



Shanti Pereira Chases Glasgow Glory: Singapore Sprint Queen Begins Commonwealth Games Athletics Campaign

Description

Shanti Pereira Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games ambitions are at the heart of Singapore's biggest athletic challenge of the year. As the athletics programme at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games got underway on 27 July, Singapore's sprint queen stepped onto the track in Scotland aiming to end her long wait for a Commonwealth medal. This is her most realistic shot yet and the whole nation is watching.

Shanti Pereira: Asia's Fastest Woman on the Biggest Stage

Few Singaporean athletes carry the weight of expectation that Veronica Shanti Pereira does, and few wear it as gracefully. At 30 years of age, the sprinter has spent more than a decade at the elite level, progressively breaking barriers that once seemed unscalable for Singapore women's athletics. She is the fastest Southeast Asian woman ever in both the 100m and 200m a distinction she has held for several years running.



Source: Team Singapore official website (teamsingapore.sg)

Her 2023 season was nothing short of extraordinary: double gold at the Asian Athletics Championships, a historic progression to the semi-finals of the World Athletics Championships (the first Singaporean ever to do so in the 200m), and then a golden double at the Asian Games – gold in the 200m, silver in the 100m. She ended that year ranked No. 1 in Asia in the 200m. At the 2024 Paris Olympics, she reached the 200m heats and finished 18th overall, continuing her upward trajectory on the world stage.

What has eluded her, however, is a Commonwealth Games medal. At Birmingham 2022, she reached the semi-finals in both sprints but could not convert them into podium finishes. Glasgow 2026 represents her third Commonwealth Games, and with the absence of traditional powerhouses badminton and table tennis from the 10-sport programme, Singapore's medal hopes rest heavily on the athletes – and none more so than Shanti.

Glasgow 2026 Athletics Programme: What to Watch

The athletics events at Glasgow 2026 run from 27 July to 1 August at Hampden Park. Shanti will compete in the 100m, the 200m, and both relay events – the 4x100m and 4x400m. The 200m is widely regarded as her strongest individual medal prospect, and the Glasgow track should suit her powerful, technically refined running style.



Source: Singapore National Olympic Council official website (singaporeolympics.com)

The competition will be fierce. World Athletics has confirmed that sprinting royalty will be present at these Games: Shericka Jackson of Jamaica, one of the fastest women ever over 100m and 200m, heads a formidable field. England and Australia will also field strong relay teams. But Shanti has shown time and again that she can mix it with the world's best when conditions align, and in a 200m final, anything can happen in the bends.

Singapore's Broader Athletics Campaign at Glasgow 2026

Shanti is not the only Singaporean to look out for on the Hampden Park track. Singapore's 53-strong contingent at Glasgow is spread across athletics, swimming, gymnastics, 3x3 basketball, cycling, bowls, para bowls, and weightlifting reflects the broadest participation Singapore has achieved at a Commonwealth Games in years. The entire athletics squad will be running for personal bests and for the lion badge on their singlet.

The team heads to Glasgow with experience drawn from multiple major Games cycles. [Singapore's swimmers Teong Tzen Wei and Gan Ching Hwee have already put in strong performances in the pool](#), while [Singapore's gymnasts have been representing the nation with distinction in the artistic gymnastics halls](#). The track and field events now carry the baton forward.

Athletics hold a special place in Singapore sports history. The last time Singapore won an athletics medal at the Asian Games was in 1974 – until Shanti broke that 49-year drought in 2023. A Commonwealth Games podium would be another historic moment, another marker on Singapore’s journey toward genuine regional and global athletic relevance.

The Spirit of a Sprint Queen

What makes Shanti Pereira’s story so compelling to Singapore sports fans is the longevity and persistence of her excellence. She debuted at the SEA Games in 2015, claimed bronze medals, and has been improving steadily ever since. She is not just a national icon – she is a serious athlete by any international metric.

The Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games may well be her last at the peak of her powers. The racing gods do not always cooperate, and the margin between a medal and a fourth-place finish at major championships can be wafer-thin. But for a nation that has followed her journey from Bishan to Birmingham to Paris and now to Glasgow, simply watching Shanti Pereira line up on that starting block and represent Singapore carries its own distinct electricity.

The sprint queen is ready. Follow all the news from [Team Singapore at Glasgow 2026 in our LBRD Sports section](#).

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