

# INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

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Dear IOA Members and Colleagues,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate all the medal winners and National Sports Federations for India's phenomenal performance at the 13th South Asian Games, Kathmandu-Pokhara 2019. India won a total of 312 medals including 174 Gold, 93 Silver and 45 Bronze medals, which also marks our best ever performance at these Games.

We successfully wrapped up this year with our Annual General Meeting on 30 December in New Delhi where it was wonderful to meet you all. We reviewed governance and preparations for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 in the meeting.

The members were apprised of the progress in hosting the 2023 IOC Session in India. Pursuant to the visit of the President of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and deliberations during the AGM, it was also confirmed that India would be participating in the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games and bidding for the Commonwealth Games 2026/ 2030. IOA reviewed the planning to host the IOC Session in 2023. Earlier, the IOA has already expressed interest for hosting the Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2026, Asian Games in 2030 and Summer Olympic Games in 2032.

I once again congratulate all our esteemed colleagues on their appointments in international sports organisations this year and hope our presence will continue to expand in the times to come.

I look forward to your continued support in 2020 and beyond to make the Indian Olympic Association a formidable force to reckon with and to realise our collective vision and plans for the advancement of Olympic movement in India.

Wish you all and your families a Blessed, Healthy, Happy and a Prosperous New Year - 2020!

Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra  
President





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### 13th South Asian Games 2019, Nepal

From 1 to 10 December 2019, Kathmandu and Pokhara hosted the 13th South Asian Games in Nepal with more than 2,700 athletes from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka taking the centre stage. A 665-member contingent from India participated in the Games, comprising of 523 athletes in 22 sports. The Dasarath Stadium hosted the Opening Ceremony, where Team India was led by National Record holder and Asian Games Gold medallist, Tejinder Pal Singh Toor.

Team India registered its best-ever medal haul at the South Asian Games, amassing a record total of 312 medals including 174 Gold, 93 Silver and 45 Bronze medals, also extending its record of being the top placed nation on the South Asian Games medal tally for the 13th time. Triathlon got the medal tally ticking for India by bagging 4 medals on the first day of the competitions while the Gold medal triumphs of the Basketball Women's and the Men's teams on the final day brought down the curtains on India's glorious performance at the biennial multi-sport event.







Indian athletes displayed fine performances in Athletics, bagging 12 Gold, 21 Silver and 15 Bronze medals. In Basketball, both the Men's and Women's Basketball and Basketball 3x3 teams swept clean the competition, claiming all 4 Golds.

The Indian Women's Football team defeated hosts Nepal in the finals at Pokhara, to clinch their third consecutive Champion's title at the South Asian Games. Indian Swimming team dominated the medal tally, earning the most number of medals including 27 Golds, 19 Silvers and 6 Bronzes. Shooting was another event where the Indian athletes proved their mettle to claim 18 Gold, 7 Silver and 4 Bronze medals.

In contact sports, Indian boxers clinched 12 Golds, 3 Silvers and 1 Bronze, while in Taekwondo, athletes won 9 Golds, 10 Silvers and 8 Bronzes. Indian Judokas amassed 10 Golds, 4 Silvers and 1 Bronze, even as Wushu athletes bagged 11 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze medals. Indian grapplers added a golden touch to Team India's feat at the 13th South Asian Games, winning 15 Golds at the tournament.









Hon'ble Union Sports Minister Mr Kiren Rijju received a triumphant Team India in New Delhi and felicitated the medallists for their phenomenal performances at the Games. Indian Olympic Association Secretary General, Mr Rajeev Mehta applauded the Indian contingent for its achievements and commended the team management led by Chef de Mission, Mr Dushyant Sharma and Dy Chef de Mission Mr Digvijay Singh.





