



Bihar's First Sports University Gets UGC Recognition

Why in News?

[The University Grants Commission \(UGC\)](#) has **recognised Bihar's first sports university**, inaugurated by the State Chief Minister on [National Sports Day 2024](#) in Rajgir, Nalanda district.

Key Points

- **UGC Recognition:**
 - The Bihar Sports University, Rajgir, has received recognition from the UGC under **Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956**.
 - This recognition **empowers the university to offer academic courses**, including undergraduate and diploma/PG diploma programs in physical education and sports sciences.
- **Academic Programs and Future Plans:**
 - The university plans to launch various academic programs starting from the 2025-2026 academic session.
 - These programs will include:
 - Diploma/PG diploma in sports coaching (covering two or three sports).
 - Diploma/PG diploma in Yoga.
 - Four-year Bachelor of Physical Education (pending recognition from the National Council for Teacher Education).
- **Sports Complex and Additional Developments:**
 - The Bihar Sports University and the State's first sports academy are part of the [International Sports Complex in Rajgir](#).
 - The complex also hosted [the Women's Asian Champions Trophy](#) in November 2024.
- **Grievance Redressal Mechanism:**
 - The UGC guidelines mandate the appointment of an **ombudsperson** for addressing student grievances, as per the [UGC \(Redressal of Grievances of Students' Regulation, 2023\)](#), ideally within two months of the university beginning academic activities.

University Grants Commission

- **The University Grants Commission (UGC)** came into existence on **28th December, 1953** and became a statutory Organization of the Government of India by an Act of Parliament in 1956, for the **coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education**.
- It **operates under the Ministry of Education, the Central Government** appoints a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and ten other members to the UGC.
- It functions from **New Delhi** as well as its **six Regional offices located in Bangalore, Bhopal, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Pune**.
- It **also regulates the recognition of fake universities, autonomous colleges**, deemed to be universities and distance education institutions.

