



Rajgir to Host Men's Hockey Asia Cup

Why in News?

According to the officials, the [Rajgir Sports Complex](#) will be hosting the [Men's Hockey Asia Cup in 2025](#). **Scheduled from 27th August to 7th September**, the event will also be a qualifying event for the [World Cup, 2026](#).

Key Points

- **Preparation for Hosting a Men's Event:**
 - Following the success of the **women's six-nation event**, Bihar is gearing up to host the prestigious **Asia Cup men's tournament**.
 - The Asia Cup, a qualifying event for the 2026 World Cup in Belgium and the Netherlands, is expected to draw larger crowds and increased interest.

The Men's Hockey Asia Cup

- It is an event **held annually** by the [Asian Hockey Federation](#) since **2011** with **India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Japan, South Korea, and China** participating in the inaugural tournament.
- The **Asian Hockey Federation** is the **governing body for hockey in Asia**.
- It has **33 member associations** and it is affiliated to the [International Hockey Federation \(FIH\)](#).
- The Asia Cup is an eight-team tournament, with the winner securing qualification for the 2026 World Cup.

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