## Team India at the 13th South Asian Games 2019, Nepal

**Athletics:** 12 Gold, 21 Silver, 15 Bronze  
**Badminton:** 6 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze  
**Basketball:** 2 Gold  
**Basketball 3x3:** 2 Gold  
**Boxing:** 12 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze  
**Cycling:** 4 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze  
**Fencing:** 11 Gold, 5 Silver, 1 Bronze  
**Football:** 1 Gold  
**Handball:** 1 Gold, 1 Silver  
**Judo:** 10 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze  
**Kabaddi:** 2 Gold  
**Kho-Kho:** 2 Gold  
**Shooting:** 18 Gold, 7 Silver, 4 Bronze  
**Squash:** 2 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze  
**Swimming:** 27 Gold, 19 Silver, 6 Bronze  
**Taekwondo:** 9 Gold, 10 Silver, 8 Bronze  
**Table Tennis:** 7 Gold, 5 Bronze  
**Tennis:** 7 Gold, 5 Bronze  
**Triathlon:** 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze  
**Volleyball:** 2 Gold  
**Weightlifting:** 9 Gold, 1 Silver  
**Wrestling:** 15 Gold  
**Wushu:** 11 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze





### Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualifications

Avinash Sable secured a berth in the Tokyo 2020 Men's 3000m Steeplechase event after finishing within the Olympic Qualifying Standard of 8:22:00. Avinash clocked National Record timing of 8:21:37 at the IAAF World Athletics Championships in Doha in October 2019.

Both the Men's and Women's Hockey Teams qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, by winning their Olympic qualifiers finals against Russia and USA held in Bhubaneswar from 1 to 2 November 2019.

Ranked 9th in the world, the Indian Women's team qualified after beating United States 6-5 on aggregate at the Kalinga Stadium even as later the Indian Men's team, ranked 5th in the world also qualified, after beating Russia 11-3 on aggregate.

