

# World Para Athletics Championships: Record nine golds propel Iran to historic third place



Iran's Sadeq Beit Sayyah, pictured in last year's Paris Olympics, won the javelin throw F41 gold at the World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi, India.  
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## Sports Desk

Iran clinched a best-ever finish in 12 editions of the World Para Athletics Championships, placing third in New Delhi with 15 medals, including a record nine golds.

Mehran Nikoueimajd and Sadeq Beit Sayyah capped off the glorious nine-day campaign for the country at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in style by adding a couple of golds to Iran's medal haul on Sunday.

Nikoueimajd registered a world record-breaking 12.27m throw on his final attempt in the shot put F34 showdown.

Jordan's Ahmad Hindi, who had his world record shattered by the Iranian, settled for the silver with 11.87m, and reigning Paralympic champion Mauricio Valencia finished on 11.50m to take the bronze.

Later in the day, Beit Sayyah, who was stripped of the

Paralympic title last year for his controversial celebration, redeemed himself by improving on his 2023 world silver in the javelin throw F41 contest.

The Iranian finished atop the podium thanks to a personal-best 48.86m effort, with India's Navdeep Singh (45.46), who was handed the Paralympic gold in Paris, and China's Sun Pengxiang (43.60) in the following spots.

Sunday's glory came after the Iranians had also collected a couple of gold medals on the penultimate day of action in New Delhi.

Reigning Paralympic champion Yassin Khosravi was one of the three Iranian world-record breakers in the competitions, retaining his shot put dominance with a third successive world title in the men's F57 class.

Khosravi registered a 16.60m effort on his final attempt in the men's F57 class to improve his own world record – set in July

2023 – by an impressive 59 centimeters.

Ali Bazyar won the javelin F54 gold earlier on Saturday, with his compatriot Erfan Bondori settling for the bronze.

Saeid Afrooz, also a gold medalist in Paris, broke his own world record en route to glory in the javelin F34 division, while Amirhossein Alipour (F11), and Aliasghar Javanmardi (F35) claimed the ultimate prize in their respective men's shot put events, with Mahdi Olad completing an all-Iranian one-two finish in the F11 category.

Hassan Bajoulvand, meanwhile, grabbed the gold medal in the men's discus throw F11 division. Elham Salehi was the sole Iranian gold medalist in the women's competitions, winning the title in the javelin throw F54 contest – the Iranian girl's second medal in New Delhi following a bronze in the

shot put F54 event.

Zeinab Moradi won a bronze in the women's javelin throw F56 class, while Iran's only medal in the track events came in the women's 400m T12 category, where Hajar Safarzadeh won a precious silver. Amanollah Papi got Iran of the mark with a consolation bronze in the men's javelin throw F57 on the second of the competitions.

Meanwhile, Brazil became only the second country, after Russia in 2013, to finish atop the overall medal table other than China, securing 15 golds, 20 silvers, and nine bronzes. The Asian powerhouse finished as the runner-up with 13 golds, 22 silvers, and 17 bronzes.

The team of Neutral Paralympic Athletes collected 11 golds, 16 silvers, and 19 bronze medals, though their results were excluded from the official standings by the sport's international governing body.

## CAVA Women's Volleyball Championship:

# Iranian girls relish 'character-boosting' milestone

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Winning the title at a four-team tournament may hardly be regarded as a significant achievement by any measure. Still, opposite spiker Aytak Salamat was thrilled to be a part of Iran's milestone campaign at the CAVA Women's Volleyball Championship.

Iranian women's volleyball captured its maiden international gold since the first national team was established in 1963, thanks to a straight-set victory (25-14, 25-14, 25-19) over Uzbekistan in Sunday's final in Tashkent.

Salamat was joined by Reihaneh Karimi, Fatemeh Khalili, Shabnam Alikhani, Negar Hashemi, and Elah Poursaleh in starting the final showpiece for Iran.

Shaqayeq Hassankhani, Zahra Karimi, Paria Hajatmand, Noura Mohammadi, Fatemeh Manzouri, Nazanin Alizadeh, Zahra Salehi, and Ghazaleh Bostan were the other members of the

history-making squad in the Uzbek capital.

