# India's Ambitious Bid to Host the 2036 Olympic Games

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## Why in News?

Recently, the Indian Prime Minister announced India's intention to host the <u>Olympic Games</u>, ideally in 2036 during the opening ceremony of the 141<sup>st</sup> <u>International Olympic Committee</u> session in Mumbai.

 China, South Korea, and Japan are the only Asian countries to have hosted the Olympics, with Japan having hosted the games in both 1964 and 2020.

## What is the Procedure of Selecting a Host City for Olympics?

- Traditional System:
  - Cities submit a letter of interest to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). It involved a lengthy multi-year, multi-step evaluation process.
  - Hosts were selected seven years in advance.
  - Often led to excessive spending, debt, corruption, and scandals.
- New Approach: Olympic Agenda 2020:
  - In 2013, Thomas Bach became the IOC president and introduced the Olympic Agenda 2020, a blueprint for the Olympic Movement's future.
  - In 2014, the agenda was approved during the IOC session. A key aspect was the 'new norm' for selecting host cities, which was officially adopted in 2019 during the IOC session in Lausanne, Switzerland.
    - It replaced the seven-year rule for selecting hosts with greater flexibility.
    - Emphasized flexibility, sustainability, and cost-effectiveness with the motto
      "The Games adapt to the region, the region does not adapt to the Games."
    - It consists of two stages: continuous dialogue and targeted dialogue.
      - Continuous dialogue allows flexible master plans without specific deadlines.
      - Targeted dialogue lasts up to 12 months, involving detailed discussions, guarantees, and an advisory report.

#### Note

All editions of the Olympic Games from 2030 onwards must also adhere to the IOC's climate positive commitment, reducing bid budgets.

## What are the Significant Aspects Associated with the Olympics?

- About:
  - The Olympics are an international sporting event that takes place every four years.
    - The goals of the Olympics are to cultivate human beings through sport and contribute to world peace

• The Olympics include: Summer Games, Winter Games, Youth Olympics Games.

#### History and Origin:

- Olympics trace their roots back around 3,000 years to Ancient Greece's Peloponnese region.
- While the precise starting date remains uncertain, **776 BC is a commonly mentioned** year in historical records.
  - The first modern Olympics were held in **Athens, Greece in 1896** based on the **plan of Pierre de Coubertin.**
- Olympic Rings:
  - The Olympic symbol consists of **five interlocking rings of different colors (blue, yellow, black, green, and red)** on a white background.
    - These rings represent the **five continents of the world** and symbolize the **unity** and diversity of nations through sports.

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- Upcoming Events:
  - Summer Olympics 2024: Paris, France
  - Winter Olympics 2026: Milan-Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
  - Summer Olympics 2028: Los Angeles, USA
  - Summer Olympics 2032: Brisbane, Australia

## What are the International Multi Sporting Events Hosted by India?

- Asian Games: 1951 and 1982
- Commonwealth Games: 2010
- South Asian Games: 1987, 1995, 2016.

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