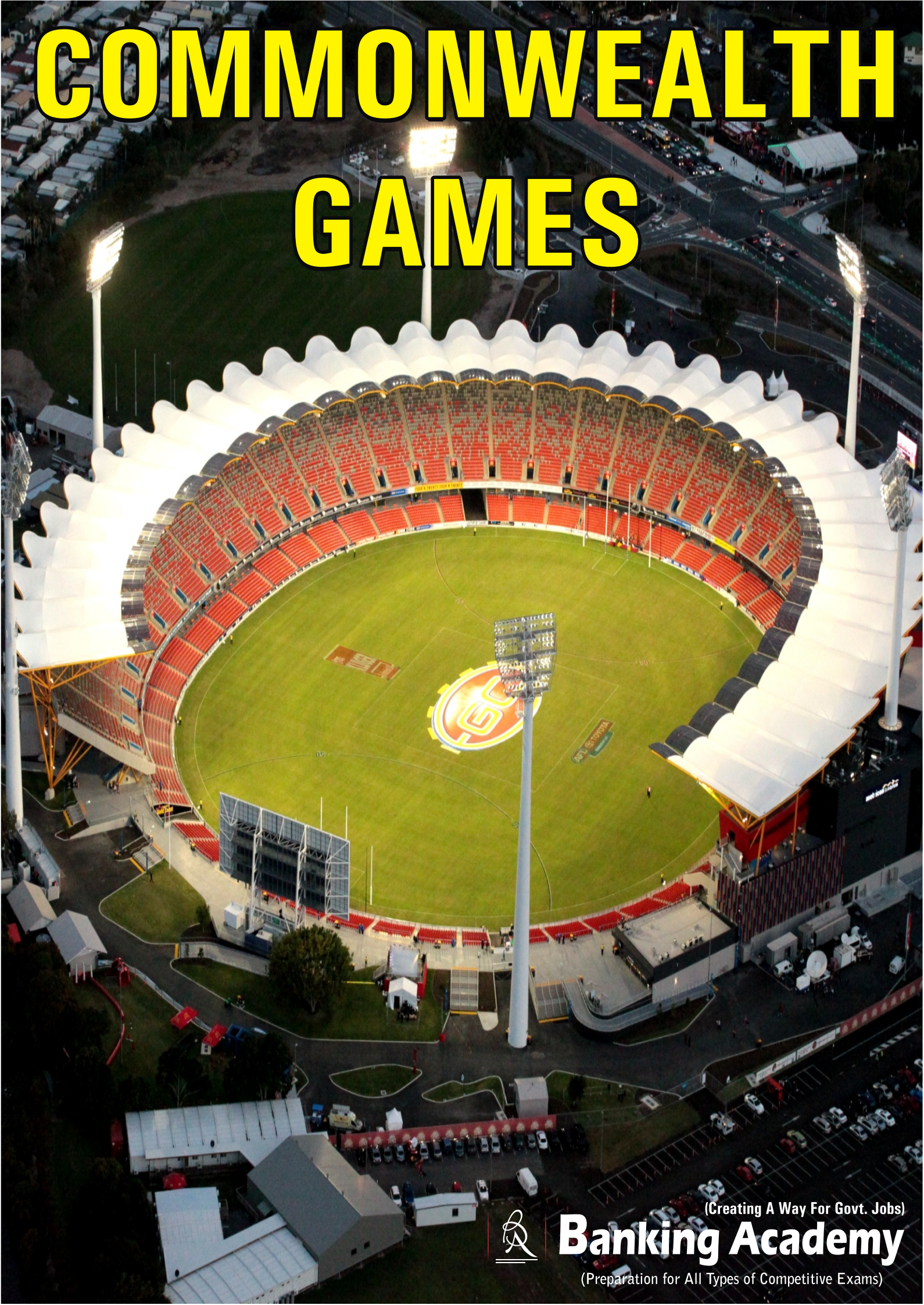


COMMONWEALTH GAMES



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HISTORY OF COMMONWEALTH



1 The idea of setting up commonwealth hit during the "Festival of Empire" organized in honour of George Pancham's coronation" in 1911.

2 First Commonwealth Games was organised in the Hamilton city of Canada in 1930. There were 400 players from 11 countries participated in the first Commonwealth Games.

