Chennai set to host the 2029 Asian Athletics Championships

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News

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Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Event	28th Asian Athletics Championships, 2029
Host	Chennai (award formal after State guarantees)
Awarding body	Asian Athletics Association
India's earlier editions	1989 New Delhi, 2013 Pune, 2017 Bhubaneswar
Other events given to India	2027 Asian Relays – Chandigarh; 2028 Asian Indoor Championships – Odisha

Background

- The Asian Athletics Championships began in 1973 (Manila) and are held every two years.
- 2017, Bhubaneswar: India topped the medal table for the first time, at the Kalinga Stadium.

- India is also building a case for bigger events: it is bidding for the 2036 Olympics, and Ahmedabad will host the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

Tamil Nadu link: Chennai hosted the 7th SAF (South Asian Federation) Games in 1995 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, and Tamil Nadu hosted the 44th Chess Olympiad (Mamallapuram, 2022). The championships would add to Chennai's record as a multi-sport venue.

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Which body is allotting the 2029 Asian Athletics Championships to Chennai?

A) World Athletics

B) Olympic Council of Asia

C) Athletics Federation of India

D) Asian Athletics Association

Answer: D – Explanation: The Asian Athletics Association (AAA) runs the event; the award becomes formal once the Tamil Nadu government submits letters of guarantee.

2. Which edition of the Asian Athletics Championships will Chennai host in 2029?

A) 26th

B) 28th

C) 27th

D) 29th

Answer: B – Explanation: The championships are biennial; the 28th edition will be in Chennai in 2029.

3. Where were the 2017 Asian Athletics Championships, hosted by India, held?

A) Bhubaneswar

B) Pune

C) New Delhi

D) Ranchi

Answer: A – Explanation: India earlier hosted it in 1989 (New Delhi), 2013 (Pune) and 2017 (Bhubaneswar, Kalinga Stadium).

4. The Asian Athletics Association has awarded the 2027 Asian Relays Championships to which Indian city?

A) Lucknow

B) Guwahati

C) Chandigarh

D) Kochi

Answer: C – Explanation: 2027 Asian Relays – Chandigarh; 2028 Asian Indoor Championships – Odisha (Bhubaneswar); 2029 Asian Championships – Chennai.

5. Where were the 1995 South Asian Federation (SAF) Games held?

A) Kathmandu

B) Colombo

C) Dhaka

D) Madras (Chennai)

Answer: D – Explanation: The 7th SAF Games were held in 1995 at Chennai's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. Tamil Nadu also hosted the 44th Chess Olympiad (Mamallapuram) in 2022.

Sources: PTI via The Week (10 Nov 2026); Asian Athletics Association (1989 New Delhi results). © Shanmugam IAS Academy.