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Asian Games (Hangzhou 2022)



OCA TO HOST EVENT SHOWCASING PREPARATIONS FOR ASIAN GAMES

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and Hangzhou 2022 are set to showcase what progress has been made in the preparations for the 19th Asian Games in the Chinese city with the inaugural World Broadcasters Meeting.

It is scheduled to take place on January 24 and 25 in a hybrid format,

with participants attending at the Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee (HAGOC) and online.

As well as providing an opportunity to display the event's progress to broadcasters, it aims to give these broadcasters a chance to give advice to the organisers. The two-day event will begin with an Opening -

Ceremony featuring a promotional video and welcome addresses from the OCA and HAGOC.

A series of presentations will then be given on aspects of the Games relevant to broadcasters such as the sports programme, arrival and departure, press operations, accreditation, the media village and accommodation.

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The organisers are eager for Hangzhou 2022 to unite sport and culture with the aim of capitalising on the media exposure to promote the history of the host city.

The 2022 Asian Games also known as XIX Asiad will be a multi-sport event celebrated in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China from 10 to 25 September 2022.

The Games will also include athletes from Oceania for the first time after the approval from Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) to compete in sports which qualify for the 2024 Summer Olympics through Asia, including volleyball, beach volleyball, basketball, football and fencing.

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"As an indispensable part of major sports events, cultural activities help create a vibrant, high-quality atmosphere and have nowadays become highlights of the Hangzhou Asian Games," said Chen Weiqiang, vice-Mayor of Hangzhou and deputy secretary general of HAGOC.

"By holding different Asian Games-themed activities, HAGOC will showcase Asia's wonderful and diverse civilisations and China's remarkable culture.

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Chen Weiqiang says the 19th Asian Games will focus on the history and culture of Hangzhou, the Zhejiang region and China ©OCA



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Events staged in the lead up to Games have already displayed this as organisers have utilised the Liangzhu archaeological ruins, the Grand Canal and the West Lake, which are the city's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, in addition to the Qiantang River to host events.

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Hangzhou 2022 is set to take place from September 10 to 25 this year, which would make it the third Chinese city to stage the event after -

Beijing in 1990 and Guangzhou in 2010.

The list of sports

2022 Asian Games Sports Programme

Aquatics - Artistic swimming, Diving, Marathon swimming, Water polo

Archery

Athletics

Badminton

Breakdancing

Baseball - Baseball, Softball

Basketball - Basketball, 3×3 basketball

Boxing

Canoeing - Slalom, Sprint, Dragon boat

Cricket

Cycling - BMX, Mountain bike, Road, Track

Equestrian

Fencing

Field hockey

Football

Golf

Gymnastics - Artistic, Rhythmic, Trampoline

Handball

Judo

Kabaddi

Martial arts - Ju-jitsu, Karate, Kurash, Mind sports

Mind sports - Bridge, Chess, Esports, Go, Xiangqi

Modern pentathlon - Triathlon

Roller sports - Roller skating, Skateboarding

Rowing

Rugby sevens

Sailing

Sepak takraw

Shooting

Sport climbing

Squash

Table tennis

Taekwondo

Tennis - Soft tennis, Tennis

Volleyball - Beach volleyball, Volleyball

Weightlifting

Wrestling

Wushu

NOC SRI LANKA FELICITATES ARMY COMMANDER SHAVENDRA SILVA



The NOC SL handed over a plaque of appreciation to the general at his office.

The memento was handed over the President of the NOC SL Mr. Suresh Subramaniam was accompanied by the Senior Vice President NOC SL Joseph Kenny.

The executive committee of the National Olympic Committee and the athletic fraternity of the country paused a moment to remember and thank Army Commander General Shavendra Silva for his timely support especially during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic and their endeavor to be part and parcel of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

General Silva personally was responsible for the inoculation of the Lankan Athletic Contingent and the Olympic Officials prior to their departure.

Besides he also played a huge role in the success of the Queen's Baton Relay when the baton made a three-day visit to the country.

