ISSF World Championships (Doha): India win gold in men's 50m pistol team event

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News

At the 2026 ISSF World Shooting Championships in Doha, capital of Qatar, the Indian team of Ravinder Singh (559), Saurabh Chaudhary (551) and Amanpreet Singh (549) won gold in the men's 50m pistol team event on 3 Nov 2026 with 1,659 points. China (1,648) took silver and South Korea (1,643) bronze. In the individual event Ravinder Singh won silver; gold went to Russia's Anton Aristarkhov (561) and bronze to Romania's Luca Joldea (558). The championship is the first qualifying event for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, though 50m pistol is not an Olympic event.

Key facts

Event	2026 ISSF World Championships – Doha, Qatar; team final 3 Nov 2026
India – gold	Ravinder Singh 559, Saurabh Chaudhary 551, Amanpreet Singh 549 = 1,659
Other teams	Silver – China 1,648; bronze – South Korea 1,643
Individual	Gold – Anton Aristarkhov (Russia) 561; silver – Ravinder Singh 559; bronze – Luca Joldea (Romania) 558
Last edition	2025 (Egypt) – Ravinder Singh individual gold (569); team silver (Ravinder, Kamaljeet, Yogesh Kumar – 1,646)

Olympic quota	First LA 2028 qualifier – 36 quota places in 12 Olympic individual events (3 per event)

Background

- 50m pistol: a precision event fired with a .22 calibre pistol from 50 metres – 6 series of 10 shots (60 shots). Following a 2017 IOC decision, men's 50m pistol was dropped from the Olympics from Tokyo 2020; mixed team events were added for gender balance.
- India's Olympic shooting: Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore – silver (Athens 2004, double trap); Abhinav Bindra – gold (Beijing 2008, 10m air rifle) – India's first individual Olympic gold; Vijay Kumar – silver, Gagan Narang – bronze (London 2012); Manu Bhaker – 2 bronzes, Swapnil Kusale – bronze (Paris 2024).
- Administration: shooting sport in India is governed by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), New Delhi.
- Geography: Qatar is a peninsular country in the Persian Gulf; capital Doha. Doha hosted the 2006 Asian Games and Qatar the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Tamil Nadu link: 10m air rifle shooter Elavenil Valarivan was born in Cuddalore; her family moved to Ahmedabad when she was about three. At the 2018 ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney she set a junior world record in qualification.

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