

South Asian Sports Pulse: Olympics, Kabaddi's Cultural Surge, and Cricket's

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1. Who made history at the Paris 2024 Olympics by becoming the first Indian woman shooter to win a medal in the women's 10m air pistol event?

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Manu Bhaker**
- C) PV Sindhu
- D) Saina Nehwal

2. Which traditional South Asian sport, deeply rooted in Indian culture, has seen a surge in popularity and is being considered for inclusion in future Olympic Games?

- A) Cricket
- B) Field Hockey
- C) Kabaddi**
- D) Badminton

3. Pakistan's contingent at the Paris 2024 Olympics faced commentary highlighting the disparity between its large population and the number of athletes sent. Approximately how many athletes did Pakistan send to the Paris 2024 Games?

- A) Around 25
- B) Around 15
- C) Around 7**
- D) Around 30

4. The 2025 National Sports Policy in India, also known as 'Khelo Bharat Niti 2025', aims to make India a sporting powerhouse and has several key pillars. Which of the following is NOT a stated pillar of this policy?

- A) Excellence on the Global Stage
- B) Sports for Economic Development
- C) Sports for Social Development
- D) Exclusivity in Sports**

5. The ICC Men's T20 World Cup co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka in early 2026 faced a significant controversy. What was the primary reason for the potential boycott or withdrawal of teams like Pakistan and Bangladesh, leading to a 'new low for the game' according to a cricket writer?

- A) Player contract disputes
- B) Disagreements over neutral venues and perceived security risks in India**
- C) Scheduling conflicts with domestic leagues
- D) Disciplinary actions against star players

6. Which South Asian country holds the distinction of being the most populous country never to have won an Olympic medal, despite participating in every Summer Olympics since 1984?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Bangladesh**
- C) Nepal
- D) Sri Lanka

7. In the 2024 Paris Olympics, India's Arshad Nadeem won a gold medal in the men's javelin throw. Which country does Arshad Nadeem represent?

- A) India
- B) Pakistan**
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Bangladesh

8. Kabaddi's appeal is described as universally understood across South Asia, making it easy for audiences to follow without complicated analytics. Which of these is a key characteristic of Kabaddi that contributes to its accessibility?

- A) Complex rule interpretations
- B) Fast-paced action and frequent momentum shifts**
- C) Reliance on advanced statistical analysis
- D) Long, drawn-out strategic periods

9. Which of these South Asian athletes achieved a historic milestone at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships in Thimphu, Bhutan, winning a gold and a silver medal?

- A) Yupun Abeykoon
- B) Arshad Nadeem
- C) Hillang Yajik**
- D) Carlos Yulo

10. The growth of football in Asia, including South Asia, is being driven by several factors. Which of the following is a significant factor mentioned for the increasing popularity and investment in football leagues in the region?

- A) Decline in viewership of international leagues
- B) Reduced investment from private sectors
- C) Globalization of football and increased investment in leagues and grassroots development**
- D) Focus solely on traditional sports