



## Asha and Saket won gold with a new record in the Sub Junior National Athletics Championship | Jharkhand | 13 Nov 2023

### Why in News?

In the 38th National Sub Junior Athletics Championship held in Coimbatore on November 10, 2023, Jharkhand's Asha Kiran Barla won the gold medal with a new national record and Saket Minj won the gold medal with a new record.

### Key Points

- In the National Sub Junior Athletics Championship, Asha Kiran Barla of Gumla, Jharkhand has won the gold medal with a new national record by completing the 800 meter race in 2:04:12 minutes. Asha has received the best athlete award in the under-20 category of this competition.
- At the same time, Saket Minj of Ranchi won the gold medal in 300 meters with a new record of 34.72 seconds.
- In this competition, athletes from Jharkhand have won four gold, four silver and three bronze medals.
- Savita Murmu of Jamtara won gold medal in Javelin Throw and Vishal Kumar of Ranchi SAI won gold medal in Boys Under-20 Triple Jump.
- Mamta Mary Murmu of East Singhbhum won the 60 meter event of Girls Under-14, 10 km. Roshan of Bokaro won silver medal in race walk, Himanshu of East Singhbhum in long jump and Anit Oraon of Gumla won silver medal in triathlon.
- Apart from these, Aneet Oraon won bronze medal in Under-14 60 meters, Preeti Lakra of Hazaribagh won bronze medal in triple jump and Anuj Bakhala of Gumla won bronze medal in 600 meters.
- Asha Kiran Barla also won a gold medal in the 37th National Junior Athletics Championship held in Guwahati, Assam in the year 2022. Asha Kiran Barla won a gold medal at the 21st National Federation Cup Junior Under-20 Athletics Championships held in Tiruvannamalai city of Tamil Nadu in April 2023 and a gold medal of 2.06.79 minutes in the 800 meters of the Asian Youth Under-18 Athletics Championships held in Kuwait in October 2022.



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## Prime Minister will launch 'PM-PVTG Development Mission' in Khunti on 15th November | Jharkhand | 13 Nov 2023

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on November 10, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch 'PM-PVTG Development Mission' in Khunti district on 'Tribal Pride Day' (Birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda) on November 15.

### Key Points

- The PM-PVTG Development Mission program aims to improve the socio-economic status of Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). For this, availability of Rs 15,000 crore for Scheduled Tribes has been envisaged in the Union Budget.
- The mission includes providing basic facilities like safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, education, health and nutrition, better access to roads in settlements for backward scheduled tribes.
- **Prime Minister PVTG Development Mission:**
  - It may be noted that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced 'Pradhan Mantri PVTG Development Mission' under the Union Budget 2023-24 on February 1, 2023.
  - The Central Government has allocated Rs 15,000 crore under the 'Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes' to implement this mission in the next three years.
- **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs):**
  - The Ministry of Home Affairs has classified 75 tribal groups in 18 states of the country and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
  - PVTGs are the most vulnerable among the tribal groups. In 1975, the Government of India took the initiative to identify the most vulnerable tribal groups as a separate category called PVTGs .
  - Initially 52 tribal groups were classified as PVTGs. In the year 1993, 23 additional tribal groups were included in this category, due to which there are currently 75 tribal groups under PVTG.
  - Of the 75 listed PVTGs, the highest number are found in Odisha (13), followed by Andhra Pradesh (12).