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Senegal Prepares to Host Africa's First-Ever Olympic Event

Senegal is gearing up to host the Youth Olympic Games, marking the historic first instance of the African continent hosting any Olympic event.

The Youth Olympic Games is a major international multi-sport event organized by the International Olympic Committee for youth athletes.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Senegal is hosting Africa's first-ever Olympic event, featuring around 2,700 athletes aged 17 or younger.
- The prestigious international multi-sport competition will feature athletes competing across 25 different sports over the course of two weeks.
- Russian athletes are returning to participate in the Games following the lifting of their previous ban.
- The official slogan for the grand sporting event across the capital is 'Africa welcomes, Dakar celebrates'.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) is an elite international multi-sport event organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) headquarters is located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The inaugural Summer Youth Olympic Games were held in Singapore in the year 2010.

Modern Olympic Games were founded in 1894 by Pierre de Coubertin with the formation of the International Olympic Committee.

India has hosted major multi-sport events including the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi in 2010 and the Asian Games in 1951 and 1982.

The Olympic motto is 'Faster, Higher, Stronger — Together' in Latin: 'Citius, Altius, Fortius – Communiter'.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Senegal is hosting Africa's first-ever Olympic event through the Youth Olympic Games featuring 2,700 athletes.

Syllabus Relevance: Important for TNPSC Unit 2 Questions on major international sports events and global milestones.

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