



# World Anti-Doping Agency

## Why in News

Recently, one of the **World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA)** panels has suggested **banning Russia** for four years from competing in international events, including the **Tokyo (2020 Summer) Olympics**.

## Key Points

- Over the last few years, Russia has been accused of running a sophisticated doping programme.
  - **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** banned Russia's participation at the **2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea**.
  - The **Russian Olympic Committee was suspended** and barred from attending the event. Only a few Russian athletes were allowed to perform **under strict conditions**.
- The IOC, WADA and other global federations launched a series of investigations to look into the matter.

## World Anti-Doping Agency

- It was **established in 1999** as an **international independent agency** composed and funded equally by the sport movement and governments of the world.
- Its foundation was **initiated by the IOC** to **promote, coordinate and monitor the fight against drugs** in sports.
- It is headquartered in **Montreal, Canada**.
- Its key activities include scientific research, education, development of anti-doping capacities, and monitoring of the World Anti-Doping Code - the document harmonizing anti-doping policies in all sports and all countries.
- **Integrity, Accountability and Excellence** are the core values of the agency.

## International Olympic Committee

- It is a **not-for-profit independent international organisation** that is committed to building a better world through sport.
- It was created on **23 June 1894** and is the **supreme authority of the Olympic Movement**.
- It **ensures** the regular celebration of the Olympic Games, supports all affiliated member organisations and strongly encourages, by appropriate means, the promotion of the Olympic values.

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