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The 23rd Commonwealth Games closed at Glasgow on August 2, 2026, with India finishing fourth on the medal table with 39 medals, and the Commonwealth Flag handed over to Ahmedabad, which hosts the 2030 centenary edition.

INDIA'S PERFORMANCE

PARAMETER	DETAIL
Final position	4th
Total medals	39
Breakdown	13 gold, 17 silver, 9 bronze
Contingent	122 athletes across 10 sports
Flag bearer, closing ceremony	Boxer Jaismine Lamboria
Venue	The Hydro, Glasgow, Scotland

WHY THE MEDAL COUNT FELL, AND WHY THAT IS NOT THE STORY

India won 61 medals at Birmingham in 2022 and 101 at Delhi in 2010. A drop to 39 looks like decline, but the comparison is not like-for-like. Glasgow 2026 was a deliberately **scaled-down, four-venue edition**, staged after Victoria withdrew as host in 2023 on cost grounds, and the programme was cut to a much smaller set of sports.

Crucially for India, several disciplines in which India has historically been strong were **not on the programme at all**, including shooting, wrestling, hockey and squash. Table tennis was also absent, which is why a separate Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships was staged in New Delhi over the same period. A smaller medal count drawn from a programme that excluded India's strongest events is therefore a different result from a decline in performance within the same events.

WHERE THE MEDALS CAME FROM

Boxing was the decisive discipline.

ACHIEVEMENT	DETAIL
Boxing haul	10 medals including 7 golds , the 7 golds a record for any nation in boxing at a single Commonwealth Games, beating the previous best of 6
First-ever judo golds	India won its first two Commonwealth Games judo gold medals
Mirabai Chanu	Won the women's 48 kg weightlifting gold, becoming the fourth Indian to win gold at three successive Commonwealth Games, after Jaspal Rana, Sushil Kumar and Vinesh Phogat
Gulveer Singh	10,000 m silver and 5,000 m bronze, the first Indian track-and-field athlete with two individual medals at a single Games
Tejaswin Shankar	Bronze in the decathlon, India's first Commonwealth Games decathlon medal

India's thirteen gold medallists were Mirabai Chanu (weightlifting), Sharmila Dhankar and Soman Rana (para shot put), Dilip Gavitt (para 100 m), Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh (judo), and in boxing Preeti Pawar, Jaismine Lamboria, Sakshi Chaudhary, Priya Ghanghas, Arundhati Choudhary, Sachin Siwach and Ankush Panghal.

AHMEDABAD 2030: THE CENTENARY GAMES

PARAMETER	DETAIL
Host city	Ahmedabad , India
Edition	2030 , the centenary Commonwealth Games
First Games	1930 , Hamilton, Canada (as the British Empire Games)
Handover	Commonwealth Flag received in the presence of Neeraj Chopra and IOA President P.T. Usha
Cultural segment	Led by Shankar Mahadevan and Manushi Chhillar

India has hosted the Games once before, at Delhi in 2010, an edition remembered as much for its organisational and corruption controversies as for India's 101-medal haul. Ahmedabad 2030 is also widely read as a staging post for India's bid to host the **2036 Olympic Games**, since hosting a major multi-sport event is conventionally treated as evidence of organisational capacity.

THE COMMONWEALTH AS AN INSTITUTION

FEATURE	DETAIL
Membership	56 member states , the great majority former British territories, though Rwanda, Mozambique, Gabon and Togo have no such history
Governing document	The Commonwealth Charter , adopted 2013
Secretariat	Headquartered in London , headed by a Secretary-General
Head of the Commonwealth	King Charles III ; the position is not hereditary by right and was confirmed by member states
Principal summit	CHOGM , the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

UPSC RELEVANCE

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Prelims pointers:

- India finished **4th** with **39 medals (13 gold, 17 silver, 9 bronze)** from **122 athletes** across **10 sports**.
- The Games were the **23rd** edition; the first was held at **Hamilton, Canada, in 1930** as the British Empire Games.
- **Ahmedabad hosts the 2030 centenary edition**; India previously hosted **Delhi 2010**.
- The **Commonwealth Charter** was adopted in **2013**; the Secretariat is in **London**.
- Boxing delivered **10 medals including 7 golds**, a record gold haul in boxing at a single Games; India won its **first-ever Commonwealth Games judo golds**.

 FACTS CORNER, KNOWLEDGE PEDIA**GLASGOW 2026:**

23rd Commonwealth Games; closed 2 August 2026 at The Hydro, Glasgow.

India 4th with 39 medals (13 gold, 17 silver, 9 bronze), 122 athletes, 10 sports.

Scaled-down four-venue edition after Victoria withdrew as host in 2023; shooting, wrestling, hockey, squash and table tennis were off the programme.

INDIA'S STANDOUT RESULTS:

Boxing: 10 medals including 7 golds, a record gold haul for any nation in boxing at a single Games.

First-ever Commonwealth Games judo golds for India.

Mirabai Chanu: fourth Indian with gold at three successive CWG (after Jaspal Rana, Sushil Kumar, Vinesh Phogat), and the first weightlifter to do so.

Gulveer Singh: first Indian track-and-field athlete with two individual medals at one Games.

Tejaswin Shankar: India's first CWG decathlon medal.

AHMEDABAD 2030: THE CENTENARY EDITION; THE FIRST GAMES WERE HELD AT HAMILTON, CANADA, IN 1930.

THE COMMONWEALTH: 56 MEMBERS; CHARTER ADOPTED 2013; SECRETARIAT IN LONDON; PRINCIPAL SUMMIT IS CHOGM.

Sources: Commonwealth Games Federation, Indian Olympic Association, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

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