

Bihar Khel Pratibha Khoj Pratiyogita

Why in News?

Recently, the Chief Minister of Bihar launched 'Bihar Khel Pratibha Khoj Pratiyogita', the largest talent search competition in the world of sports, lighting the torch at the <u>Patliputra Sports</u> <u>Complex</u> in Patna.

Key Points

Participation and Scope:

- Approximately 60 lakh children from 40,000 government secondary and higher secondary schools will participate.
- The competition will also welcome children from outside schools to compete.
- Total prize pool is set at 10 crore rupees.

Promoting a Sporting Ecosystem:

- It aims to build a robust sporting culture in Bihar.
- Follows the success of the <u>Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey</u> held in Rajgir, where India defended its title.
- Designed as a step toward nurturing future sporting talent.

Olympic Aspirations:

 One of the long-term goals is to identify and prepare potential medal contenders for the 2032 and 2036 Olympic Games.

Competition:

- Participants will compete at three stages, Block, District, and State level.
- Key sports in the competition include Athletics, Kabaddi, Football, Volleyball.
- Winners will be awarded sports kits and certificates as part of the recognition and encouragement package.

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