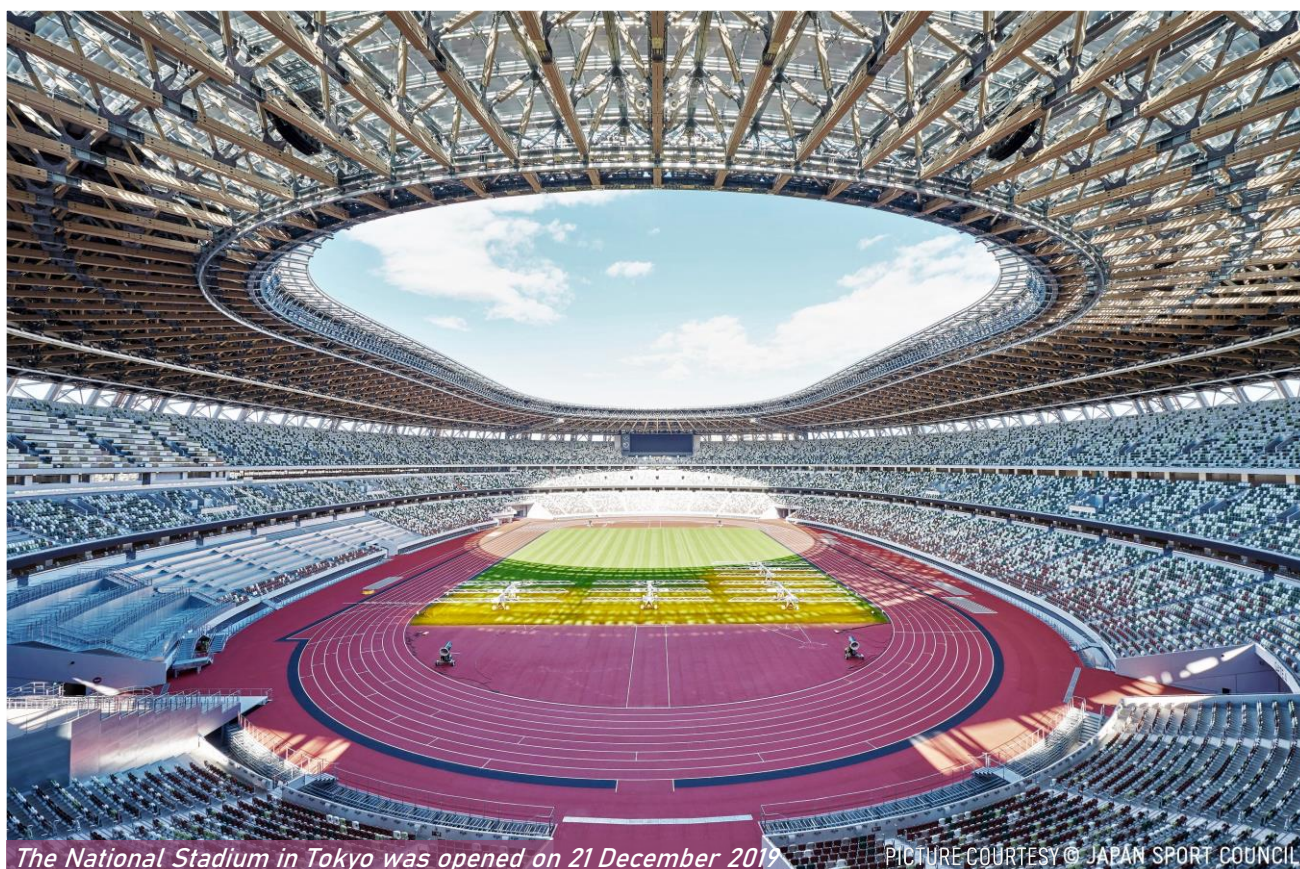


Veteran shooter Deepak Kumar claimed a Bronze medal and a Tokyo 2020 berth in the Men's 10m Air Rifle event at the Asian Shooting Championship held in Doha from 5 to 13 November 2019. At the same championship, Young markswoman, Chinki Yadav put forth a fine performance in qualifying for the finals of the Women's 25m Air Pistol event, in the process booking the second Olympic quota for Team India in the Women's 25m Air Pistol event.



Tejaswini Sawant also assured India's participation in the Women's 50m Rifle 3 Position event at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, having won a quota place with her 4th place finish at the Asian Shooting Championship. Another one of India's young prodigies, Aishwarya Singh Tomar became the thirteenth marksman to win an Olympic quota place for India, with his 3rd place finish in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Position event. Skeet shooters, Angad Bajwa and Mairaj Ahmad Khan claimed two more Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games quotas for India, finishing 1st and 2nd in Skeet event at the Asian Shooting Championship in Doha.

Two-time Olympian, Deepika Kumari secured an Individual Quota to participate in the Archery competition of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, after winning Gold in the finals of Women's Recurve Archery event at the Asian Continental Qualification Tournament held in Bangkok from 22 to 28 November 2019.





### India House at Tokyo 2020

Marking 100th year of Indian Athlete's participation in the Olympic Games, the Indian Olympic Association in partnership with the JSW Group, will showcase India to the world with pride at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games through its Olympic Hospitality House in Tokyo.

In a landmark initiative, this will be the first time that such a venue for India will be established at the Olympic Games. The state-of-the-art hospitality house, called 'India House' will be built over an area of 2,200 sq. metres and will be in close proximity to the Games Village and multiple Games venues in the Ariake region of Tokyo. IOA Secretary General, Mr Rajeev Mehta during his visit to Tokyo in March 2019 to attend the NOC Open Days, held meetings with the Tokyo 2020 OCOG and selected the site for the India House.

On 10 October 2019, Hon'ble Sports Minister Mr Kiren Rijiju joined IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta and JSW Group to announce India House and unveiled the logo in New Delhi. Construction at the site will begin in early 2020 and the facility is expected to be operational by July.

Running throughout the duration of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the facility will host athletes, international delegates and fans alike and will feature watch parties, medal celebrations and meet-and-greet opportunities with Indian athletes.





### CGF President Dame Louise Martin visited India

On 13 November 2019, a delegation of the Commonwealth Games Federation led by President, Dame Louise Martin DBE, CEO David Grevemberg and CGF Staff Tom Degun arrived in India for a three day visit to meet the athletes and the Indian sporting community.

