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China Smash 2026: Indian Paddlers Manika, Manav Shine

Indian table tennis players Manika Batra and Manav Thakkar registered significant upsets at the ongoing China Smash 2026 tournament.

China Smash is a major international table tennis tournament featuring top players from around the world.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Indian paddler **Manav Thakkar** defeated French veteran **Simon Gauzy** 3-2 to advance to the second round at the **China Smash 2026** in **Beijing**.
- **Manav Thakkar**, ranked **50th** in the world, made a comeback after losing the first two games against **World No. 28 Simon Gauzy**.
- Indian star **Manika Batra** also registered an upset victory against the **World No. 27** in her match.
- **Manav Thakkar** was part of the Indian contingent at the **Asian Games 2026** but did not secure a medal.
- India's sole table tennis medal at the **Asian Games 2026** was a **bronze** in mixed doubles, clinched by **Manush Shah** and **Diya Chitale**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Manika Batra is a prominent Indian table tennis player, known for her four medals at the **2018 Commonwealth Games**, including **two gold medals**.

Manika Batra was awarded the **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**, India's highest sporting honour, in **2020**.

The **Arjuna Award** is given by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** to recognize outstanding achievement in sports.

Table Tennis was first introduced as a medal sport at the **Asian Games** in **1958**.

The **International Table Tennis Federation** (**ITTF**) is the governing body for all international table tennis associations.

The **Table Tennis Federation of India** (**TTFI**) is the national governing body for table tennis in India, established in **1926**.

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Indian paddlers Manika Batra and Manav Thakkar achieved significant victories at China Smash 2026.

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