



Paris Paralympics Games 2024

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Recently, the **Prime Minister** lauded India's best-ever performance of **para-athletes** at the [Paris Paralympic Games 2024](#).

- India witnessed its '**best-ever campaign**' in the Paris Paralympics 2024 bagging a total of **29 medals**. It included **7 gold, 9 silver and 13 bronze medals**.

What are the Key Facts About the Paralympics?






- **About:** 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.
- **Venue:** On **19th June 2001**, an agreement was signed between the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** and the IPC for "**one bid, one city**".
 - It means that cities looking to host the **Olympic Games automatically** have to include the **Paralympics** as part of their bid.
- **About Paris Paralympic Games 2024:** The Paris Paralympic Games 2024 took place between **28th August and 8th September 2024** and featured approximately **4,400 athletes** from around the world.
 - **Sports Discipline:** Athletes competed in **22 sports**, making it a comprehensive event that showcases diverse athletic talents.
 - **Mascot:** The **Paralympic Phryge**, inspired by the **Phrygian cap**, is the mascot for Paris Paralympic Games 2024. It symbolises **liberty and freedom**.
- **Overall Performance:** **China** finished on **top** with **94 gold medals**. **Great Britain** finished **second** with 49 golds while the **United States** came **third** with 36 golds.

How was India's Performance in the Paris Paralympic Games 2024?

- **Delegation:** India sent a delegation of **84 para-athletes**, competing in **12 disciplines** (Tokyo 2021- 9 disciplines). **Para Cycling, para-rowing, and blind judo** were new additions.
- **Performance:** India secured **29 medals** comprising 7 golds, 9 silvers, and 13 bronzes.
 - India finished in **18th position**.
 - India also crossed the milestone of **50 medals** in the history of the competition.
- **Rapid Improvement:** India won a total of **12 medals** from its Paralympic debut in **1968 (Tel Aviv, Israel) up to 2016**, including four medals at the Rio Games in 2016.
 - However, in the next two editions, **Tokyo 2021 and Paris 2024**, India's performance improved significantly, adding 48 medals and bringing the total to **60**.
- **Gold in Javelin Throw:** India's **Navdeep Singh** was awarded a **gold medal in the men's javelin throw F41 final** after Iran's **Beit Sayah Sadegh** was disqualified. He had **originally won silver**.

- This is India's first-ever gold medal in the **men's javelin F41 category**.
 - F41 Category is a competition class for field athletes with **short stature**.

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| 1 |  People's Republic of China | 94 | 76 | 50 | 220 | + |
| 2 |  Great Britain | 49 | 44 | 31 | 124 | + |
| 3 |  United States of America | 36 | 42 | 27 | 105 | + |
| 4 |  Netherlands | 27 | 17 | 12 | 56 | + |
| 5 |  Brazil | 25 | 26 | 38 | 89 | + |

What are the Government Initiatives for Sport Promotion?

- [Target Olympic Podium Scheme](#)
- [Fit India Movement](#)
- [Khelo India](#)
- [National Sports Awards Scheme](#)
- [National Sports Development Fund \(NSDF\)](#)

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