

## Rajgir Sports Complex | Bihar | 11 Nov 2024

## Why in News?

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