

### Defending champions Dipika-Joshna settle for women's doubles silver

GOLD COAST, Apr 15

India ended their Commonwealth Games campaign in squash with two silver medals after Dipika Pallikal and Joshna Chinappa went down fighting in the women's doubles final on Sunday.

Pallikal and Chinappa, who had won a historic gold in Glasgow Games four years ago, fell short against the New Zealand combine of Joelle King and Amanda Landers Murphy losing 9-11, 8-11 in the title clash.

Going by the number of medals, it was India's best ever performance at the Games ever since the sport was introduced way back in 1998.

The gold won by Pallikal and Chinappa in 2014 was India's first ever squash medal at the Games.

India did not win a medal across four editions from 1998 to 2010. **PTI**

### Vikas, Gaurav clinch gold; India ends boxing campaign with 9 medals

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Vikas defeated Dieudonne Wilfried Seyi Ntsengue of Cameroon by a 5-0 unanimous verdict in a close contest which saw both the boxers claiming to have won the bout before the referee's verdict. It was Vikas' first medal at the CWG.

Each of the five judges awarded 30-27, 29-28, 29-28, 30-27 and 29-28 points in favour of Vikas at the end of all three rounds.

Gaurav won the gold medal in the men's flyweight (52 kilogram) category as he won a tough, fast paced, tactical battle by a split 4:1 verdict against the impressive Brendan Irvine of Northern Ireland in the final.

Meanwhile, India's Manish had to be content with silver in the men's lightweight (60kg) division. Kaushik lost 2:3 to Harry Gariside of Australia in a hard-fought final.

Amit finished with the silver medal in the men's light flyweight (49 kilogram) category after losing 1:3 to England's Galai Yafai in the final.

Satish lost the final of the 91kg category, losing 0-5 by unanimous verdict to England's Frazer Clarke, who got 30-27, 29-28, 29-28, 29-28 from each of the five judges as totals of the three rounds.

This is the first time India got a silver medal in the super heavyweight category in the CWG.

This was Satish's first CWG medal. He has a bronze each from the 2014 Asian Games and the 2015 Asian Championships.

Apart from these six boxers, three others, Muhammed Hussamuddin, Naman Tanwar and Manoj Kumar claimed bronze medals on Friday. **IANS**

## India improve on Glasgow medal haul in Gold Coast

NEW DELHI, Apr 15

India have breached their medal tally from Glasgow four years back with action unfolding on the final day of the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast. In Glasgow in 2014, India had won 64 medals - 15 gold, 30 silver and 19 bronze. This time around, though, India went past the mark in terms of gold medals with 26. India's tally of 66 medals can be broken down into 26 gold, 20 silver and 20 bronze.

However, this won't beat India's second best haul of 69 medals in Manchester in 2002.

India had won the maximum medals in New Delhi in 2010 when a massive 600-plus strong members competed under the tricolour to bag 101 medals.

Most of India's medals came from the shooting range (16) with gold medals for Jitu Rai, Anish Bhanwala, Sanjeev Rajput, Manu Bhaker, Heena Sidhu, Tejaswini Sawant, Shreyasi

### CWG 2018 Medals Tally

NO.	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	Australia	80	59	59	198
2	England	45	45	46	136
3	India	26	20	20	66
4	Canada	15	40	27	82
5	New Zealand	15	16	15	46
6	South Africa	13	11	13	37
7	Wales	10	12	14	36
8	Scotland	9	13	22	44
9	Nigeria	9	9	6	24
10	Cyprus	8	1	5	14

Singh; silver medals for Sidhu, Mehuli Ghosh, Anjum Moudgil, Sawant; bronze medals for Om Mitharwal (two medals), Ravi Kumar, Ankur Mittal and Apurvi Chandela. After shooting, wrestling (12) contributed the most to India's medal tally in the state of Queensland, Australia. It was followed by boxing and weightlifting (9) where India had made 12 and 16 entries each for an exemplary conversion rate.

India finish third in the medal tally - behind Australia and England with the host country winning 198 medals and England taking home 136 medals.

The top 10 in the medals tally is rounded off with Canada (4th; 82 medals), New Zealand (5th; 46 medals), South Africa (6th; 37 medals), Wales (7th; 36 medals), Scotland (8th; 44 medals), Nigeria (9th; 24 medals) and Cyprus (10th; 14 medals).