3 India has hosted the Commonwealth Games first time in the Delhi in 2010. India had won the 101 medals and secured the second place in the medal tally in Commonwealth Games.

4 Twenty first Commonwealth Games 2018 was hosted by Australia in Gold Coast city. Australia was organized CWG includes 19 sports event 71 teams from 53 countries are participating in there events.

5 Commonwealth Games are the third biggest event of the world after the Olympic Games and Asian games. In Rio olympic-2016; 11238-players participated, 9,501 athletes participated in the Asian games 2014 and 4947 players participated in CWG.

6 Since 1930, the Games have taken place every four years, except in 1942 and 1946 (due to World War II), but they have had a few name changes:

British Empire Games

(from 1930 to 1950)

British Empire & Commonwealth Games

(from 1954 to 1966)

British Commonwealth Games

(from 1970 to 1974)

Commonwealth Games

(since 1978)



COMMONWEALTH DAY



It is an opportunity to promote understanding on global issues, international co-operation and the work of Commonwealth organizations which aim to improve the lives of citizens. It is celebrated on the second Monday of March every year.



IMPORTANT MEETINGS OF THE COMMONWEALTH



- Leaders of member countries shape commonwealth policies and priorities. The Biennial meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government known as (CHOGM) is conducted where leaders meet to discuss issues affecting the commonwealth and the world.
- Annual meetings of the Finance Ministers of the member countries.
- Regular meetings of ministers of education, law, health and other appropriate ministries.



COUNTRIES THAT LEFT THE COMMONWEALTH



Ireland and Myanmar (Burma) left the Commonwealth when they became Republics in 1948. South Africa withdrew in 1961 and Pakistan in 1972 when Bangladesh was recognized and included in the Commonwealth (Pakistan rejoined as tilt 49th member of the Commonwealth in 1989).

Fiji was expelled from the Commonwealth followed by military takeover of the country in 1987. South Africa joined the Commonwealth as the 51st member in May 1994.

Zimbabwe's membership was suspended in 2001 on the grounds of alleged human rights violations by the government. In response, Zimbabwe's government terminated its membership in 2003. On 3 October 2011 after 48 years of membership, the Gambia became recent nation to withdraw from the Commonwealth.



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COMMONWEALTH GAMES - 2018



The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2018 (CHOGM 2018) was held in London, The United Kingdom. It was overall 25th meeting of the heads of government of the Commonwealth Nations.

- The theme of CHOGM 2018 was “Towards a Common Future”.
- Republic of Ireland (from 1949), Zimbabwe (2003), and Maldives (2016) are former members of the Commonwealth. South Africa, Pakistan and The Gambia left and later rejoined the Commonwealth.
- Newest member Rwanda joined in 2009. South Sudan hopes to be next

The Commonwealth Games take place every four years - and this year they take place on the Gold Coast in Australia. They were held from 4th to 15th April 2018.



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Australia**

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES - 2018



About Gold Coast Commonwealth - 2018

- Borobi was named as the mascot of the 2018 Commonwealth Games in 2016. Borobi is a blue koala, with indigenous markings on its body.
- The 21st edition of the Commonwealth Games was begun in Gold Coast, Australia, with a colourful opening ceremony. This was a momentous day for the city as the biggest event in its history begins.
- Carrara Stadium had been chosen as the venue to host the opening ceremony. These Games were marked the 5th time that Australia had hosted the games. India was represented at the opening ceremony by a contingent of over 200 athletes who were led by flag-bearer P V Sindhu.
- The 21st Commonwealth Games concluded on April 15, 2018 at Gold Coast, Australia. Legendary boxer Mary Kom was the flagbearer for the Indian delegation at the closing



ceremony in which about 4,230 players take part of 71 countries. In this 21st Commonwealth Games, 275 medals were held in 18 games.

- This year's games Included Three new game (Beach volleyball, Para triathlon and women's Rugby sevens).
- India with a final haul of 66 medals including 26 gold, 20 silver and 20 bronze finished at the third place. Australia stood first with 198 medals including 80 gold, 59 silver and 59 bronze followed by England with 136 medals including 45 gold, 45 silver and 46 bronze.
- India bettered its showing in Glasgow 2014, , where we finished fifth overall, by just two medals. In Glasgow, India claimed 15 Gold, 30 Silver and 19 Bronze. India's best Gold tally of 38 came at home in 2010.

