

## Bihar's 4 Districts Rank in the Top 10 in Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023

## Why in News?

On 4 April 2023, Samastipur district of Bihar got the first place in the country in the nationwide ranking released for January under the Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023 by the Central Government's Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti. Whereas in this survey, Bihar's Sheikhpura is in the second position, Supaul in the third and Banka district in the fourth position.

## **Key Points**

- It is to be known that this work is mainly being done at the district level with the joint cooperation of PHED and the Panchayat Raj Department. At the same time, the central government has kept the ranking of 4 other districts at one to ten. Where the work of every household tap water scheme is being done at the fastest rate.
- Along the lines of the cleanliness survey in the state, the Center has also started a water supply survey every month. In this, feedback is being taken from the beneficiaries regarding the purity of water. Through this, the Central Government is assessing the condition of drinking water in all the villages of the country. District and state rankings are released monthly and annually by the central government, in this survey five districts of Bihar are at the top.
- This survey was mainly done on four points, in which the availability of tap water in the homes of rural families, the quantity of water available from the tap, the quality of water, the continuity of water supply and the complaints related to drinking water were edited only on the parameters.
- The data of all the states will be seen on the dashboard of the central government. On the other hand, how tap water works in Bihar, other states will be informed about how Bihar has worked in the water supply scheme.
- Before starting the survey, it was decided in the meeting of all the states that the work done here
  would be used as a model in other states. Where the least work has been done so far.
- Top ten ranking in this survey-
  - Samastipur (Bihar)
  - Sheikhpura (Bihar)
  - Supaul (Bihar)
  - Banka (Bihar)
  - Vellore (Tamil Nadu)
  - Sirmaur (Himachal Pradesh)
  - Dehradun (Uttarakhand)
  - Annambaya (Andhra Pradesh)
  - Lakhisarai (Bihar)
  - Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)

