

GK02 — Sports and Tournaments

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CDS Level : High Priority

✦ **CDS Pattern (GK02):** Sports & Tournaments is a consistent high-yield section in CDS GK. Questions test tournament winners, host cities, trophy names, India's medal tallies, and sports records. Create a mental "last 3 editions" chart for each major tournament. CDS specifically tests cricket ICC events, Olympics, Asian Games, and FIFA — in that order of frequency.

PART A — CRICKET

1. ICC Tournaments







Tournament	Recent Winners	Key Facts
ICC T20 World Cup 2024 (West Indies & USA)	India (defeated South Africa by 7 runs in final at Barbados)	India's 2nd T20 WC title (first in 2007). Rohit Sharma captain. Virat Kohli = Player of Tournament. India unbeaten throughout.
ICC ODI World Cup 2023 (India, 50-over)	Australia (defeated India in final at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad)	Australia's 6th ODI WC title. India was unbeaten until the final. NMS Ahmedabad = world's largest cricket stadium (~1,32,000 capacity).
ICC WTC Final 2023	Australia (defeated India at The Oval, London)	Australia's first WTC title. India was runner-up.
IPL 2024	Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) (3rd title)	Defeated SunRisers Hyderabad in final. Shreyas Iyer captain.

Tournament	Recent Winners	Key Facts
IPL 2023	Chennai Super Kings (CSK) (5th title)	MS Dhoni led CSK to their record-equaling title.

⚠ CDS Trap: T20 WC 2024 = India won vs South Africa. ODI WC 2023 = Australia won vs India. Know which format, which year, which opponent. This confusion causes most marks lost in the sports section.

PART B – OLYMPICS

2. Paris Olympics 2024 – India Complete

Athlete	Event	Medal	Key Distinction
Neeraj Chopra	Javelin Throw (89.45 m)	 Silver	Defending champion (Gold Tokyo 2020); Gold at Paris went to Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan, 92.97m)
Manu Bhaker	10m Air Pistol (Individual)	 Bronze	First Indian woman to win Olympic shooting medal
Manu Bhaker + Sarabjot Singh	10m Air Pistol Mixed Team	 Bronze	Manu's 2nd medal = first Indian woman with 2 medals at one Olympics
Swapnil Kusale	50m Rifle 3 Positions	 Bronze	First Indian to win Olympic medal in this event
India Men's Hockey	Hockey (team)	 Bronze	Back-to-back bronze (Tokyo 2020 + Paris 2024). Captain: Harmanpreet Singh.
Aman Sehrawat	Wrestling Freestyle 57 kg	 Bronze	Youngest Indian medallist at Paris 2024 (age 21)

Olympics Key Facts

- Paris 2024 = India's 2nd best: 6 medals (1S+5B)

Asian Games 2023 (Hangzhou, China)

- India's best-ever: 107 medals (28G+38S+41B)

- ▶ Best ever: Tokyo 2020 = 7 medals (1G+2S+4B)
- ▶ Tokyo Gold: Neeraj Chopra (Javelin) + Mira Bai Chanu (Silver, weightlifting)
- ▶ Next Olympics: Los Angeles 2028 (Summer)
- ▶ Paris 2024 Host: France. Mascot: Phryge

- ▶ Previous best: 70 medals at Jakarta 2018
- ▶ India ranked 4th in medal tally
- ▶ Neeraj Chopra won gold in Javelin
- ▶ Next Asian Games: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan 2026

PART C – CHESS, FOOTBALL & OTHER SPORTS

3. Chess – India’s Historic 2024

- ▶ **D Gukesh – World Chess Champion 2024:** Defeated Ding Liren (China) in Singapore, December 2024. At 18 years 8 months = *youngest-ever Classical World Chess Champion* (broke Garry Kasparov’s record of 22 years set in 1985). First Indian to win the Classical World Chess Championship.
- ▶ **Chess Olympiad 2024 (Budapest, Hungary):** India won BOTH Open (Men’s) and Women’s team gold. First nation to win both at the same Olympiad when playing away from home.
- ▶ **Viswanathan Anand:** 5-time World Chess Champion (2000, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012). Now FIDE Vice-President.
- ▶ **R Praggnanandhaa:** Won Tata Steel Chess 2025. Consistent world top-10 alongside Gukesh.

4. FIFA, Hockey, Thomas Cup & Key Sports

Tournament	Winner	Key Facts
FIFA World Cup 2022 (Qatar)	Argentina (Lionel Messi’s first World Cup)	Defeated France in penalty shootout final. Mbappe hat-trick in final. Next WC 2026: USA, Canada, Mexico.
Thomas Cup 2022 (Bangkok)	India	First Thomas Cup win in 73 years (since 1952). Beat Indonesia (14-time champions) 3-0 in final. Lakshya Sen, Rankireddy-Shetty led the team.
World Athletics 2023 (Budapest)	Neeraj Chopra – Gold (Javelin 89.94 m)	First Indian to win Gold at World Athletics Championships.

