



28th National Federation Senior Athletics Championship

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh performed won **three gold medals in the 28th National Federation Senior Athletics Championship.**

Key Points

- **National Federation Senior Athletics Championships:**
 - It is one of the major domestic athletics competitions in India, organised annually by the [Athletics Federation of India \(AFI\)](#) .
 - The competition provides a **common platform for the country's top athletes** in track and field events and also forms **the basis for selection for international competitions.**
 - Its 28th edition was held **from 21 to 24 April 2025 in Kochi, Kerala** .
 - **38 medal events** were held in this event .
- **Importance:**
 - This performance will prove helpful in **establishing Madhya Pradesh on the national athletics map** .
 - This achievement of the players will become **an inspiration for the younger generation** .

| Event | Athlete | Achievement |
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| Shot Put | Samarjit Singh | Gold Medal |
| Pole Vault | Dev Meena | Gold Medal |
| 3000m Steeplechase (Women) | Manju Yadav | Gold Medal |

Athletics Federation of India (AFI)

- **About:** AFI was established in 1946 as a **non-governmental, non-profit, autonomous** apex body for athletics in India.
 - It is affiliated with **World Athletics**, the [Asian Athletics Association \(AAA\)](#), and the [Indian Olympic Association](#).
- **Objective:** To **popularize athletics, improve athlete performance, and make the sport commercially viable.**
- **Structure:** AFI consists of 32 affiliated state and institutional units.
- **Functions:** It organizes **National Championships**, selects teams for **international events**, and promotes athletics through competitions. It also focuses on **grassroots development, coaching programs, and special camps to nurture talent.**