COMMONWEALTH & INDIA SOME FACT



- first for Indians at the Commonwealth Games. Neeraj Chopra became the first javelin thrower from India to win a gold at the Games.
- While Mary Kom also won a medal of the same colour in her first (and probably last) CWG.
- Satwik sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also became the first men's doubles badminton pair from India to win a medal at the Games, while Manika Batra made the country take notice of her with four medals, including a gold in women's singles.
- The shooters were the most successful among all athletes with a total of 16 medals, including 7 gold medals.
- The biggest success stories were Anish Bhanwala, Manu Bhaker and Mehuli Ghosh – three teenagers who delivered on their debut at the big stage.
- Anish Bhanwala, first Indian teenagers to win gold in commonwealth games at age of 15.
- Wrestlers Sushil Kumar's completed his CWG hat-trick by winning Gold Medal.
- This was India's 2nd most successful Games overseas, behind only Manchester, 2002.
- In table tennis, it was a memorable Games for Manika Batra as she picked up medals in all events she competed in -- Singles Gold, Women's Doubles Gold, Women's Team Gold and rounding off the Games with Mixed Doubles Bronze. Batra made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win an individual table tennis Gold at the Games.
- India's maximum medals came from shooting (16), followed by wrestling (12) and weightlifting (9).
- The 10-member Indian table tennis team secured 8 (3



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Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze) medals, which turned out to be their best-ever medal haul in the history of the Games.

- In the women's table tennis event, the Indian team won its first ever Commonwealth Gold.
- Teenager Deepak Lather from Haryana became the youngest Indian weightlifter to claim a Commonwealth Games medal, clinching a Bronze in the men's 69kg category.
- Indian shooter Anish Bhanwala, aged 15, created history by becoming the country's youngest ever Gold medal winner in the Commonwealth Games, in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol.
- Neeraj Chopra from Haryana became the first Indian javelin thrower to claim a Gold medal at the Games. His medal is only the fifth track-and-field Gold for India at the Commonwealth Games — the other four being

Milkha Singh (1958), discus thrower Krishna Poonia (2010), the women's 4x400m relay quartet of Manjeet Kaur, Sini Jose, Ashwini Akkunji and Mandeep Kaur (2010) and shot-putter Vikas Gowda (2014).

- The Gold medal won by India's mixed badminton team is the country's first in that category at the Games.
- Saina Nehwal became the first Indian to win two singles Golds at the Games after defeating PV Sindhu. Saina had also won the title in 2010 in New Delhi.
- The Indian badminton contingent's total of seven medals (2 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze) turned out to be the best performance by any Indian badminton team at the Games.
- Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who claimed India's first Gold, in the Women's 48 kg, broke three Games records in the 'snatch' section, the 'clean and jerk' and the overall Games record.



GOLD (26)



- Saina Nehwal clinched women's singles gold in badminton.
- Boxer Vikas Krishan wins gold in 75kg category at Commonwealth Games.
- Manika Batra wins gold in table tennis women's singles, becoming the first Indian woman to do so.
- Vinesh Phogat wins gold in women's wrestling freestyle 50 kg Nordic event.
- Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian javelin thrower to claim a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games.
- In the 52kg Boxing event Gaurav Solanki won gold.
- In wrestling, Sumit Malik claimed the gold medal in the men's



- freestyle 125 kg.
- Sanjeev Rajput won gold in 50m Rifle 3 Position shooting event.
- M.C. Mary Kom won 45-48 kg category boxing event, claiming gold in her debut Commonwealth Games.
- Bajrang Punia won the gold medal in freestyle 65kg wrestling.
- Tejaswini Sawant won the 50m rifle position event
- 15-year-old Anish Bhanwala bagged gold in men's 25m rapid fire pistol.
- In men's freestyle 74kg wrestling, double Olympic-medallist Sushil Kumar won gold.



