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India Targets Strong Nagoya Para Asian Games Campaign

India is gearing up for the Nagoya Para Asian Games with a reduced contingent despite previous record-breaking success.

The Para Asian Games is a continental multi-sport event held for athletes with physical disabilities, similar to the Asian Games.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Nagoya** Para Asian Games is scheduled to begin on Sunday, **October 18, 2026**.
- India finished fifth in the **Hangzhou** Para Asian Games in **2023**.
- India secured a total of **111 medals** including **29 gold**, 31 silver, and 51 bronze in Hangzhou 2023.
- The **Hangzhou 2023** performance marked India's best-ever medal haul at the continental multi-sport event.
- India faces challenges in **Nagoya** due to a much smaller contingent and selection disputes in two disciplines.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

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

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is India's highest sporting honor, formerly known as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

Arjuna Awards are presented annually by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** for outstanding performance in sports.

The Paralympic Games are governed by the **International Paralympic Committee** (IPC) headquartered in **Bonn**, Germany.

The **Khelo India Youth Games** aims to revive sports culture in India at the grass-root level.

Tamil Nadu's sports policy emphasizes infrastructure development and support for para-athletes across the state.

REVISION FLASHCARD

India won 111 medals at the 2023 Hangzhou Para Asian Games, finishing fifth overall.

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