



# Bihar CM Felicitates Olympians, Paralympic Athletes

## Why in News?

During the **Sportstar Focus Bihar Conclave** at the **Taj City Centre in Patna**, Bihar Chief Minister honored **athletes and [para-athletes](#)** for their achievements and contributions in sports.

## Key Points

- **Athletes Felicitated:**
  - The event honored notable athletes and para-athletes, including:
    - **Deepa Malik**, [Paralympic](#) silver medallist.
    - **Vijender Singh**, Olympic bronze medal-winning boxer.
    - **P.R. Sreejesh**, double [Olympic](#) bronze medallist in hockey.
    - **Sharad Kumar**, double Paralympic medallist.
    - **Shiva Keshavan**, six-time [Winter Olympian](#).
    - **Harendra Singh**, head coach of the [Indian women's hockey team](#).
- **Special Awards for State Athletes:**
  - In keeping with the Sportstar Conclave tradition, two special awards were given to athletes from Bihar:
    - **Jai Prakash Singh**, a decathlete, received **the Unsung Champion Award**.
    - **Md. Reyan**, a teenage chess talent, was honored with **the Young Achiever Award**.
  - Both awardees were granted a **cash prize of Rs 50,000 each**.

## The Paralympics

- **The Paralympics** is the largest international event for [disabled athletes](#) and takes place shortly after the Olympic Games.
- Olympic-style games for athletes with a disability were organised for the **first time in Rome in 1960**.
- It is supervised by **the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)**, a body recognised by the IOC.

# OLYMPICS

## Ancient History

- Originated - Olympia, Greece (776 BC)
- Connected to Greek culture and religion
- Events - Running, wrestling, and chariot racing
- Abolished - 393 AD by Emperor Theodosius I

## Modern History

- Revived - Late 19<sup>th</sup> century by Pierre de Coubertin (Founding member of IOC)
- First modern Olympics - Athens, Greece (1896)

## Upcoming Events

- **Winter Olympics 2026:** Milan-Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
- **Summer Olympics 2028:** Los Angeles, USA
- **Summer Olympics 2032:** Brisbane, Australia
- India intends to host Olympic Games 2036

## Logo and Motto

- **Logo:** 5 interlocking rings of blue, yellow, black, green, and red colors on a white background (**represents union of 5 continents and meeting of world athletes**)
- **Motto:** *Citius, Altius, Fortius – Communiter* (Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together) ('*Communiter*' was added in 2021)



## International Olympic Committee (IOC)

- Estd - 1894
- Guardian of the Olympic Games
- HQ - Lausanne, Switzerland

**5 new sports added in Tokyo 2020 Olympics:**  
**Surfing, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, Karate and Baseball/Softball**

## PARIS OLYMPICS 2024

**India at 71<sup>st</sup> place in the medal tally; a decline from 48<sup>th</sup> place in Tokyo 2020)**

Indian Sportspersons /Team	Medal	Event
Neeraj Chopra	Silver	Men's Javelin Throw
Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh	Bronze	10m air pistol mixed team event
Swapnil Kusale	Bronze	Men's 50m rifle 3 positions
Indian Hockey team	Bronze	Men's hockey
Manu Bhaker	Bronze	Women's 10m air pistol event
Aman Sehrawat	Bronze	Wrestling Men's 57kg freestyle event

## Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

- Founded - 1927
- Selects athletes to represent India at Olympics, Asian Games and CWG

