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The 30th edition of the BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Championships opened at the Indira Gandhi Arena, New Delhi, on August 17, 2026, running through August 23, marking India's second time hosting the event and its return to the country after 17 years.

What Happened

382 players from 64 nations are competing across five categories: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles. The tournament is broadcast on **Sports18** and **JioCinema**. India last hosted the BWF World Championships in **2009, in Hyderabad**.

Why This Matters

India's ability to host a global badminton mega-event so soon after the **2026 Commonwealth Games** reflects growing sports-infrastructure capacity and reinforces the country's ambitions around future major-event hosting, part of a broader strategy of using sport as an instrument of international visibility.

UPSC Relevance

This fits GS1 discussions on sport and society, and essay or interview questions on sports diplomacy and infrastructure investment. A useful Mains angle is examining how India's expanding portfolio of hosted global sporting events, from the Commonwealth Games to specialised world championships, reflects both genuine infrastructure development and a deliberate soft-power strategy.

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BWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026:

Edition: 30th; venue: Indira Gandhi Arena, New Delhi

Dates: August 17-23, 2026

Participants: 382 players, 64 nations; 5 categories

India's last hosting: 2009, Hyderabad (17-year gap)

Broadcast: Sports18, JioCinema

Sources: WION, Free Press Journal

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