During their visit to the capital city, the CGF delegation visited one of the landmark legacies of the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, the Indra Gandhi Stadium, where President Martin interacted with the athletes training at the facility, including six-time World Champion boxer MC Mary Kom and experienced first-hand the continuing positive legacy of the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games.





President Martin visited CGI headquarters in New Delhi and met with the CGI Executive Members and officials. The GGF delegation presented the Transformation 2022 Refresh: The Commonwealth Sport Strategic Plan (2019-2022) and convened a dialogue discussing the development of shooting as a competitive event in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Sports Programme and CGI's concerns regarding the inclusion of Shooting. During the meeting, the CGI also expressed India's willingness to bring back the Commonwealth Games to the country in 2026 and discussed about the course of action for achieving the Commonwealth Sport Strategic Plan.



The CGF delegation along with CGI officials later in the evening met the Union Sports Minister Mr Kiren Rijiju in New Delhi to discuss the way forward for Commonwealth Sport in the country. The CGI also hosted a gala dinner in honour of President Louise Martin and the visiting delegation on 14 November, where they met with officials and members of the India sports community.

During her visit to New Delhi, President Martin met with the family of the late former Chief Minister of Delhi, Smt Sheila Dikshit to pay respects and spent time with the late minister's family.

The CGF delegation also visited the city of Patiala and the reputed Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports where they met with the training athletes, coaching staff, sports scientists and trainee coaches. The Governor of Punjab, Mr V. P. Singh Badnore hosted a dinner in Chandigarh on 15 November, to welcome the guests of honour, President Martin and the CGF delegation.





### Executive Council Meeting

The 4th Executive Council Meeting of the Indian Olympic Association was held on 23 November 2019 at the Olympic Bhawan in New Delhi. The meeting was convened to review discussions regarding India's bid to host IOC Session 2023 in Mumbai, 36th National Games in Goa, India's participation in the 13th South Asian Games and the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and other governance matters.



### Annual General Body Meeting

The Indian Olympic Association held its Annual General Meeting on 30 December 2019 at the Olympic Bhawan in New Delhi. Led by IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta, Sr. Vice-President Mr Anil Khanna and IOA Life-President Raja Randhir Singh, the AGM was attended by the Executive Council members and member units of the IOA.







The house together reviewed and decided on governance matters and other agendas, including India's confirmation of participation in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, India's bid to host the 2026/ 2030 Commonwealth Games and the progress in India's offer to host the 2023 IOC Session.



During the AGM, President Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra and Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta joined the IOA family to felicitate Executive Council member and Table-Tennis Federation of India President, Mr Dushyant Chautala on his first visit to the IOA office after assuming the office of the Dy. Chief Minister of Haryana.



### WSLAHPC

Ms Pooja Chaurushi, former triathlete and International Triathlon Union certified coach enrolled in the 14-month Women's Sport Leadership Academy for High Performance Coaches programme (WSLAHPC), held by the International Triathlon Union with the support of Olympic Solidarity and the University of Hertfordshire.



### Athlete365 Business Accelerator

Mr Gagan Ullalmath, who represented Team India at the London 2012 Olympic Games, attended the Athlete365 Business Accelerator programme Level 2 workshop held from 25 to 26 November 2019 in Amman, Jordan. The Athlete365 Business Accelerator, is a three-stage entrepreneur journey funded by Olympic Solidarity that helps and guides athletes to independently develop their own business ideas and provides them with a platform to kick start and then supercharge their ideas.

### IOC Diploma in Sports Physical Therapies

Ms Shikha Kedia, nominee of the Boxing Federation of India received scholarship to enrol for the 2-year IOC Diploma course in Sports Physical Therapies (2019-2021), jointly organised by the Olympic Solidarity through Sports Medicine and Protection of Clean Athletes Programme and IOC's Medical and Scientific Department.

