BIMSTEC U-23 athletics: Sabita Toppo wins 100 m hurdles gold

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Background

- BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) was formed by the Bangkok Declaration of 1997. Its seven members are Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand; the Secretariat is in Dhaka.
- The BIMSTEC Charter came into force in 2024; the 6th Summit (Bangkok, April 2025) adopted the "Bangkok Vision 2030".
- Women run the 100 m hurdles; men run the 110 m hurdles. Earlier, Sabita won silver at the Asian Youth Athletics Championships (Kuwait, 2022).

Tamil Nadu link: Sabita won silver in the 100 m hurdles at the 4th SAAF Junior Athletics Championships held in Chennai (September 2024).

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. In which event did Sabita Toppo win gold at the BIMSTEC U-23 Championship?

A) Women's 400 m hurdles

B) Heptathlon

C) Women's 100 m hurdles

D) Long jump

Answer: C – Explanation: Odisha's Sabita Toppo won gold in the women's 100 m hurdles.

2. In which year did the BIMSTEC Charter come into force?

A) 2022

B) 2024

C) 2019

D) 2026

Answer: B – Explanation: Signed at the 2022 Colombo Summit, the BIMSTEC Charter came into force in 2024.

3. Which vision document did the 6th BIMSTEC Summit (April 2025) adopt?

A) Bangkok Vision 2030

B) Colombo Vision 2030

C) Dhaka Agenda 2030

D) Kathmandu Vision 2035

Answer: A – Explanation: The 6th Summit in Bangkok, Thailand, adopted the "Bangkok Vision 2030".

4. In the sprint hurdles, women run 100 m; what distance do men run?

A) 100 m

B) 110 m

C) 120 m

D) 200 m

Answer: B – Explanation: Women – 100 m hurdles; men – 110 m hurdles.

5. Where was the 4th SAAF Junior Athletics Championship (2024), where Sabita won silver, held?

A) Colombo

B) Kathmandu

C) Dhaka

D) Chennai

Answer: D – Explanation: At this meet in Chennai (Sept 2024), Sabita won 100 m hurdles silver.