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## SAFF Championship 2023

SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Championship, for the first time, had teams from outside the South Asian region, Lebanon and Kuwait took part,

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Maldives were the six founding members of SAFF in 1997. Bhutan joined SAFF in 2000, thereby increasing the number of member nations to seven. Afghanistan became a SAFF member in 2005 but moved to the Central Asian Football Association (CAFA) in 2015

SAFF Championship 2023 held in Bengaluru. All the matches took place at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium. Eight teams participated in the tournament, divided into two groups

- **Winners:** India (9th title)
- **Runners-up:** Kuwait
- **Teams:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Kuwait, Lebanon, Maldives, Nepal and Pakistan
- **Top scorer:** Sunil Chhetri (5 goals)
- **Best Player:** Sunil Chhetri (India)
- **Man of the Match (Final) :** Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- **Fair Play Award:** Nepal
- **Golden Glove:** Anisur Rehman Zico (Bangladesh)
- **Golden Boot:** Sunil Chhetri (India)
- **Golden Ball:** Sunil Chhetri (India)

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