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GOLD (26)



- Rahul Aware added another gold medal to India's tally, winning in the Men's Freestyle 57kg wrestling event.
- In the double trap women shooting, India's Shreyasi Singh won gold.
- Shooter Heena Sidhu won gold in 25m pistol event to give India its 11th gold medal in the Games.
- The Indian mixed team badminton claimed gold for the first time in the Games' history.
- In the 10m men's air pistol event, India's Jitu Rai won gold. This is his second Commonwealth gold. In the women's table tennis event, the Indian team won its first ever Commonwealth gold medal. In 10m women's air pistol, Manu Bhaker won gold and added sixth gold for India at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Weightlifter Punam Yadav became the third woman to win gold for India, coming out on top in the women's 69 kg category at the CWG 2018.
- Weightlifter Venkat Rahul Ragala became the fourth Indian to claim a gold medal in the men's 85 kg category.
- Weightlifter Satish Kumar Sivalingam won India's third gold in the men's 77kg category.
- Weightlifter Sanjita Chanu landed India its second gold medal, winning the top spot in the women's 53kg category.
- Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu was the first gold medal winner for India, on the opening day, in the women's 48 kg category.
- Indian men's table tennis team wins gold beating Nigeria 3-0.



SILVER (20)



- P.V. Sindhu picked up the women's singles silver medal in badminton playing against Saina Nehwal.
- Kidambi Srikanth settled for badminton silver.
- Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Joshna Chinappa settle for silver in women's doubles squash.
- In mixed doubles squash, Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal claim silver.
- Boxer Manish Kaushik won silver in the Men's 60 kg category.
- India's Amit Panghal won silver after losing a very close bout in the Boxing Men's 46-49kg Final.
- Manika Batra and Mouma Das fought hard before going down against defending champions Feng Tianwei and Yu Mengyu to settle for a silver medal in the women's doubles, a first ever for India in the Commonwealth Games.
- Anjum Moudgil bagged silver in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions event.
- Wrestler Pooja Dhanda made a late push in the women's 57kg final bout to win silver.
- Wrestler Mausam Khatri failed to make use of his wealth of experience as he settled for a silver medal in men's freestyle 97 kg event.
- Seema Punia came up with a best effort of 60.41m in the women's discus throw, which she did in her opening attempt to win her fourth successive CWG medal
- Mehuli Ghosh won silver in the 10m women's air rifle



- event.
- In the 105 category weightlifting for men, Pradeep Singh won the silver.
- In 10m women's air pistol, Heena Sidhu won the silver and added second silver for India at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Weightlifter P. Gururaja opened India's medal account on the first competition day, claiming a silver in the men's 56kg category.
- Tejaswini Sawant won a silver medal in 50m prone finals in shooting.
- Wrestler Babita Kumari won silver in 53kg event.





BRONZE (20)



- Manika Batra and G. Sathiyam claimed mixed doubles bronze in table tennis.
- Sharath Kamal claimed bronze in table tennis Men's Singles.
- Harmeet Desai and Sanil Shankar Shetty bagged bronze in the men's doubles Table Tennis competition.
- Ashwini Ponnappa and Sikki Reddy win bronze at women's doubles badminton.
- In wrestling, Somveer claims bronze in Men's Freestyle 86 kg.
- In wrestling, Sakshi Malik claimed bronze in the Women's Freestyle 62 kg.
- Naman Tanwar won bronze in the boxing Men's 91 kg
- Manoj Kumar won bronze in the boxing Men's 69 kg.
- Hussamuddin Mohammed won bronze in the boxing Men's 56 kg.
- Divya Kakran won bronze medal in the women's freestyle 68 kg by outplaying Bangladesh's Sherin Sultana 4-0.
- In the women's discus throw, Navjeet Dhillon grabbed the



- bronze with her final throw of 57.43m
- In women's freestyle 76kg wrestling event, Kiran bagged a bronze medal.
- Delhi-born Ankur Mittal claimed the bronze in men's double trap shooting event.
- Om Mitharval won bronze in the 50m men's pistol event and in the 10m men's air pistol event.
- India's Apurvi Chandela won bronze in the 10m women's air rifle event.
- One more medal for weightlifting, Vikas Thakur added a shade of bronze to Indian weightlifters' golden run at the Commonwealth

- Games, claiming the third position in the 94kg category by equalling his personal best.
- Ravi Kumar settles for bronze in men's 10m air rifle event at 21st Commonwealth Games.
- Teenager Deepak Lather from Haryana became the youngest Indian weightlifter to claim a Commonwealth Games medal, clinching a bronze in the men's 69kg category.
- Sachin Chaudhary did the country proud by bagging a bronze medal in the men's heavyweight category in para powerlifting of the XXI Commonwealth Games.



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