

FIFA ban India

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In news– Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has suspended India's top administrative organisation, the All India Football Federation, for "undue influence from third parties".

About the suspension-

- The AIFF has been suspended by FIFA due to "third-party interference".
- **Third-party interference refers to a situation in which a member association of FIFA fails to remain independent**, is co-opted, and no longer has control over its organisation.
- In this case, the SC's diktat to the Committee of Administrators (COA) to run the AIFF was a textbook case of third-party interference.
- **The suspension means, firstly, no international football** – and this applies to all national teams, across all age groups.
- It also **applies to both men's and women's football**, and to all club teams in India.
- The suspension also **impacts international transfers**, as well as any courses or developmental programs that AIFF officials could, or were taking part in.
- This in effect means **a total ban on all football-related activities outside India**. However, the league in the country, as well as domestic transfers, can continue.

Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)-

- FIFA, Fédération Internationale de Football Association in French, is the **highest global governing body of football** (also known as soccer to distinguish it from American football), the world's most popular game.
- It is also the **international governing body for futsal**

(a kind of mini football played indoors on a hard court between two teams of five players each) and beach soccer (five-a-side, played on a beach).

- **Founded in 1904 in Paris, France to oversee international competitions among the national football associations of a handful of West European countries,** the membership of FIFA now comprises 211 national football associations around the world.
- **Each of these national associations are members of one of the six confederations into which the footballing world is divided:** Africa, Asia, Europe, North & Central America and the Caribbean, Oceania, and South America.
- The founding president of FIFA was the Frenchman Robert Guerin, who served from 1904-06.
- The longest serving president of FIFA was Jules Rimet (1921-54), after whom the FIFA World Cup was originally named.
- **FIFA, which is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland,** supports these national associations financially and logistically through various programmes.