

Commonwealth games, 2022

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In news— The 2022 Commonwealth Games hosted by Birmingham was concluded recently.

2022 Commonwealth Games-

- Officially known as the **XXII Commonwealth Games**, it is an international multi-sport event for members of the Commonwealth of Nations **took place in Birmingham, England** from 28 July to 8 August 2022.
- Birmingham was announced as host on 21 December 2017, marking **England's third time hosting the Commonwealth Games after London 1934 and Manchester 2002**, and the 7th Games in the United Kingdom after London and Manchester, Cardiff 1958, Edinburgh 1970 and 1986 and Glasgow 2014.
- The Games was the **largest ever held, with 72 participating nations**.
- It was also the **first major international multi-sports event to be an integrated event**, meaning that the para and non-para games are held at the same time.
- In addition, it was the **first games to host more women's gold medals than men's**.
- Alongside the games a cultural festival was held across the West Midlands, as well as a number of trade events.
- The **official emblem** was unveiled on 27 July 2019 at Centenary Square during the Commonwealth Social festival.
- It was designed by local agency RBL, based in Royal Leamington Spa, and is a jagged, triangular "B" shape formed by blue-yellow gradient lines representing the key venues of the Games in the

West Midlands.

- **The emblem is also the first to use the new branding for the CGF, as “Commonwealth Sport”.**
- **The official mascot** for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games is **Perry, a multi-coloured bull**. Perry is named after an area of Birmingham, Perry Barr.

India's performance-

- It was India's 18th appearance at the Commonwealth Games.
- India finished the games fourth with 61 medals, which includes 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze.
- Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won the first gold medal for the country at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- Sharath Kamal won four (3 Gold and 1 Silver) medals in Table Tennis.

History of Commonwealth games-

- The Commonwealth Games, **often referred to as the Friendly Games, is a quadrennial international multi-sport event among athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations.**
- The **event was first held in 1930**, and, with the exception of 1942 and 1946 (cancelled due to World War II), have successively run every four years since.
- **The Games were called the British Empire Games from 1930 to 1950**, the British Empire and Commonwealth Games from 1954 to 1966, and British Commonwealth Games from 1970 to 1974.
- Athletes with a disability are included as full members of their national teams since 2002, making the Commonwealth Games the first fully inclusive international multi-sport event.
- Inspired by the Inter-Empire Championships, part of the 1911 Festival of Empire, Melville Marks Robinson founded the British Empire Games which were first held in

Hamilton, Canada in 1930.

- The Games are **overseen by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)**, which controls the sporting programme and selects host cities.
- The games movement consists of international sports federations (IFs), Commonwealth Games Associations (CGAs) and organising committees for each specific Commonwealth Games.
- Certain traditions, such as the hoisting of the Commonwealth Games flag and Queen's Baton Relay, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies, are unique to the Games.
- **In 2018, the Games became the first global multi-sport event** to feature an equal number of men's and women's medal events and four years later they are the first global multi-sport event to have more events for women than men.