### IOC Diploma in Sports Nutrition

Ms Krushmi Chheda, nominated by Cycling Federation of India received scholarship to enrol for the 2-year IOC Diploma course in Sports Nutrition (2019-2021), jointly organised by the Olympic Solidarity through Sports Medicine and Protection of Clean Athletes Programme and IOC's Medical and Scientific Department.



### Athlete365 Career+ Outreach Workshop

In continuation to the first Athletes Career Workshop held in December 2018 in New Delhi, the Indian Olympic Association on 12 October 2019 organised the second edition of the Athlete365 Career+ Outreach Workshop in Mumbai at the Mumbai Cricket Association Recreation Centre with support of IOC Athletes Commission, International Olympic Committee and The Adecco Group. As many as 29 athletes aged between 17 to 24 years from Athletics, Boxing, Fencing, Hockey, Shooting, Sailing, Swimming, Rowing and Rugby attended the day-long workshop led by Educator and Olympian Anjali Bhagwat. Staff of Adecco officials guided the athletes on interview skills, CV, etc.

At the end of the Workshop, IOA Athletes Commission Chairman, Dr Malav Shroff gave certificates to the young athletes and applauded the efforts of IOA. The Indian Olympic Association also expressed its gratitude to Dr Malav Shroff for taking the initiative of organising the workshop in Mumbai and for leading the coordination of the logistics and event preparations.





### ANOC General Assembly, Qatar

From 17 to 18 October 2019, Doha played host to more than 1,000 delegates from the Olympic Movement as they convened together to discuss matters of interest to the NOCs at the XXIV ANOC General Assembly organized in Qatar. IOA Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta participated in the assembly.

### IOC Evaluation Commission visited Mumbai

On 25 October 2019, IOC Evaluation Commission led by Mr Ser Miang N. G. visited Mumbai and met with the IOA delegation led by President Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta, Executive Council members and IOC Member Ms Nita Ambani to assess the Candidature of IOC Session in Mumbai, India.



### WADA World Conference on Doping in Sport

Legal counsel of the Indian Olympic Association, Mr Parth Goswami attended the World Anti-Doping Agency's 5th World Conference on Doping in Sport, held in Katowice, Poland from 5 to 7 November 2019.





### Athlete Ambassadors Group for Boxing

The IOC Boxing Task Force on 30 October 2019 announced the creation of the Athlete Ambassadors Group to engage with and represent boxers, and promote the athletes' voice within Boxing, on the road to Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. One female and one male ambassador per region were appointed to take on the role of engaging with the boxing community both in person and digitally.

Olympian and six-time World Champion boxer M. C. Mary Kom was appointed as the Athlete Ambassador in Asia region.

### 4th Elite Women's National Boxing Championship, Kannur

IOA Secretary General, Mr Rajeev Mehta attended the 4th Elite Women's Boxing Championship held in Kannur, Kerala from 2 to 8 December 2019, where as many as 320 boxers from 32 teams participated. Secretary General, Mr Mehta felicitated the winners and interacted with athletes and the senior officials of the Boxing Federation of India at the event.





### Social Media Workshop

The Indian Olympic Association and 12 National Sports Federations including Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Equestrian, Golf, Hockey, Sailing, Shooting, Table Tennis, Tennis and Wrestling attended a day-long workshop on engagements and content leading up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, at the Facebook headquarters in Gurugram on 12 December 2019. Facebook's Asia Pacific team flew down from Singapore to lead the sessions on social media engagements.



### Inauguration of the renovated Conference Room

IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta, Treasurer Mr Anandeshwar Panday joined Wrestling Federation of India President, Mr Brijbhushan Sharan Singh and Kho-Kho Federation of India President, Mr Sudhanshu Mittal on 13 November 2019 to inaugurate the newly renovated Conference Room on the 5th floor of the IOA/ CGI headquarters in New Delhi. The IOA senior leadership expressed its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Kho-Kho Federation of India and Mr Sudhanshu Mittal for extending their kind support in transforming the Conference Room into a state-of-the-art facility, equipped with audio/video conference systems.







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