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Reliance Foundation supported athletes dazzle at Asian Games 2022, secure 12 medals

~ Lovlina Borgohain and Kishore Kumar Jena secured tickets to the Paris Olympics 2024, while others won big in the continental multi-sport event ~

Mumbai, 8th October 2023: India finished in fourth position on the Asian Games medal table with its best-ever medal tally of 107 medals. Out of this record haul, 12 medals were won by the [Reliance Foundation-supported athletes](#), who made a significant contribution to the nation's success. #LehraDoTeamIndia.

Mrs. Nita Ambani, Founder Chairperson, Reliance Foundation, commented on India's mammoth success at the continental event. *"Congratulations Team India, for making our country proud at the Asian Games! Your historic tally of over 100 medals is a shining example of the power of India's youth."*

Mrs. Ambani also lauded performances by Reliance Foundation-supported athletes. *"We are also proud of our Reliance Foundation athletes for winning 12 medals at the Games. A special shout out to Kishore Jena, Jyothi Yarraji, Palak Gulia, the 17-year-old teen phenomenon, and many more, for their outstanding performance. At Reliance Foundation, we remain committed to supporting our young athletes and fostering and nurturing talent in sports."* ([Download and watch the video here. Courtesy Reliance Foundation](#))

Lovlina Borgohain and Kishore Jena punch Paris Olympics tickets

- Lovlina Borgohain, a Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist in boxing, clinched a silver medal in the Women's 75kg category, earning her a spot at the Paris Olympics in 2024. She became the second Indian female boxer to reach the gold medal bout at the Asian Games.

- Kishore Jena's remarkable javelin throw of 87.54 meters earned him a silver medal, solidifying his position as India's second-best javelin thrower after Neeraj Chopra. Remarkably, **Jena has improved his personal best seven times in 2023**. His personal best was 78.05m before this year.

Teen phenom Palak Gulia 1st Indian woman to win gold in the 10m air pistol event: Young shooting prodigy Palak Gulia achieved a historic double by winning gold in the women's 10m air pistol event and securing a silver medal as part of the 10m air pistol women's team. She became the youngest Indian shooter to medal in this edition and the first Indian woman ever to win gold in the 10m air pistol individual event.

RF athletes light up the track- as India's 25-year wait for a 10,000m medal came to an end: India completely dominated the athletics events in this Asiad with 29 medals comprising six golds, 14 silvers, and nine bronzes – which is India's best-ever tally since the inaugural edition in 1951 in athletics.

Kartik Kumar and **Gulveer Singh** ended **India's 25-year medal drought** in the Men's 10,000m event with a remarkable 2-3 finish, both setting new personal bests. These were India's first medals in the event after Gulab Chand's bronze at the 1998 Bangkok Asiad. Both athletes also etched new personal bests in a scintillating display.

Jyothi Yarraji displayed exceptional resilience by winning a silver medal in the Women's 100m hurdles, overcoming the challenges of a false start claim to secure India's first-ever medal in this event.

Mohammad Afsal secured a silver medal in the Men's 800m, while Jinson Johnson returned to winning ways with a bronze in the Men's 1500m event, becoming the first Indian male athlete to medal in multiple editions of the Asian Games in the 1500m event.

Contributions to team events

Additionally, **Dhruv Kapila** in badminton and **Simranjeet Kaur** in archery contributed significantly to their respective team events, with India winning its first-ever silver in men's badminton and securing a bronze in women's recurve archery. **Tushar Shelke**, was also a part of the men's recurve team that won silver after beating Bangladesh in the semi-finals.

About Reliance Foundation:

Reliance Foundation *the CSR arm of RIL* led by Mrs. Nita Ambani is working with partners to create a world-class sporting ecosystem from the ground up – nurturing a passion for sports at the grassroots; creating platforms for scouting and developing sporting talent; improving the quality of training and infrastructure; providing national and international opportunities; and ultimately, enhancing athletes' performance to help them excel at the highest levels of global sport, all the way to the Olympics. *RF's programs focus on 3 key areas including growing the **Olympic Movement, developing Football, developing the school/college sports ecosystem**. These initiatives have touched the lives of over 22 million young girls and boys since 2013 across the country from 14,000+ schools and colleges, enabling an opportunity for a talented kid anywhere to be able to achieve their dream of a career in sports. RF is especially committed to ensuring more presence and success of girls and women athletes in India and design our programs in a manner that offers them maximum opportunities. RF hopes to be the wind beneath the wings of Indian sportspersons and help them reach their true potential.*

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