

Rajgir Sports Complex

Why in News?

Rajgir Sports Complex is set to host the <u>Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy, 2024</u> from 11th to 20th November, 2024 in Rajgir, Bihar.

Key Points

- Built at a cost of approximately Rs 740 crores, the complex stands out as one of India's largest and most advanced complex, designed to be self-sufficient.
- Sports Facilities and Standards:
 - In addition to the main cricket stadium, the complex will accommodate 25 sports, including hockey, football, kabaddi, volleyball, swimming, and wrestling, all built to meet international standards.
 - The first arena to be completed, it can seat around 8,000-10,000 spectators and features a playing field identical to the one used in Paris.
- Architectural Style and Design:
 - The Bihar government chose brick and stone for office buildings, residential facilities, and sports venues, giving the complex a grand, traditional look.
 - The hockey arena includes murals of ancient Nalanda as a center of learning, with this theme carried into the changing rooms.
 - A mural is a **piece of graphic artwork** that is painted or applied directly to a wall, ceiling or other permanent substrate.

Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy

- It is a **biennial international field hockey competition** featuring the top six women's national teams from member associations of the **Asian Hockey Federation**.
- The tournament includes the best six women's national teams from Asia.
- South Korea holds the most titles, having won the tournament three times.
- India and Japan have each won the tournament twice.

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