2023 edition.
- The shooting competitions took place at the Aichi Prefectural General Shooting Gallery.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Avani Lekhara is a multiple Paralympic medallist, having won gold medals at the **Tokyo and Paris Paralympics**.

The **SH1 sport classification** in shooting allows athletes with impairment in their upper/lower limbs to compete holding the gun.

Major Dhyan Chand **National Sports Day** is celebrated annually in India on **August 29** to honour sports achievements.

The **Arjuna Award** is conferred annually by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** for outstanding performance in sports.

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

REVISION FLASHCARD

Mona Agarwal won gold and Avani Lekhara secured silver in the 10m air rifle SH1 at Asian Para Games 2026.

Syllabus Relevance: Highly relevant for TNPSC Unit 2 (Current Events - Sports achievements by Indian athletes).

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