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Olympic Games and India

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Then each ring is for each continent on Earth

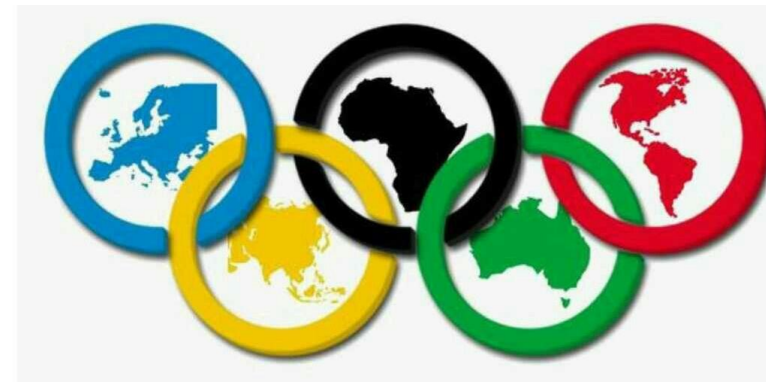
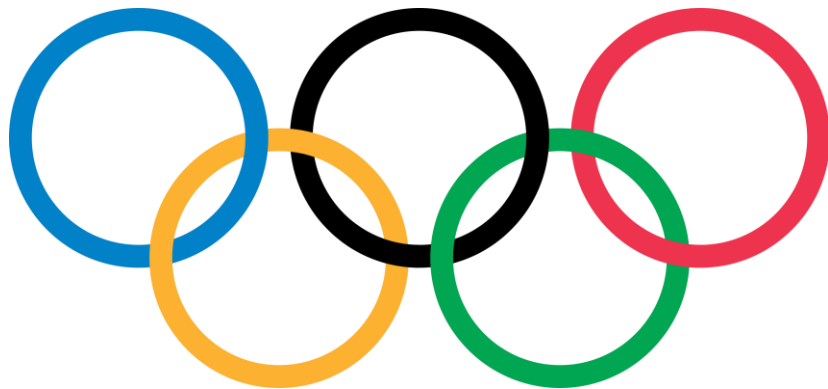
Blue - Europe

Black - Africa

Red - America

Yellow - Asia

Green - Australia



The first Olympic Games took place in the 8th century B.C. in Olympia, Greece.

First ancient Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. in honour of Greek God Zeus.

They were held every four years for 12 centuries. Then, in the 4th century A.D., all pagan festivals were banned by Emperor Theodosius I and the Olympics were no more.

However, the athletic tradition was resurrected about 1500 years later



First modern Olympic Games were held in 1896 in Athens, Greece.

Olympic Games are so called because they were held in the city of Olympia.

The person known as the father of modern Olympic Games is **Pierre de Coubertin**. The International Olympic Committee which was formed by Pierre de Coubertin in 1894 has its headquarters at Lausanne, Switzerland.



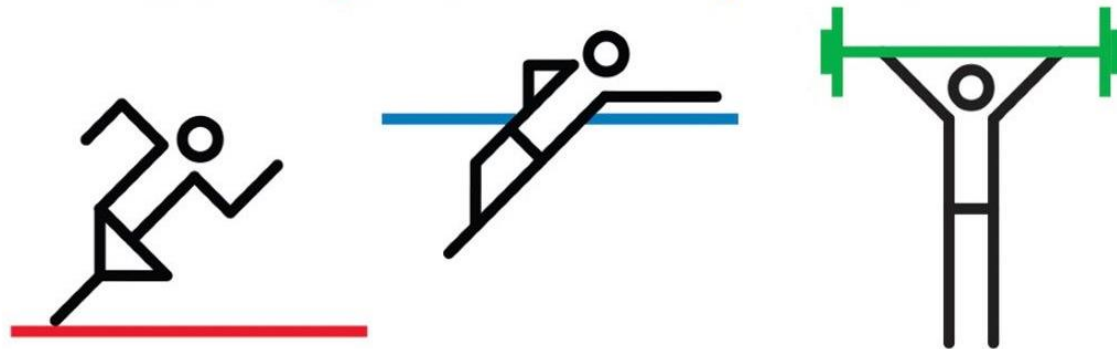
Olympic Motto is "Citius-Altius-Fortius"

Citius - Faster

Altius - Higher

Fortius - Stronger

CITIUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS



The Olympic flag was first flown during the 1920 Olympic Games at Antwerp, Belgium.
The Olympic symbol appears on the Olympic flag which has a white background.