The Baton Relay is the customary precursor to the Commonwealth Games 2022 earmarked to begin in July this year.



SRI LANKA BEAT BANGLADESH TO WIN ICC COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUALIFIER 2022

Commonwealth Games Federation to confirm lineup for Birmingham 2022 in due course

Captain Chamari Athapaththu produced a superb all-round effort to help Sri Lanka score a fine 22-run victory over Bangladesh and win the ICC Commonwealth Games Qualifier 2022 at the Kinrara Oval in Kuala Lumpur on Monday.

The last match of the five-team tournament, played to decide -

decide the final qualifying spot at this year's Commonwealth Games, saw Athapaththu score 48 runs to propel Sri Lanka to 136 for six before returning figures of three for 17 to restrict Bangladesh to 114 for five.

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) will announce the cricket line-up in due course, once -

Sri Lanka are officially confirmed as the eighth team in Birmingham, joining Australia, Barbados, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa, who have already qualified for the Games.

Athapaththu did everything right today right from winning the toss in the crucial fixture.



Electing to bat, Sri Lanka were kept quiet by opening bowlers Salma Khatun and Soraya Azmim in the first few overs. Azmim was rewarded for consistently hitting hard lengths when Vishmi Gunaratne lobbed her to Fargana Hoque at mid-off to leave Sri Lanka at 14 for one in the fourth over.

A few balls later, Athapaththu slashed Azmim over the infield for four before unleashing a barrage of sweep shots against Bangladesh's spinners, two of which cleared the ropes for six.

Off-spinner Salma Khatun, the only bowler up to that point to keep Athapaththu in check, -

Player of the Match: Chamari Athapaththu

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Nilakshi De Silva

was brought back into the attack.

She responded by trapping Hasini Perera plumb in front with the score 61 for two in the ninth over.

Athapaththu muscled Rumana over extra cover for six as she approached what could have been her third half-century of the tournament. However, she missed out on her fifty when she tried to repeat the shot, only managing an edge through to Shamima Sultana behind the stumps.

Unsurprisingly, the fall of Athapaththu's wicket allowed Bangladesh's spinners to claw back before Nilakshi de Silva and Anushka Sanjeevani helped Sri Lanka accumulate 42 runs in the last five overs to take the score to 136 for six. In reply, Bangladesh benefitted from a dropped catch and four overthrows in the first couple of overs.

Shamima Sultana was caught in the circle by Udeshika Prabodhani off

the bowling of Ama Kanchana to leave Bangladesh at 18 for one in the third over.

However, left-handed opener Murshida Khatun continued her fine form by clearing the infield for boundaries on three occasions during a Powerplay that fetched Bangladesh 46 runs.

However, Sri Lanka's spin quartet of Athapaththu, Inoka Ranaweera, Sachini Nisansala, and Kavisha Dilhari put the squeeze on Bangladesh, who could not score a single boundary in the next six overs.

Athapaththu's arm ball trapped Murshida in front to leave Bangladesh at 71 for two after 12 overs, requiring a further 66 runs off 48 balls for victory.

Despite a dropped catch that went for four and a no-ball from Athapaththu, Bangladesh were unable to fight back as Sri Lanka completed a comfortable victory.

Bangladesh captain Nigar Sultana identified what went wrong for her team.

"They managed to score extra boundaries in the last three overs. And we could not do well with the bat," she said.

Athapaththu was particularly impressed with her bowlers in this game.

"I had complete confidence in our experienced bowling attack. The plan was to bowl lots of dot balls to exert pressure," she said.

Athapaththu was awarded the Player of the Match and Player of the Tournament awards.

"I wanted to bat through, but I'm reasonably happy with the start I got today, giving a platform for the other players to compile a challenging total," she said.

Brief Scores:

Sri Lanka beat Bangladesh by 22 runs.

Sri Lanka 136/6 in 20 Overs; Bangladesh 114/5 in 20 Overs.

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