



Nagi-Nakti Bird Sanctuaries

Why in News

Recently, Bihar's first state-level bird festival '**Kalrav**' started at the **Nagi-Nakti bird sanctuaries** in the Jamui district, Bihar.

- It is a 3-day event and is expected to draw experts and bird lovers from all over the country.

Key Points

▪ About:

- The **Nagi Dam** and **Nakti Dam** are two sanctuaries so close to each other that they can be taken as one bird area.
- The Nagi- Nakti Bird Sanctuaries have been the home of a wide variety of indigenous species of birds and of migratory birds that turn up during the winters from places like Eurasia, Central Asia, the Arctic Circle, Russia and Northern China..

▪ Avian Fauna :

- Over 136 species of birds have been spotted at these sanctuaries.
- **Bar-headed geese:** Around 1,600 bar-headed geese, which is about 3% of the global population of this variety, have been seen here, as per a report of the **Wetlands International** and because of this rare phenomenon, **the Birdlife International**, a global body, has held the **Nagi Dam Bird Sanctuary to be globally important for conservation of birds'** population and has declared it as an **important bird area**.
 - **Wetland International** is a global not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wetlands.
 - **BirdLife International** is a global partnership of conservation organisations (NGOs) that strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources.
- **Other major birds:** Indian Courser, Indian Sandgrouse, Yellow-wattled Lapwing and Indian Robin.

- **Major threats to the biodiversity of the sanctuaries:** Agricultural runoff; Land dispute between Irrigation and Forest Departments; Leasing out of the site for fishing.

▪ Other Bird Sanctuaries of Bihar:

- Gautam Budha bird sanctuary, Gaya
- Kavar Jheel bird sanctuary, Bigusarai
- Kusheshwar asthan bird sanctuary, Darbhanga

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