

## ■ India's Men's National Football Team Moves up in FIFA World Rankings



India's men's national football team has recently made a significant gain in the FIFA World Rankings released recently. The team surpassed Lebanon and New Zealand to achieve the rare feat. This advancement now keeps India as the 18th-ranked team in Asia and the Asian Football Confederation. This move will heavily

impact the upcoming 2026 World Cup qualifiers draw. Due to Lebanon's one-point decrease following their defeat to India in the Intercontinental Cup final, the two nations' positions in the AFC standings have switched.

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