

# Like for like, India's best ever CWG performance

*Events That Gave 49 Medals In 2010 Not In '22 Games*

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India's 61 medals at Birmingham might seem well short of the 101 won in the Delhi Commonwealth Games in 2010 and their 22 gold medals below the 26 won at Gold Coast four years ago, but account for disciplines that were missing here, and this is actually India's best CWG performance.

Here's how that works out. The 101 medals in Delhi, included 30 from shooting, eight from archery, seven from Greco-Roman wrestling and four from tennis. None of these disciplines were part of the 2022 Games. Subtract those from the Delhi total and what we're left with is 52 medals, including 17 gold. For a fair comparison, also take away the lawn bowls gold and silver from Birmingham, the cricket silver and the judo medals because cricket and judo were not part of the 2010 CWG and lawn bowls in 2010 did not have men's and women's fours, the events in which India won medals here. That reduces the 2022 tally to 55 medals and 21 gold, better on both counts than 2010.

Asimilar, apples to apples comparison with 2018 would mean excluding the shooting medals, which brings the tally

from four years ago to 50, including 19 gold, again short of the total achieved this time.

Relative to 2010, India has lost some ground (only in terms of medals) in athletics and gymnastics, but has more than offset that through gains in badminton, table tennis, squash and to some extent weightlifting and hockey. If we compare with 2018, the big gain is in athletics (8 versus 3) and one extra medal in hockey and in weightlifting, enough to offset aslight dip in boxing and TT.

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# SHARATH KAMAL WINS 4 MEDALS AT 40

40-year-old **Sharath Kamal** capped his **best-ever CWG show by winning the TT men's singles gold**. Sharath, who had first won a singles gold in 2006, this time also won gold in the men's team event and mixed doubles with Sreeja Akula. He also won a silver in men's doubles and now has a total of **13 medals from 5 CWG appearances**



**Lakshya Sen** (left) and **P V Sindhu** (below) **won gold medals**

as India swept the singles competition in badminton at CWG for the first time. It was Sindhu's first singles gold after a bronze in 2014 and a silver in 2018. The doubles



**Toppers Table**

		G	S	B	T
1	Aus	67	57	54	178
2	Eng	57	66	53	176
3	Canada	26	32	34	92
4	<b>India</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>61</b>
5	NZ	20	12	17	49



pair of **Chirag Shetty** and **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** made it a triple delight. The duo, who had won a silver in 2018, became the **first Indian pair to claim a CWG gold in the men's doubles category**. Their gold helped India overtake New Zealand to claim **fourth spot in the medals tally**

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