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Commonwealth Kabaddi Championships 2026: India begins with commanding wins

The Indian men's and women's kabaddi teams secured resounding victories against England and Malaysia in their opening matches of the Commonwealth Kabaddi Championships 2026.

The Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship is an international sports competition featuring top national kabaddi teams from Commonwealth member nations.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The Commonwealth Kabaddi Championships 2026 commenced at the Veer Savarkar Stadium in **Ahmedabad** on **October 23, 2026**.
- The Indian women's kabaddi team registered a dominant **73-13** victory over **Malaysia** in their opening match.
- The Indian women's team led **30-11** at half-time after taking an early **20-3** lead in the match.
- The Indian women's team was led by captain **Nidhi Sharma** in the championship opener.
- The Indian men's kabaddi team defeated **England** **46-26** in their opening fixture at the tournament.
- **Naveen Kumar** emerged as the leading point-scorer for the Indian men's team against England.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Kabaddi was officially introduced to the **Asian Games** as a medal event at the Beijing **Asian Games** in **1990**.

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

The **International Kabaddi Federation** (IKF) was established in **2004** under the leadership of Janardan Singh Gehlot.

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

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

The **Arjuna Award** was instituted in **1961** by the Government of India to recognize outstanding achievement in national sports.

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India began the Commonwealth Kabaddi Championships 2026 with a 73-13 win for women and a 46-26 win for men in Ahmedabad.

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