Tournament	Winner	Key Facts
Australian Open Mixed Doubles 2024	Rohan Bopanna (age 43)	Oldest Grand Slam title winner in the Open Era.
ICC T20 WC 2007	India (MS Dhoni captain)	India's first T20 WC. Inaugural T20 World Cup. Pakistan in final.

5. Important Cricket Stadiums & Trophies

Indian Cricket Stadiums

- ▶ Narendra Modi Stadium (Ahmedabad) = world's largest (~1,32,000)
- ▶ Eden Gardens (Kolkata) = oldest; ~68,000
- ▶ Wankhede Stadium (Mumbai) — 2011 WC Final venue
- ▶ M Chinnaswamy Stadium (Bengaluru)
- ▶ Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium (Hyderabad)

Indian Domestic Trophies

- ▶ Ranji Trophy = first-class cricket (domestic)
- ▶ Vijay Hazare Trophy = domestic ODI
- ▶ Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy = domestic T20
- ▶ Durand Cup = football (Asia's oldest football tournament; 1888)
- ▶ Santosh Trophy = national football championship

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Sports & Tournaments — CDS Pattern

Q1. India won the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 by defeating which country in the final? (CDS II 2024)

- (a) Australia
- (b) England
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) South Africa

Answer: (d) South Africa

India defeated South Africa by 7 runs in the final at Kensington Oval, Barbados. T20 WC 2024 co-hosted by West Indies and USA. India was unbeaten throughout the tournament. This is India's 2nd T20 WC title — the first being in 2007 (MS Dhoni captain; final against Pakistan).

Q2. D Gukesh became the youngest-ever Classical World Chess Champion in 2024. Whose record did he break? (CDS I 2024)

- (a) Bobby Fischer
- (b) Magnus Carlsen
- (c) Garry Kasparov
- (d) Viswanathan Anand

Answer: (c) Garry Kasparov

Gukesh won at 18 years 8 months, breaking Kasparov's record of 22 years (1985). Defeated Ding Liren (China) in Singapore. First Indian World Chess Champion in the current classical format. Anand was 5-time champion but never held the youngest-ever record. Bobby Fischer became champion at 29 (1972).

Q3. India's best-ever medal tally at a single Asian Games was 107 medals. At which Asian Games was this achieved? (CDS II 2023)

- (a) Jakarta 2018
- (b) Incheon 2014
- (c) Hangzhou 2023
- (d) Guangzhou 2010

Answer: (c) Hangzhou 2023 (Asian Games, China)

Hangzhou Asian Games (October 2023) — India won 107 medals (28G+38S+41B), surpassing the previous best of 70 medals at Jakarta 2018. India ranked 4th. This is India's best-ever performance at Asian Games. Next Asian Games: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan 2026.

Q4. The Thomas Cup 2022, which India won for the first time in 73 years, relates to which sport? (CDS I 2023)

- (a) Table Tennis
- (b) Badminton
- (c) Tennis
- (d) Cricket

Answer: (b) Badminton (Men's Team World Championship)

Thomas Cup = Men's Badminton Team World Championship. India won in Bangkok 2022, beating Indonesia (14-time champions) 3-0 in the final. Key players: Lakshya

Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty. India's first Thomas Cup since 1952 (73 years).

Q5. Neeraj Chopra won Silver at the Paris 2024 Olympics in Javelin Throw. Who won the Gold in the same event? (CDS II 2024)

- (a) Anderson Peters (Grenada)
- (b) Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan)
- (c) Jakub Vadlejch (Czech Republic)
- (d) Julius Yego (Kenya)

Answer: (b) Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan) – 92.97 m (Olympic record)

Arshad Nadeem set a new Olympic record (92.97 m) to win gold. Neeraj Chopra (89.45 m) won silver. This was Neeraj's 2nd consecutive Olympic medal (Gold in Tokyo 2020, Silver in Paris 2024). CDS specifically tests "who won gold" to distinguish from Neeraj's silver.

Quick Reference – GK02

ICC Results (Critical)

- T20 WC 2024 = INDIA won (vs S Africa)
- ODI WC 2023 = AUSTRALIA won (vs India)
- WTC 2023 Final = AUSTRALIA (vs India)
- IPL 2024 = KKR; IPL 2023 = CSK

Paris 2024 India

- 6 medals: 1S (Neeraj) + 5B
- Neeraj Silver (Arshad Nadeem won Gold)
- Manu Bhaker = 2 bronze (shooting)
- Hockey = bronze (back-to-back)
- Asian Games 2023 = 107 medals (best ever)

Chess + Football

- Gukesh = youngest WCC; broke Kasparov (18yr)
- Chess Olympiad 2024 = Budapest; India both golds
- FIFA WC 2022 = Argentina (Messi; Qatar)
- Thomas Cup 2022 = India (73-year gap)
- Neeraj World Athletics 2023 = first Indian gold



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