



ONGC Para Games 2022

Why in News?

Recently, the Government of India inaugurated the **4th Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Para Games** in New Delhi.

What do we know about ONGC Para Games?

- **About:**
 - **ONGC Para Games** is a special Human Resource Initiative to provide **Equal Opportunities to Persons with Disabilities PwDs** in all walks of corporate life.
 - The intent is to contribute in the **holistic development of the Human Resources** of the **public enterprises**, who are our most valuable asset, in the pursuit of **Energy**.
- **Participants:**
 - Employees of **eight central oil and gas public enterprises** are participating in the **4th ONGC Para Games**, being organized by **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)** during 2-4 August 2022.
- **International Level:**
 - ONGC organizes the Para Games in an international format **from its very first edition in 2017** with the help of the **Paralympic Committee of India**, where 120 ONGC PwD employees participated in games like **athletics, badminton, table tennis and wheelchair race**.

What is ONGC?

- ONGC is a **public sector petroleum company**.
- Under the leadership of **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**, the foundation stone of ONGC was laid in **1955 as the Oil and Gas Division** under the **Geological Survey of India**.
- It may be noted that on 14th August 1956, it was renamed as the **Oil and Natural Gas Commission** and in 1994 the **Oil and Natural Gas Commission was converted into a corporation**.
- In the year 1997 it was accepted as one of the **Navaratnas by the Government of India**, while in the year 2010 it was given the status of **Maharatna**.

What are the Paralympic Games?

- The **Paralympic Games or Paralympics** is the **largest international event for disabled athletes** and societal change and takes place **shortly after every Olympic Games** in the same host city.
- The Paralympic Games are held **every two years**, alternating between the summer and winter Paralympic Games.
- The Paralympics has grown from a small gathering of **British World War II** veterans in 1948 to become **one of the largest international sporting events** by the early 21st century.
- The first Paralympic Games was held in **1960 in Rome**.

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