India won 35 medals courtesy male athletes, 28 from female athletes and 3 medals came in team events (badminton, table tennis and squash). **Indian Express**

## Manika Batra shows she is a ping-pong superstar



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Paddlers often complain about the unpredictability generated by long-pimpled rubbers. Manika Batra, though, knew exactly how they would behave, and was quietly confident of the panic it would create in the Singapore camp. Ultimately, her plan reaped rich rewards. The Indian, ranked 58th in the world, proved her win against higher-ranked Singaporeans

earlier this week wasn't a fluke as she repeated the performance to win her second gold of the Games, and third overall. She also became the only Indian woman to clinch gold at the Commonwealth Games, and repeated the feat achieved by Sharath Kamal at the Melbourne Games in 2006 by winning the individual and team gold. Batra dominated her higher-ranked opponent

## Vinesh Phogat wins second CWG gold

GOLD COAST, Apr 15

After two days of wrestling in Gold Coast, India, considered to be a powerhouse in wrestling among Commonwealth nations, had not won a single gold medal in women's wrestling. Vinesh Phogat was the last hope for coach Kuldeep Malik.

Four years ago in her final bout of the 48kg category in Glasgow, Vinesh was in control of the proceedings before her opponent Yana Rattigan made a comeback. Vinesh managed to hold her off and

win 11-8. Before Vinesh, five Indian female wrestlers failed to win the gold medal, two of them falling in the finals. Three others ended up winning bronze medals. So when Vinesh was wrestling against Jessica MacDonald of Canada for a gold medal in the 50kg category, she was aiming to break India's drought and was also trying to become India's first woman wrestler to win two gold medals at Commonwealth Games. Vinesh took just 15 seconds to launch her first attack.

A double leg attack on the Canadian and then a takedown would have given Vinesh two points but instead, she went for a four-point throw by lifting MacDonald over her shoulders and slamming her on her back. Malik wanted Vinesh to use her power during the final and the wrestler was not holding back. A minute later, Vinesh was at it again. She went for the double leg attack and got another four-point throw by bringing her opponent down on her shoulders. **Indian Express**

## T-20 Veteran Cricket Tournament Gojendro picks up four to help YWC cruise to semis

By Our Sports Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: YWC, Langthabal cruised to semi-final beating NAPSA, Kha-Imphal by 76 runs riding on spectacular bowling performance from Gojendro in the ongoing 2nd T Subol Memorial T-20 Veteran Cricket Tournament being played at Model Higher Secondary School and Oriental College ground.

After being offered to bat first, YWC batsmen Kumarjit started the early onslaught smashing 62 runs of 60 balls while Manaobi punished the NAPSA bowlers scoring 53 runs of 40 balls taking YWC to a comfortable total. Samananda 7 (6) and Gojendro 5 (4) played their part to help post a respectable total of 156/3 in 20 overs.

In reply, NAPSA batsmen Somendro 21 (16) and Surjit 20 (17) gave the solid start but Gojendro of YWC removed the top order batsmen in quick succession and destroyed the lower order



batmen in his course to 4 wickets haul while Rajesh Kumar and Ch Kumar superbly aided in dismantling the remaining batsmen and dismissed 2 wickets each. NAPSA batsmen Bhogen 13 (18) and Mahesh 9 (12) tried hard to steer their team out of trouble but could not prevent the loss against the stronger opponent and the team crumbled at 80/10 in 17.4 overs. Gojendro was adjudged man of the match for his 4-wicket haul. CHAMP will clash with CCC, Chajing in the first semi-final on April 17 while CYCLONE will face YWC, Langthabal in the second semi-final on April 18 at the same ground.

## 1st DSA Youth League KMSWC, YDO register emphatic wins

By Our Sports Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: KMSWC, Keirak and YDO, Sora secured huge wins against their rivals in the ongoing 1st Youth League 2018 being organised by District Sport Association, Kakching under the aegis of All Manipur Football Association at YDO Ground, SORA today. The third match of the day also witnessed KPSC thump KYWAC, Wabagai 2-0.

The first match of the day saw YWC, Keirak played out a goalless draw with DYA, Elangkhangpokpi.

In the second match, KMSWC decimated JA 9-0 through five goals scored by Md Anis and two goals from Md Samir.

### Srikanth goes down to former World No. 1 Chong Wei, wins silver

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Kidambi Srikanth, who is the newly crowned World No. 1, went down in men's singles final match against former World No. 1 Chong Lee Wei on Sunday, Day 11 of the Commonwealth Games, to settle for silver.

Malaysian legend Chong Wei, who claimed his third CWG gold on Sunday, dominated at the start and end to defeat the Indian shuttler 19-21, 21-14, 21-14 even though Srikanth, who had earlier beaten the Malaysian in the men's singles clash of mixed doubles, took an early lead.

Srikanth, however, ensured that he gave a tough fight to the Malaysian, who has won two mixed team gold medals, before going down badly in the deciding game. **Indian Express**

Md Kalam gave the early lead for KMSWC in the 4th minute while Md Rajkhan pumped in the second goal in the 9th minute. Md Anis displayed some sensational footballing skill and added three goals back to back (15', 16', 21') to make it 5-0 at the end of the first half.

Md Anis and Md Samir then took their turns to fetch two goals each in the second half. Samir opened his account in the 25th minute before he netted his second in the 34th minute. Md Anis on the other hand struck his first goal of the second half in the 32nd minute and wrapped up the game 9-0 with another goal during the additional time.