Olympic games were not held in 1916, 1940 and 1944 years due to the two world wars.

The first Olympic Games to feature female athletes was the 1900 Games in Paris.

Hélène de Pourtalès of Switzerland became the first woman to compete at the Olympic Games and became the first female Olympic champion

The Olympic flame made its first appearance at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games.

The cities which have held the summer Olympics twice are Athens (1896 & 2004), Paris (1900 & 1924), and Los Angeles (1932 & 1984)

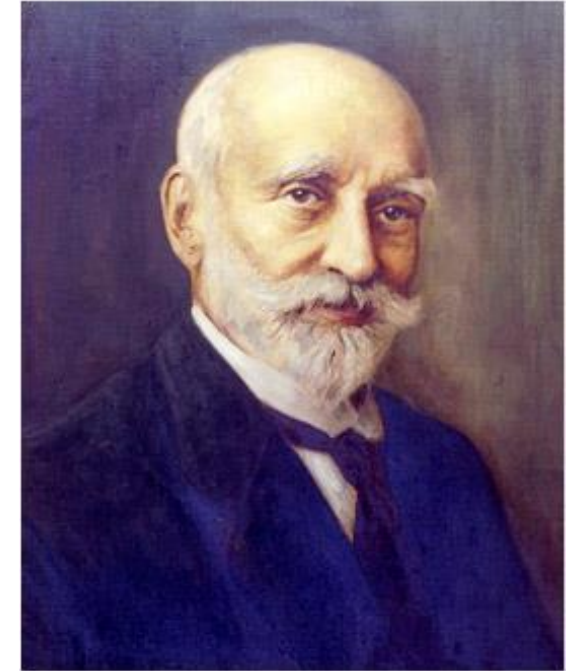
The city which has hosted the summer Olympics thrice is London (1908, 1948 and 2012)

The country which has hosted the summer Olympics the maximum number of times is the United States - Los Angeles (1932 & 1984), St. Louis (1904) and Atlanta (1996)

India first participated in the Olympics in 1900 in Paris.

The country was represented by **Norman Pritchard**, an Anglo Indian who was holidaying in Paris during that time.

The seeds for creation of an organisation for coordinating the Olympic movement in India was related to India's participation in the 1920 and 1924 Olympics, when **Sir Dorabji Tata** suggested the need for a Sports body at National level for promoting Olympic Sport in united India.



After **the 1920 Games**, the Committee sending the team to these Games met, and, on the advice of Sir Dorabji Tata, invited Dr. A.G. Noehren (Physical Education Director of YMCA India) to also join them.

Subsequently, in 1923-24, a provisional All India Olympic Committee was set-up, which organised the All India Olympic Games (that later became the National Games of India) in February 1924.

Eight athletes from these Games were selected to represent India at the 1924 Paris Summer Olympics, accompanied by manager Harry Crowe Buck.

This gave impetus to the development and institutionalization of sports in India, and, **in 1927, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) was formed**, with Sir Dorabji Tata as its founding President and Dr. A.G. Noehren as Secretary. The same year as it was formed, 1927, the Indian Olympic Association was officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee.

India first participated at the Olympic Games in 1900, with a lone athlete (**Norman Pritchard**) winning two medals- both silver- in athletics.

The nation first sent a team to the Summer Olympic Games in 1920, and has participated in every Summer Games since then.

India has also competed at several Winter Olympic Games beginning in 1964.

Medals by Summer Games

| Games | 1 Gold | 2 Silver | 3 Bronze |
|---|----------------------------|----------|----------|
|  1896 Athens | <i>did not participate</i> | | |
|  1900 Paris | 0 | 2 | 0 |
|  1904 St. Louis | <i>did not participate</i> | | |
|  1908 London | | | |
|  1912 Stockholm | | | |
|  1920 Antwerp | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  1924 Paris | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  1928 Amsterdam | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  1932 Los Angeles | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  1936 Berlin | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  1948 London | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  1952 Helsinki | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  1956 Melbourne | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Hockey – 6 Gold Medals consecutively

1928-1956

1952 Helsinki Olympics
K D Jadhav – Bronze in Wrestling

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
|  1960 Rome | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  1964 Tokyo | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  1968 Mexico City | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  1972 Munich | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  1976 Montreal | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  1980 Moscow | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  1984 Los Angeles | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  1988 Seoul | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  1992 Barcelona | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  1996 Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  2000 Sydney | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  2004 Athens | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  2008 Beijing | 1 | 0 | 2 |

