



Bihar's First Sports Academy and University

Why in News?

Recently, On the occasion of [National Sports Day](#) Bihar chief minister inaugurated the state's first **Sports Academy and Bihar Sports University** which is a part of the [International Sports Complex in Rajgir](#).

Key Points

- **The International Sports Complex** will be a **venue for training in 24 sports disciplines** simultaneously.
 - The players will be provided all the facilities including **training, accommodation and medical facilities**, on the same campus.
 - The complex includes a main **cricket stadium**, along with **eight smaller stadiums, a world-class sports library and training centres** for various sports.
 - The main stadium will have a seating capacity of about 50,000 spectators, while the smaller stadiums will have a seating arrangement for 10,000 spectators.
 - It includes facilities for [athletics](#), [football](#), [hockey](#), [volleyball](#), [kabaddi](#), and many **other sports**.
- According to the sources, Rajgir would be hosting the six-nation's [Asian Women Hockey Championship](#) in November.
- The state government approved the establishment of **Bihar Sports University in July 2021**.
 - The primary objectives of this university are to **promote sports education in the domains of physical education, sports science, sports technology, sports management, and sports training** within the state of Bihar.
 - The university is envisioned to serve as a **high-level research and training center for sports**.

National Sports Day

- **About:**
 - The day was **first designated and celebrated in 2012 as India's National Sports Day**.
 - The nation celebrates the day **honouring our sports stars**.
 - The president gives away sports awards such as the [Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award](#), [Arjuna Award](#), [Dronacharya Award](#), and [Dhyan Chand Awards](#) on this occasion.
- **Significance:**
 - The primary motto of National Sports Day is to **promote awareness about the significance of sports and being physically active in day-to-day life**.
 - The Government of India organises various programs, events, seminars etc to raise awareness about the significance of National Sports Day.

