

## WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

INDIA'S performance in the XIXth Commonwealth Games is an outcome of years of struggle, patience, incessant hard work and unremitting devotion of the sportspersons who have been living in a country where parents never imagine their off-springs to grow up to become world renowned sportspersons; the sports infrastructure at its best, is just average compared to world class facilities available in other countries and the rewards associated with good performance consist of a very meager amount. We salute the spirit of the Indian contingent in Commonwealth Games and thank the sportspersons who have brought glory to the country after overcoming all shortcomings and placed India at the second position in the overall rankings.

**India's medal tally at the XIXth Commonwealth Games:**

**Gold: 38**

**Silver: 27**

**Bronze: 36**

**Total: 101**

### BREAKUP IN EVENTS

*Discipline:* Gold Silver Bronze Total

**Shooting 14 11 5 30**

Abhinav Bindra, Gagan Narang, Rahi Sarnobat and Anisa Sayyed were involved in snaring up the first two golds for India in the Shooting Paris event. Anisa Sayyed and Omkar Singh grabbed gold in the Pistol category while Gagan grabbed his individual gold in Air Rifle category. Vijay Kumar and Gurpreet Singh further notched up the gold count by winning the Rapid fire pistol shooting. Imran Hassan, Harpreet Singh, Annu Raj Singh and Heena Sidhu were also instrumental in India's terrific performance in the shooting range.

### Wrestling 10 5 4 19

The wrestling stars were Anil Kumar, Sanjay, Ravinder Singh and Rajendra Kumar who kick-started the Indian wrestling medals tally by winning gold in their respective categories. They were shortly followed by Ravi Kumar, Geeta Devi, Alka Tomar, Anitha, Yogeshwar Dutt, Narsingh Pancham Yadav and Sushil Kumar who provided the second largest medal haul in an event for India.

### Archery 3 1 4 8

Indians are good at aiming and hitting targets - this was proved by the shooting team and sustained by the archery team. Women dominated in this event as Dola Banerjee, Dipika Kumari and Bombayala Devi won gold in archery women team recurve. Dipika Kumari also won the women's individual recurve while Rahul Banerjee secured gold in the same event in men's category.

### Boxing 3 0 4 7

The highlights from the Indian pugilists were Paramjeet Samota who won the gold in the Super Heavyweight boxing and Suranjoy Mayengbam Singh who won the gold in the Flyweight category.

### Athletics 2 3 7 12

India won gold in the women's 4x400 meter relay race with A.C. Ashwini, Manjeet Kaur, Mandeep Kaur and Sini Jose bringing the glory to the country. Krishna Punia won the gold in the Discus throw followed by her compatriots Harwant Kaur and Seema Antil who won the silver and the bronze, performing a clean sweep.

### Weightlifting 2 2 4 8

Reenu Bala Chanu gave India

its first weightlifting gold on the third day of CWG. Manoj Kumar won the gold in the Light Welter weight category.

### Badminton 2 1 1 4

India's latest badminton sensation Sania Nehwal proved her supremacy when she easily pulled off gold at the women's singles event. Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponappa won gold in mixed double's category.

### Table Tennis 1 1 3 5

Olympian Achanta Sharath Kamal and former national champion Subhajit Saha ensured that Table Tennis contributes Gold to India's medal tally by overcoming Singaporeans Gao Ning and Yang Zi 3-2 in the Men's Doubles Final event.

### Tennis 1 1 2 4

Somdev Burman won the sole gold medal in men's single in Tennis tournament.

### Gymnastics 0 1 1 2

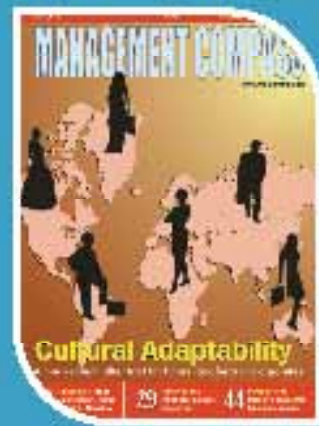
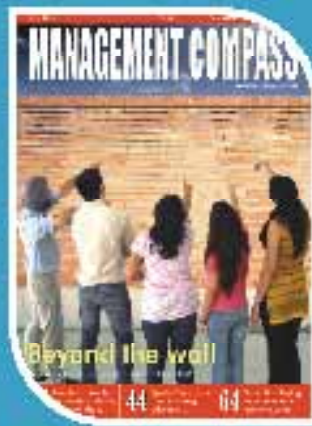
India bagged its first Commonwealth Gymnastics medal with 19-year old Ashish Kumar clinching the Bronze Medal for the Floor Exercise category in the men's event.

### Hockey 0 1 0 1

Though Australia routed India 8-0 in the finals of men's hockey event, the sole consolation was the silver medal which the hockey team managed to salvage.

### Swimming(Para) 0 0 1 1

Prasanta Karmakar created history by becoming the first Indian para-swimmer to get a medal when he claimed bronze in the 50m freestyle event at Dr. SPM Aquatics Complex. ■



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