

# All About Asian Games 2018

India competed at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia, from 18th August to 2nd September. **Neeraj Chopra** was the flag bearer for the opening ceremony while **Rani Rampal** was named as the flag bearer for the closing ceremony.

India ranked 8th in the 2018 Asian Games Medal Table with 69 medals in total.

China topped the medal tally with 132 Golds and total 289 Medals.

Japanese swimmer Ikee Rikako has been named as the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the recently-concluded 18th edition of the Asian Games.

The 18-year-old, who bagged six gold and two silver medals in the tournament, became the first female athlete to win the MVP title.

## Upcoming Asian Games

2022 Asian Games will be held in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China.

2026 Asian Games will be held in Nagoya, Japan.

## India's Medals in Asian Games 2018

Gold	15
Silver	24
Bronze	30
Total	69

## India's Records in Asian Games 2018

India secured a bronze medal in the men's team regu event which was the country's first medal in sepak takraw since the debut of the sport in the 1990 Asian Games.

India secured its **first ever medal in table tennis in the Asian Games** as the men's team won a Bronze medal by defeating Japan in the quarterfinal of the Table tennis at the 2018 Asian Games.

In the 25 meter rapid fire pistol event, **Rahi Sarnobat became the first Indian woman to clinch the gold medal in a shooting event of Asian Games.**

**Vinesh Phogat**, who won gold in the women's freestyle 50 kg category, **became the first Indian woman wrestler to win a gold medal at the Games.**

**Saina Nehwal & P. V. Sindhu won India's first ever medal in the women's singles event in badminton** at the Asian Games when they reached the semifinals at Jakarta.

**P. V. Sindhu became the first Indian shuttler to reach the final of a singles badminton event** at the Games and eventually won a silver.

**Neeraj Chopra** won the country's **first javelin gold medal**, setting a new national record.

**Indian pair of Pranab Bardhan & Shibnath Sarkar** won the gold medal in the inaugural edition of **Contract bridge** at the **2018 Asian Games – Men's pair**.

**Vikas Krishan Yadav** sets the record to **become the first Indian boxer to clinch a medal in three successive Asian games**.

**Swapna Barman** becomes **first Indian heptathlete to win Asian Games gold**.

**Arpinder Singh** wins India's first triple jump gold in 48 years.

India's 23-year-old **Tajinder Pal Singh** clinched the gold medal in men's shot put with an Asian Games record by smashing the national and world record.

## India's Gold Medallists in Asian Games 2018

Medal	Name	Sport	Event
Gold	Bajrang Punia	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 65 kg
Gold	Vinesh Phogat	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 50 kg
Gold	Saurabh Chaudhary	Shooting	Men's 10 metre air pistol
Gold	Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting	Women's 25 metre pistol
Gold	Sawarn Singh, Dattu Baban Bhokanal, Om Prakash, Sukhmeet Singh	Rowing	Men's quadruple sculls
Gold	Rohan Bopanna, Divij Sharan	Lawn tennis	Men's doubles
Gold	Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Athletics	Men's shot put
Gold	Neeraj Chopra	Athletics	Men's javelin throw
Gold	Manjit Singh	Athletics	Men's 800 metres
Gold	Arpinder Singh	Athletics	Men's triple jump
Gold	Swapna Barman	Athletics	Women's heptathlon
Gold	Jinson Johnson	Athletics	Men's 1500 metres
Gold	M. R. Poovamma, Saritaben Gaikwad, Hima Das, Vismaya	Athletics	Women's 4 x 400 m relay
Gold	Amit Panghal	Boxing	Light flyweight (49 kg)
Gold	Pranab Bardhan, Shibhnath Sarkar	Bridge	Men's pair

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