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WTT China Smash 2026: Manush-Diya reach mixed doubles semifinals

Manush Shah and Diya Chitale became the first Indian pair to reach the mixed doubles semifinals at a WTT Grand Smash tournament.

WTT China Smash is a premier global table tennis tournament organized by World Table Tennis in Beijing.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Indian pair **Manush Shah** and **Diya Chitale** secured a spot in the mixed doubles semifinals at **WTT China Smash 2026** in **Beijing**.
- They are the **first Indian pair** to reach the semifinals in a **WTT Grand Smash** event.
- The **fifth-seeded** Indian duo defeated **Egypt**'s Youssef Abdelaziz and Mariam Alhodaby **3-0** in the quarterfinals.
- Both Manush Shah and Diya Chitale are **Asian Games bronze medalists** representing India in international table tennis.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

World Table Tennis (WTT) was created by the **International Table Tennis Federation** (ITTF) in **2019** to manage commercial events.

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) was founded in **1926** and is headquartered in **Lausanne**, **Switzerland**.

Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) is India's premier professional table tennis league launched in **2017** under **Table Tennis Federation of India** (TTFI).

National Sports Day in India is celebrated every year on **August 29** to honor the birth anniversary of hockey legend **Major Dhyan Chand**.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is the highest sporting honour of India, instituted in **1991–92**.

Sharath Kamal became the first table tennis player to receive the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in **2022**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

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