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Asian Para Games 2026: Sonalben Patel and Prachi Pandey secure medals in table tennis

Indian paddler Sonalben Patel reached the semifinals of the women's singles class 3 category at the Asian Para Games 2026, ensuring a medal for the country.

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

- Indian paddler Sonalben Patel advanced to the semifinals of the women's singles class 3 category at the Asian Para Games 2026 on Monday.
- Sonalben Patel defeated Thailand's Dararat Asayut with a score of 11-7, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5 to secure her place in the final four.
- Sonalben advanced to the knockout round after finishing second in Group B with two wins and a loss.
- Sonalben Patel is scheduled to face South Korea's Jiyu Yoon in the semifinal match.
- Prachi Pandey also assured India of a medal in table tennis at the prestigious continental multi-sport event.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The Asian Para Games is a continental multi-sport event regulated by the **Asian Paralympic Committee** for athletes with physical disabilities.

India has steadily improved its medal tallies in major international multi-sport events like the **Paralympics** and Asian Para Games in recent years.

Table tennis in the Paralympics and Para Games is categorized into classes 1-5 for wheelchair athletes and 6-10 for standing athletes.

The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** provides financial assistance and training support to para-athletes under various national sports schemes.

Major Dhyan Chand National Sports Day is celebrated annually in India on **August 29** to honour legendary hockey player **Major Dhyan Chand**.

The **Khelo India** scheme aims to revive sports culture in India at the grass-root level by building a strong framework for all sports played in the country.

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Sonalben Patel secured a medal for India in table tennis at the Asian Para Games 2026.

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for TNPSC Group 1 and Group 2 questions on major international sports achievements by Indian athletes.

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