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Cricket at Los Angeles 2028 Olympics

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What is the news?

• Cricket is now a part of LA28, which means the sport is back in the Olympics after 128 years. At last, it's true! It will be back in the Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028.

Cricket in the Olympics: From 1900 to 2028:

- There was one time that cricket was an Olympic sport.
- It was played by France and Great Britain in 1900.
- The two teams played each other in a two-day "Test" match at the 1900 Olympics in Paris. Tests played on the world level today, on the other hand, last five days. There were also 12 players on each team instead of the usual 11.
- Since then, though, the sport has not been part of the Olympics.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) agreed in 2023 that cricket would be a part of the Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028. It's a big deal for the sport because it means cricket will be seen all over the world and get new fans from everywhere.
- •After soccer, cricket is the second most popular sport in the world. More than a billion people in more than 100 countries play it.
- People in South Asia, England, Australia, and the Caribbean really like it.

What it means for India that cricket will be a part of the 2028 Olympics:



India is very happy that cricket will be a part of the 2028 Olympics. Cricket is the most famous sport in the country. Cricket being a part of the Olympics is expected to be good for India in a number of ways, such as:

- Bringing more attention to cricket in India:
 Adding cricket to the Olympics will make the sport known around the world and help it get new fans from everywhere. The number of people who like cricket in India will go up, making it even more famous and certain to remain the most popular sport in the country.
- Making more young people want to play cricket: Cricket is a popular sport among young people in India, and making it an Olympic sport is likely to make more young people want to play it. This is good for India because it will help the country stay

- on top of the cricket world by producing a lot of future stars.
- Adding cricket to the Olympics is likely to be good for the Indian economy because it will help the economy grow. As the Olympics are a big event around the world, adding cricket to the Games is expected to bring a lot of tourists to India. This will help the tourist industry in the country, which will create jobs and bring in money.

Lets understand in depth about the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles:



Introduction:

■ The 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, also known as the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad, will be held in Los

Angeles, California, United States, from July 14 to July 30, 2028. It will be the third time that Los Angeles has hosted the Summer Olympics, having previously done so in 1932 and 1984.

New Sports at the 2028 Olympics:

• Cricket, flag football, lacrosse, skateboarding, and sport climbing are the five new sports that have been added to the 2028 Olympics. The schedule now includes 32 sports. Also, there will be an equal number of male and female players in the Games, making them the first of their kind.

The LA28 Organizing Committee suggested the five sports as a package for their version of the Games only. The IOC's Olympic Programme Commission (OPC) and Executive Board (EB) looked over the proposal and agreed with it.

Baseball, softball, cricket, and lacrosse will all be back at the Olympics. Flag football and squash, on the other hand, will be there for the first time.



- Baseball and softball have been part of the programme at several editions of the Olympic Games, most recently at Tokyo 2020.
- Cricket was on the programme for the Olympic Games Paris 1900.
- Lacrosse was included on the programme at St Louis
 1904 and London 1908.
- Flag football and squash will make their Olympic debut at LA28.

The Different Olympic Sports in 2028:

- The 2028 Olympics will feature a total of 32 sports, including five new sports that have been added to the program: cricket, flag football, lacrosse, skateboarding, and sport climbing. The following is a list of all the sports that will be featured in the 2028 Olympics:
- Aquatics, Archery, Artistic Gymnastics, Athletics,

Badminton, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Boxing, Canoe/Kayak, Cricket, Cycling, Equestrian, Fencing, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Football, Golf, Handball, Judo, Karate, Lacrosse, Modern Pentathlon, Rowing, Rugby Sevens, Sailing, Shooting, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, Surfing, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Water Polo, Weightlifting, Wrestling.

Impact of the Olympics on Los Angeles and the United States:

• The 2028 Los Angeles Olympics are expected to have a significant impact on Los Angeles and the United States. The Games are expected to attract millions of visitors and generate billions of dollars in economic activity. The Games will also be a major opportunity for the United States to showcase itself to the world.

2028 Olympics in Los Angeles have many benefits, such as:

- **Growing the economy:** The Olympics in 2028 are expected to bring in billions of dollars for Los Angeles and the US economy as a whole.
- Exposure around the world: The 2028 Olympics will give Los Angeles and the US a chance to show the

world what they can do.

• **Unite:** The 2028 Olympics could bring people from all over the world together to enjoy sports and culture.

Lets learn about Olympics:

The history of the Olympics:

How did the Olympic Games come to be?

- The Games have a past that goes back about 3,000 years to Ancient Greece's Peloponnese. The Olympians held sports competitions every four years, which became known as the Olympic Games.
- There is no clear record of when they began, but the year 776 BC is often used as a starting point. We still don't know for sure why the Games started because history and legend have become mixed up.
- During that time, time was measured in Olympiads instead of years, so every four years was a "Olympiad" and used to figure out how old something was.
- It was 1894 when Pierre de Coubertin came up with the idea to bring back the Olympic Games. The first modern Gam olympices took place in Athens in 1896.
- Since 1896, the Olympic Games have been held every four years, except for the years of World Wars I and II. They are an international sports event. The Olympic Games are the biggest sporting event

in the world. Athletes from more than 200 countries compete in many different sports.

The Olympic Movement:

The Olympics are put together by the Olympic movement, which is a worldwide sports activity. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is in charge of the Olympic movement. It is a non-profit group with its main office in Lausanne, Switzerland.

QuizTime:

Which is the Venue of the 2028 Summer Olympics?

- A. Paris
- B. Rome
- C. Los Angeles
- D. Moscow

Answer is C

• Los Angeles is the venue of the 2028 Olympic Games or the 2028 Summer Olympic Games.

Mains question:



Discuss the implications of the inclusion of cricket in the 2028 Olympics for India.

The Model Answer is:

- India is very happy that cricket will be a part of the 2028 Olympics. Cricket is the most famous sport in the country. Cricket being a part of the Olympics is expected to be good for India in a number of ways, such as:
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good for India because it will help the country stay on top of the cricket world by producing a lot of future stars.

- Adding cricket to the Olympics is likely to be good for the Indian economy because it will help the economy grow. As the Olympics are a big event around the world, adding cricket to the Games is expected to bring a lot of tourists to India.
- This will help the tourist industry in the country, which will create jobs and bring in money.
- In general, cricket being added to the 2028 Olympics is a good thing for India.
- There will probably be many good effects on the country, such as making cricket more well-known, encouraging more young people to play, and helping the economy grow.

How will it be included in the Syllabus?

- The General Studies parts of the UPSC test will probably talk about the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles and how cricket will be added. The General Studies papers are about a lot of different things, like current events, history, geography, Indian culture and society, and foreign relations.
- In particular, the following parts of the General Studies papers could talk about the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles and how cricket will be a part of them:
 - Current events: The Olympics are a big deal around the world, and adding cricket is a big step forward for the game. Aspirants for the UPSC should be able to talk about what adding cricket

to the Olympics in 2028 means for India and the rest of the world.

- International relations: The Olympics are a place where people from all over the world can work together and make friends. People who want to work for the UPSC should be able to talk about how the Olympics help build relationships and understanding between countries.
- **History:** The Olympics have been around for a very long time. People who want to work for the UPSC should be able to talk about the past of the Olympics and how they have changed over time.
- **Geography:** The Olympics take place in towns all over the world. Aspirants for the UPSC should be able to talk about the host city's geography and the area where it is based.
- Indian culture and society: Cricket is a popular sport in India, and the fact that it is now part of the Olympics is a big change for Indian culture and society. People who want to work for the UPSC should be able to talk about how cricket fits into Indian culture and society.



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