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**New Delhi, July 6, 2026:** The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) will organise a ceremonial send-off for the Indian contingent on Tuesday, July 7, ahead of the **2026 Commonwealth Games** to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, from **July 23 to August 2, 2026**. The ceremony will honour the 124 athletes who will represent India across 10 sporting disciplines.

Leading India's campaign are Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra**, Olympic medallist **Mirabai Chanu**, decathlete **Tejaswin Shankar**, and Olympic boxing medallist **Lovlina Borgohain**. Reflecting the inclusive nature of the Glasgow Games, the Indian contingent comprises both able-bodied and para athletes.

Although the competition programme has been compressed for this edition of the Commonwealth Games, Indian athletes have prepared diligently and are looking forward to delivering strong performances.

Neeraj Chopra returns to the Commonwealth Games after missing the Birmingham 2022 edition due to injury. The double Olympic medallist will spearhead India's athletics campaign. Tejaswin Shankar will also be among the athletes to watch after recently surpassing the 8,000-point mark in the decathlon at the Federation Cup in Ranchi.

Mirabai Chanu returns to international competition following an injury layoff and is currently training in Birmingham. India enjoyed a highly successful campaign in weightlifting at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, winning 10 medals, and will be looking to build on that performance.

India's boxing team also enters the Games in encouraging form, with **Sakshi, Preeti, Ankush**, and Lovlina Borgohain among the leading medal prospects.

The send-off ceremony will be attended by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Mansukh Mandaviya**, Union Minister of Textiles **Giriraj Singh**, IOA President **P. T. Usha**, Secretary, Department of Sports **Hari Ranjan Rao**, and other distinguished guests.

**Rohit Rajpal** will lead the contingent as Chef de Mission, with **Ravi Bengani, Vandana Rao** and **Rahul Swami**, serving as General Team Managers. **Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala** has been appointed Chief Medical Advisor and will be supported by a team of physiotherapists.

**Srinivasan Kannan** and **Sarvesh Kedia** will serve as the Press Attachés for the Indian contingent.

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The official ceremonial kit for the Indian contingent will also be unveiled during the event. Designed by **Aaquib Wani** in partnership with **JSW Sports**, the unveiling will feature a special ramp walk by Indian athletes.

The Glasgow Games will also provide a valuable learning opportunity for India's **2030 Ahmedabad Commonwealth Games Observer Programme** delegation, which will study various operational aspects of the Games, including venue management, competition delivery, and event operations.

Speaking ahead of the team's departure, IOA President Dr P. T. Usha said: "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to every athlete who has earned the honour of representing India at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games. Each of you represents the very best of Indian sport and carries the hopes and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians. I have every confidence that you will compete with courage, determination and the true spirit of sportsmanship. On behalf of the Indian Olympic Association, I wish the entire contingent the very best and assure you of our unwavering support throughout the Games."

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