KPSC who are yet to be beaten in this league tournament, secured another win to stretch their lead in the tally. S Justin scored two goals, one goal each half (14', 27') to give his team a 2-0 victory against KYWAC, Wabagai.

Continuing its winnings ways, YDO, Sora overwhelmed SESU, Kakching in the last match of the day. YDO dominated the game from the beginning and led the first half with a 2-0 lead through goals scored by Mislouddin (6') and Riyas Khan (20').

After the breather it were Tarik (26') and Anjer (29') who took the honours to score one goal each and sealed off the game 4-0.

## RYC emerge champions of YPA Volleyball Tournament

IMPHAL, Apr 15: RYC, Moidampok beat NYDC, Khaidem by 3-2 sets (25-15, 27-25, 19-25, 18-25, 15-13) in a keenly contested final match to emerge champions of the 1st State Level Men's Village Open Volleyball Tournament organised by Young Pioneers Association at its Volleyball court at Hiyanglam Hiranmei.

Winners RYC were felicitated with Rs 15,000 while runners up NYDC were awarded Rs 10,000. Best setter, best blocker and best player prizes worth Rs 500 went to RYC's N Manglem, Bikash and Kh Yaiphaba respectively.

NYDC's Y Sudhir and N Bhogen claimed the best defender and best spiker prizes while YPA-B were awarded best discipline team award.

### Friendly football match held in Kangpokpi

Our Correspondent

KANGPOKPI, Apr 15: With an aim to promote and strengthen cordial relationship among the people of hill and valley and also to promote games and sports among the youngsters, a friendly football match between the elected members of ADC Sadar Hills and Mami Thawan was impressively organized today at Nгахmun playground in Kangpokpi District.

The friendly football match was organized by Keithelmanbi Youth Association. Mami Thawan players comprising of Manipuri film actors, directors, producers, editors, etc. were led by Romi Meetei, noted Director of Manipur film while ADC Sadar Hills team were led by Lamkholen Kipgen, Executive Member apart from other member including Lamminthang Kipgen, Milan Pradhan, Thangkam Lupheng. Hundreds of crowd thronged Nгахmun playground when the friendly football match was viral in social media this morning to witness more particularly the film actors wearing football uniform and playing with the local MDCs.

The friendly match began with a high note putting pressure on both sides. It was Mami Thawan who broke the silence in the 17th minute when Hura's low crossing was brilliantly converted by Sadananda with his left foot.

Despite a big threat from the well combination of W Roshan and Sadananda, ADC Sadar Hills team managed to find the net before the interval in the 35th minute through Lamkholen Kipgen who volleyed the ground ball from Paominthang. The second half witnessed more pressure from both sides until Romi Meetei sent in Khaba to score the winning goal in the 63rd minute to edge past the ADC Sadar Hills team 2-1.

Meanwhile, Mami Thawan also presented football to the local youth club to show their gratitude and as a mark of promoting brotherhood. An impressive feast marked the occasion.

### TKWA Trophy kicks-off at Tenthra

By Our Sports Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: The TKWA Trophy 2018, being organised by Tenthra Khongbal Welfare Association (TKWA), Tenthra, kick started today at Tenthra. A total of 24 teams clubbed into 8 groups will vie for the top honour.

In the opening match, FC TYDA beat RONITA FC 1-0 in a closely contested game. Both the team started their campaign cautiously defending their goal mouth till the half time. However, FC TYDA changed their game in the second half and kept mounting pressure. Their effort were paid off in the 41st minute when N Nanao Meitei produced a breathtaking goal and gave FC TYDA 1-0 win.

## Aggressive Saina beats PV Sindhu to claim her second CWG gold



GOLD COAST, Apr 15

Saina Nehwal deservedly claimed the women's singles gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2018 where she outwitted PV Sindhu in an all-India final on the final day of the tournament. With the feat, Saina becomes the only shuttler to have won two singles gold at CWG.

In a highly intense final that lasted an hour, Saina emerged as the better player of the two as she used her experience to win the gold-medal match 21-18, 23-21 in one hour. However, the London Olympics bronze-medallist's sharp instincts helped her take 9-4 lead in an exhilarating contest. The second game saw

longer rallies and tougher fights and a better command on smashes by both the ace shuttlers. Sindhu took 9-7 lead at the start of the second game and managed to maintain the lead till after the break. However, the 22-year old, who has a history of unfortunate finals, could not match up to Saina's aggression. After the game was level at 19-19, a sea-saw battle began between the two Indians with rallies going as long as 68 seconds.

Both the players refused to give up till the very end as the game stood level at 21-21. It was a wide stroke from Sindhu that won Saina the match point as the Glasgow gold medallist screamed in celebration. **Indian Express**

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