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India Creates History at IAU 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships

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India scripted history at the 2026 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) 24-Hour Asia and Oceania Championships held in Hirosaki City, Japan, by winning a total of five medals. The Indian men's team dominated the event with a clean sweep of the individual podium and also secured the team gold medal.

Key Highlights

Venue: Hirosaki

Country Host: Japan

India's Total Medals: 5

Competition Format: Athletes compete to cover the maximum distance within 24 hours.

Medal Winners from India:

Men's Individual Category

Gold Medal – Amar Singh Devanda

Distance Covered: 282.881 km

Silver Medal – Geeno Antony

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Distance Covered: 272.894 km

Bronze Medal – Saurav Kumar Ranjan

Distance Covered: 260.058 km

Team Event

Men's Team Gold: India

Combined Distance Covered: 815.833 km

Japan won silver, while Australia secured bronze in the team category.

Additional Key Facts

The championship is conducted under the supervision of the International Association of Ultrarunners, the apex global body for ultrarunning events.

“24-hour ultrarunning” is an endurance race where participants run continuously for 24 hours, and rankings are based on total distance covered.

India had earlier hosted the 2022 IAU 24H Asia & Oceania Championships in Bengaluru.

India is also set to host the IAU 50 km World Championships in New Delhi.