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Asian Games 2022/23

CRICKET MEDALS CONCEIVABLE IN SPITE OF THE PRESENCE OF INDIA

With the Lankan athletes upstaging the track arena, the Asian Games would also have a demand on the TV channels in spite of the overlapping of the ICC World Cup 2023, during the latter part of the grandeur show.

Of all conceivable destinations especially in cricket, China is soon becoming a regular parking place in Asian Games.

China is the location where cricket as an Asian Games Medal Sport was put into practice in 2010 and a decade later, it becomes the third occasion that cricket put on a show from 23 September to 8 October 2023. The Asian Games were originally scheduled for 2022, but the Covid-19 outbreak in China caused a delay in this game.

Cricket will be one of the 37 sports to be played at the 2022 Asian Games.

The format of the games will be T-20, at the Zhejiang University of Technology Cricket Field from 24 September – 7 October 2023.

Though cricket is certainly a feature at the Asian Games, especially cricket is shrouded with attention being focused upon the ICC World Cup which is scheduled to be hosted by India from 5 October to 19 November 2023.

As a result, especially from the full member states from the Asian region will try to shield their top second-string players in a bid to strengthen their respective benches.

At the last Asian Games, in which cricket was part in Incheon, South Korea in 2014, the Lankan men's cricket team defeated Afghanistan to win the gold medal.

The men's team was led by Lahiru Thirimanne, while the Sri Lankan women's team won the bronze medal by defeating China in the third-place match.

The women's team was captained by Chamari Atapattu.

As for India, who opted to give a miss to the 2014 version, have decided to join in a bid for the gold and former international batsman Shikhar Dhawan is expected to lead the Indian men's cricket team.

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As for the women's team, it seems they would like to move up from the bronze status.

In recent times, the Lankan women's team under Chamari Atapattu, who would lead the side to Hangzhou in all probabilities, has elevated to be the top batswoman in the world ranking at present and the set of ladies are also brimming with confidence.

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For this Asian cricket challenge, eleven countries will be in the fray with – Current Gold Medal title winner - Sri Lanka, followed by India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Afghanistan, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Malaysia, South Korea, and hosts China.

However, hosts have left a stone unturned to make this a memorable experience with the matches being staged at Zhejiang University of Technology (Pingfeng Campus) where the Cricket Field is, as the name suggests, hidden in this Liuxia-based campus.

Zhejiang University of Technology (Pingfeng Campus) Cricket Field is designed as an oval field with a long axis of 150m and a short axis of 120m based on the current terrain of the campus. It covers an area of about 13,500m², the size of two standard football fields, with 4 strips. The organisers also have kept the varies of rain during the games and have made elaborate provisions for the drainage system. Moreover, a rainwater recycling and treatment system is set up beneath the field, collecting rainwater to water the plants after filtering.

GAMES ANTHEM SETS TONE FOR MASCOT AND TICKETING LAUNCH



Image, from left to right: Mr. Douglas Camacho, Chairman, Trinbago 2023 Organising Committee; Mr. Myles Lewis, Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, NGC; Ms Diane Henderson, Chairman, Trinidad and Tobago Commonwealth Games Association; The Honorable Shamfa Cudjoe, Minister of Sports and Community Development; Ms Annie Hairsine, Head of Games Planning Commonwealth Youth Games, Commonwealth Games Federation; Mr. Fazad Mohammed, Head, Corporate Communications, Proman; Mr. Gregg Mannette, Head of Sales, Guardian Life of The Caribbean; Mrs Carla Cupid, Chief Executive Officer of Tourism Trinidad

Preparations for the Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games are continuing at pace, with the official mascot Cocoyea, a leatherback turtle, making its first public appearance at an event in Couva to mark the launch of the ticketing programme and official anthem of the Games.

Cocoyea, based on a design by young local artist Djibril Annisette, will be the face of the Games, appearing at the sports events, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies and throughout the twin islands during Trinbago 2023.

The Organising Committee (OC) also unveiled the official theme song for the Games, a first for the Commonwealth Youth Games. The song, entitled 'Stay Ready' has been exclusively recorded by the Freetown Collective, a popular Trinidad-based group, and is being played on local radio stations in Trinidad and Tobago.

The song will be ever present across the Games, and features inspiring lyrics which will speak to the young athletes taking part at Trinbago 2023. It will be shared on streaming platforms including YouTube, Spotify and Apple Music shortly.

Commonwealth Games Federation CEO, Katie Sadleir commented: "This magnificent composition embodies the essence of the Caribbean... With its irresistible rhythm and uplifting lyrics, this song aims to inspire and ignite the passion of people around the Commonwealth to fulfil their dreams and reach new heights."

Tickets are now on sale for the carnival-themed opening ceremony and the complete sports programme, with under 18s able to attend all events for free.

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Diane Henderson, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Commonwealth Games Association said: “We are extremely excited to launch the ticketing programme for Trinbago 2023 and are calling on all local sports fans to join us for what promises to be a thrilling sports programme, preceded by a spectacular opening ceremony.”

Tribute was also paid to the 12 sponsors and partners who have joined the Games so far.

In particular, the OC acknowledges the financial and technical input of the Ministry of Sport and Community Development, which continues to be an incredibly supportive partner of Trinbago 2023.

Trinidad and Tobago’s Minister of Sport and Community Development, Shamfa Cudjoe, commented: “I see so many corporate sponsors coming onboard to support the Commonwealth Youth Games and as Minister I must thank each and every one of you who has made an investment in sports.”

Applauding the efforts of the team, she also outlined how hosting Trinbago 2023 can bolster Trinidad and Tobago’s sport tourism sector.

The OC acknowledges the considerable support of all the corporate sponsors who have partnered with Trinbago 2023, including The Tobago House of Assembly and Tobago Tourism Agency Ltd., and rest of the Sponsor Family:

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The Games, taking place from 4-11 August, will see 71 Nations and Territories from across the Commonwealth, compete in seven sports - Aquatics (Swimming), Athletics and Para Athletics, Cycling (Road and Track), Triathlon, FAST5 Netball, Rugby Sevens, and Beach Volleyball.

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25th Asian Athletics Championships 2023
 MEDAL TALLY FINAL DAY (16 JUL 2023)



RANK	COUNTRY	1	2	3	TOTAL
1	Japan	16	11	10	37
2	China	8	8	6	22
3	India	6	12	9	27
4	Sri Lanka	3	2	3	8
5	Qatar	2	1	1	4
6	Philippines	2	-	-	2
6	Singapore	2	-	-	2
8	Kazakhstan	1	2	1	4
8	Uzbekistan	1	2	1	4
10	Thailand	1	1	4	6

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NATIONAL RECORD

Tharushi Karunarathna
800m | Gold Medal
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400M WOMEN FINAL
GOLD MEDAL
NADEESHA RAMANAYAKA

CONGRATULATION



4 X 400M MEN'S
GOLD MEDAL

CONGRATULATION



4 X 400M WOMEN'S
SILVER MEDAL

CONGRATULATION



400M MIX RELAY FINAL
SILVER MEDAL

CONGRATULATION



1500M WOMEN'S Final
BRONZE MEDAL
GAYANTHIKA ABERATHNA

CONGRATULATION



JAVELIN THROW
BRONZE MEDAL
LEKAMGE NADEESHA