1960 Rome

Indian hockey team – Silver (Lost to Pakistan in the final)

1964 Tokyo - Indian hockey team – Gold

1968, Mexico city

Indian hockey team – Bronze

1972, Munich

Indian hockey team – Bronze

1980 Moscow - Indian hockey team – Gold

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|  2008 Beijing | 1 | 0 | 2 |

1996 Atlanta
Leander Paes – Bronze, Tennis

2000 Sydney
Karnam Malleshwari – Bronze, Weight Lifting

2004 Athens
RR Rathore – Silver, Double trap shooting

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2008, Beijing

1st ever Individual gold medal – Abhinav Bindra Shooting, Men's 10 m air rifle

Vijender Singh, Boxing 75 kg, Bronze

Sushil Kumar, Wrestling Men's freestyle 66 kg

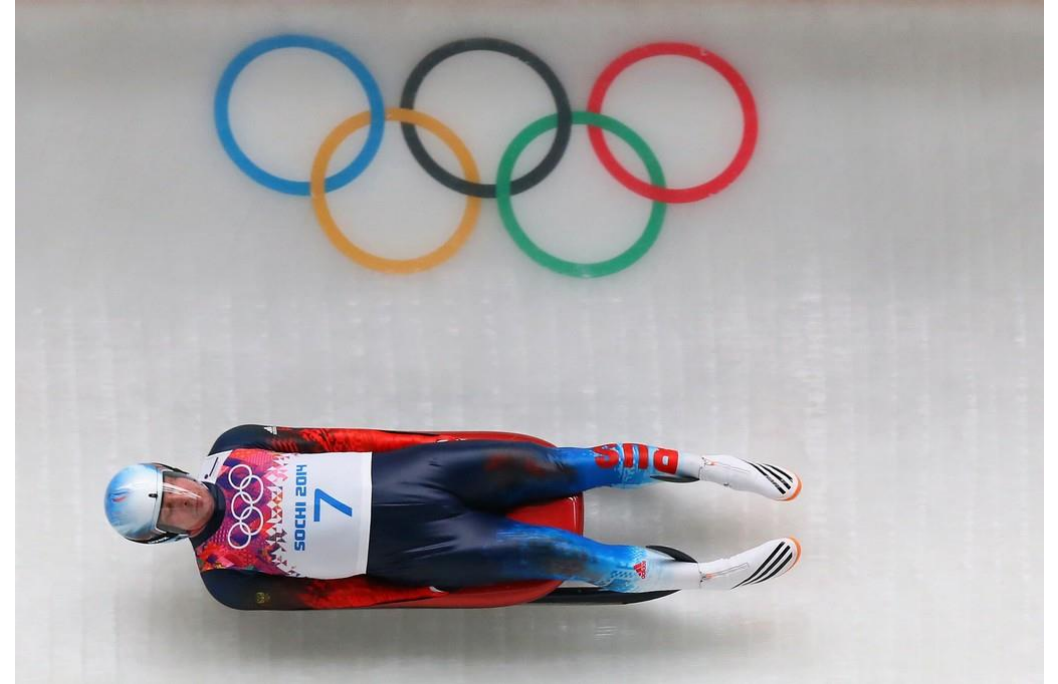
India at the 2012 London Olympics

| Medal | Name | Sport | Event |
|----------|----------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| 2 Silver | Vijay Kumar | Shooting | Men's 25 m rapid fire pistol |
| 2 Silver | Sushil Kumar | Wrestling | Men's freestyle 66 kg |
| 3 Bronze | Gagan Narang | Shooting | Men's 10 m air rifle |
| 3 Bronze | Saina Nehwal | Badminton | Women's singles |
| 3 Bronze | Mary Kom | Boxing | Women's flyweight |
| 3 Bronze | Yogeshwar Dutt | Wrestling | Men's freestyle 60 kg |

India at the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Olympics

| Medal | Name | Sport | Event |
|----------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 2 Silver | P. V. Sindhu | Badminton | Women's singles |
| 3 Bronze | Sakshi Malik | Wrestling | Women's freestyle 58 kg |

The first Winter Olympic Games, the 1924 Winter Olympics, were held in Chamonix, France



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