

ATIQUÉ ANAM *from Kathmandu*

ARDINA FERDOUS
Silver & bronze medals winner



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It was not as if the country had never won any silver or gold medals on such platforms before -- Bangladesh did win individual gold in Commonwealth Games shooting way back in 2002 and also had individual golds at the SA Games before -- but in recent times Bangladesh's shooting has been losing its medal-hauling capabilities with such continuity

Shovon Chowdhury, a member of Bangladesh's rifle-shooting team, spoke unreservedly of the true state of the yawning

With Baki's failure to win a silver or gold in 10m air rifle, the only hope of an individual gold medal in shooting rests with Shakil Ahmed, a gold medallist in the 2016 SA Games. There is slight hope in two mixed events too, featuring Baki with Aktia Hasan Disha in rifle and Shakil with Ardinia in pistol. Unless those events fetch a gold medal, Bangladesh will end these regional games without a gold for the first time since 2006 and for the second time overall.

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Brought to the notice of the Local Organising Committee, which has bestowed the task of tallying to medals to local journalist-turned-officials, one such person responsible for record-keeping said: 'Please bring your list of all the medals. We will update our medals tally after checking those provided by you.'

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PAUL NIXON
Ctg Challengers' head coach

"The goal is to win. That is why we turn up and that is why we get out of bed in the morning. But as long as we get day-by-day progressions with our skills and our ideas and we are open to new ideas and open to being smart... T20 cricket is about being smart. We have got to try and almost keep our ego away from the game and we have got to be smart. We have got some wonderful players from Bangladesh and these guys have to be the match-winners -- that is really important."



Chattogram Challengers head coach Paul Nixon (inset), who joined the team during their practise session yesterday, was of the opinion that the onus will be on the likes of Nasir Hossain (C), Rubel Hossain (2nd from R) and other local players in the upcoming BBPL to make the difference.

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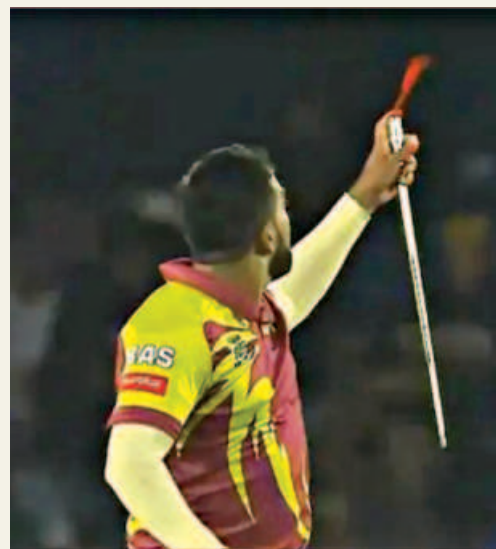


While the arrangement is for 8,000 people overall, there are separate quotas for clubs, BCB councillors and various organisations.

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CSA said in a statement that Moroe had been placed on "precautionary suspension" on full pay following reports from CSA's social and ethics committee and the audit and risk committee.

"It's a bit of fun. Not everyone likes it but my intentions are all good. I want to get more kids to enjoy the game." --AR



Preparations for a grand BBPL opening ceremony tomorrow are well underway at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. This picture taken yesterday shows nearly all of the eastern half of the ground taken up by a sprawling stage, in front of which will be situated special on-ground seats.