

Invictus Games

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In news– Prince Harry opened the 2022 edition of Invictus Games in Hague, Netherlands.

About Invictus Games-

- **Founded in 2014 by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex**, the **Invictus Games is an international sporting event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen** and women, both serving and veterans similar to the Paralympics.
- The **inspiration** for launching these games came from Prince Harry's visit to **the Warrior Games in the USA in 2013**, where he witnessed the ability of sport to help both psychologically and physically.
- The Games also draw inspiration from the British poet William Ernest Henley's 1875 poem 'Invictus'.
- The **word 'Invictus' means 'unconquered', chosen as an embodiment of the fighting spirit of the wounded**, injured and sick service personnel and what they can achieve, post injury.
- The Games harness the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect for those who serve their country.
- The first edition of the Games was held in London in 2014, and subsequent competitions were organised in Orlando, US (2016), Toronto, Canada (2017), and Sydney, Australia (2018).
- The 2023 edition will be held in Dusseldorf, Germany.
- **Harry is the Patron of the Games and the Invictus Games Foundation**, set up after the inaugural event in London in 2014, is the **owner of the brand** and the selector of future host cities.
- It is also responsible for managing the competition, setting the rules and categorisations, and branding it.

- In the current edition, the participating countries are, besides Ukraine, Canada, Georgia, Romania, the United Kingdom, the US, Poland, and Denmark.

Warrior Games-

- The Warrior Games are a multi-sport event organised by the US Department of Defence to “celebrate the resiliency and dedication of wounded, ill, and injured active duty and veteran US military service members”.
- The Warrior Games were held every year from 2010 to 2019, when they were disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The 2022 edition, hosted by the US Army, is scheduled for August 19th -28th.