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## Neeraj Chopra's Gold Medal in Tokyo Olympics

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### Why in News

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On August 7, 2021, **Neeraj Chopra of Haryana** won the gold medal in the **javelin throw** event at the **Tokyo Olympics 2020**.

### Key Points

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- Neeraj Chopra took the country's first Tokyo Olympics gold medal in the individual category and finished first in the table with a **javelin throw of 87.58 m** in his second attempt.
- Neeraj is a **native village of 'Khandara' in Panipat district** of Haryana.
- Neeraj has been serving in the Indian Army since 2016 and is currently serving as a Subedar in the **Rajputana Rifles Unit**.
- Neeraj Chopra was awarded the **Arjuna Award in 2018**.
- Neeraj has won **India's 10<sup>th</sup> Olympic gold medal**, it is worth mentioning that 8 gold medals were won by the **men's hockey team** and 1 gold medal was won by shooter **Abhinav Bindra (1<sup>st</sup> individual gold medal)**.
- Gold medals in other events of Neeraj so far:
  1. 2018 Jakarta, Asian Games
  2. 2018 Gold Coast, Commonwealth Games
  3. 2017 Bhubaneswar, Asian Championships
  4. 2016 Guwahati/Shillong, South Asian Games