The triumph rounded off an emphatic run for the Iranian girls, who did not concede a single set throughout the tournament, breezing past Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and the host nation in the league phase.

"I hope we can win this championship again and also secure a shining medal at the Islamic Solidarity Games.

"Winning a first gold medal in 62 years is just an incredible feeling; it builds solidarity within the team and strengthens our character. I truly hope we can repeat this success and experience this wonderful feeling again," said Salamat, who was joined by two of her teammates, middle-blocker Reihaneh Karimi and outside-hitter Fatemeh Khalili, in the tournament's Dream Team.

"Thank Gold we won all of our games here and ultimately lifted the tro-

phy," said Khalili, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

"The CAVA tournament served as a warmup for the upcoming Islamic Solidarity Games. We won the silver medal in the previous edition three years ago [in Konya, Turkey] but this year we will be a much stronger team and will compete for the title," added the Iranian player.

The sixth edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games will get underway on November 7 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Reihaneh Karimi, meanwhile, was pleased with the significance of the CAVA crown, saying: "This tournament was very important for us as the champion won direct qualification for next year's Asian Championship. It was also influential for the world ranking and improved Iran's position. We are very happy about all that."

"Furthermore, the event served as an effective training camp for our

team, allowing us to implement our tactics in a competitive setting. We are now preparing for the Islamic Solidarity Games and will be dispatched to the competition in about twenty days."

Following the four-game domination in Tashkent, the Iranian team jumped 15 slots to an all-time high of 47th in the latest FIVB Women's Ranking, released on Monday, with 74.24 points.

South Korean head coach Lee Do-hee said she would be looking to build on the latest success to steer Iranian women's volleyball to further success in the future.

"I was just told this is the first time this medal has been won, and I am very proud to be a part of this great success," Lee said.

"Thank God we finished the tournament with a decent result.

"I think the players have improved significantly, and since we are preparing for the Islamic Solidarity



Iranian players and coaching staff celebrate lifting the CAVA Women's Volleyball Championship trophy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on October 5, 2025.  
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Games, I felt the team had more time to build coordination. This event was a very good opportunity for Team Iran.

"One of my immediate goals is to have a success-

ful run with the under-18 team at the Asian Youth Olympic Games. After that, the Islamic Solidarity Games is another key objective where we aim to reach the final with

the team.

"Beyond that, I have other long-term goals. We will work progressively to achieve them, with the aim of properly developing Iranian women's volleyball."



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Iran men's futsal head coach Vahid Shamsaei named a 14-man squad for the two friendly games against Russia.

Shamsaei's men will play away to the European side on October 14 before the two teams square off in a rematch two days later.

Star players Moslem Oladqobad and Salar Aqapour, nominated for the Asian Futsal Player of the Year

award, will miss the double header due to involvement in the AFC Awards in Riyadh on Oct. 16.

Prolific forward Saeid Ahmad-Abbasi, who was ruled out September's Asian Cup qualifiers with injury, has been named in the squad, while Baqer Mohammadi, the best Asian goalkeeper in 2024, received a first international callout since last year's Futsal World Cup in Uzbekistan.

Behrouz Azimi, who missed Mes Sungun's previous two

games in the Iranian top-flight for disciplinary reasons, has also been trusted with a place in the squad. Iran dominated the Asian Cup qualification group in the United Arab Emirates, breezing past Bangladesh (12-0), the host (10-0), and Malaysia (4-0) to progress to next January's finals in Indonesia, where Shamsaei's team will be chasing a record-extending 14th title. The following is Iran's full squad for the upcoming

friendlies:

Goalkeepers: Baqer Mohammadi, Saeid Mo'meni  
Defenders: Mohammadhossein Derakhshani, Amirhossein Gholami, Hossein Sabzi  
Left alas: Mohammadhossein Bazyar, Ali Akrami, Ali Khalilvand  
Right alas: Masoud Yousef, Amirhossein Dehqani, Sajjad Yousefkhah  
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## Iran names roster for futsal friendlies in Russia