

Bihar Special Current Affairs

January 2023

Useful for

**BPSC, BSSC, CDPO, and Other State
Special Exams.**



At the Federation Cup Junior Kabaddi Championship, Bihar girls won the bronze.

Why is in News ?

- The Bihar women's team defeated Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra during the three-day Federation Cup Kabaddi Championship, which was held in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, from January 01, 2023 to January 03, 2023, to take third place.

Key Points :-

- The Bihar girls qualified for the Federation Cup semifinals by winning matches over Chandigarh, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu. However, after making a valiant effort, Bihar was defeated by Haryana in the semifinals.
- But then again, in the league games, Bihar won against Chandigarh 43-13, Maharashtra 53-40, and Tamil Nadu 19-15 to qualify for the semi-finals.
- The Bihar women's kabaddi team was led by Indu Kumari at this Federation Cup. Riya, Nancy Priya, Shruti, and Aarti among others turned up outstanding performances for Bihar throughout the competition.
- Mr. Anjani Kumar Singh is the current president of the Bihar State Kabaddi Association, while Mr. Vijay Kumar Singh is the current secretary of the Bihar State Kabaddi Association.
- The sixth All India Junior Federation Cup Kabaddi competition was held at the American College Indoor Stadium and was put on by the Tamil Nadu Amateur Kabaddi Association.
- Participating in this competition were a total of 14 state teams from throughout the nation. The top athletes will be chosen through this competition to compete for India in the Junior Kabaddi World Cup, which will be held in Iran from February 26 to March 5.



The Chief Minister's "Samadhan Yatra" currently begins from Valmiki Nagar in West Champaran.

Why is in News ?

- The Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar's Samadhan Yatra began on January 5, 2023, at the Daruabari village of Valmiki Nagar in West Champaran to examine the state's development projects and hear about the difficulties of the residents.

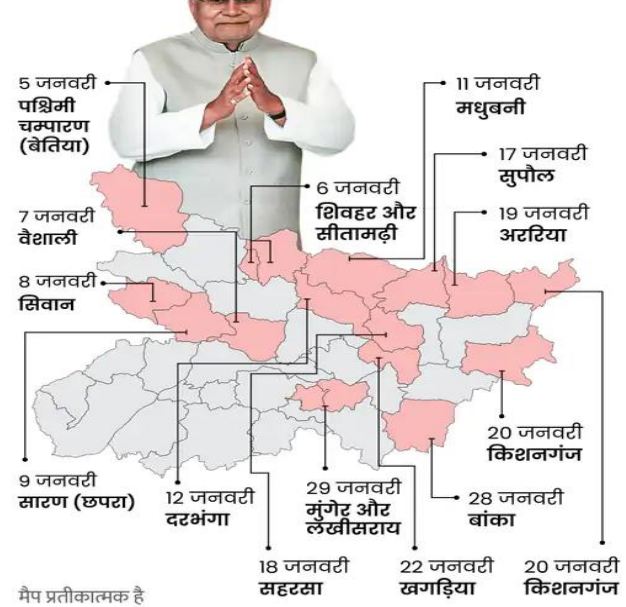


Key Points :-

- The goal of the Chief Minister's Samadhan Yatra, which will take place from January 5 to February 7 of 2023, is to examine all types of development projects now underway in the state, as well as to hear the complaints of the people and identify appropriate solutions.
- On January 29, the first phase of this Samadhan Yatra came to a finish in Lakhisarai, covering 18 of the state's districts.
- Three programmes will be the major focus of the Samadhan Yatra :-

- A field trip relevant to the programme.
- Interaction with the designated groups.
- Meeting to review at the district level.

- It is important to note that Mr. Nitish Kumar has made a total of 13 trips since the program's inception in 2005. Nine of these were official visits, while five were political. Regarding the intended audience, each of the Chief Minister's visits has been referred to by a different moniker.
- On February 16, Begusarai will serve as the starting point for the final leg of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Samadhan Yatra.
- According to the itinerary provided by his office, on or before January 29th, the chief minister would visit 18 districts, including West Champaran, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Vaishali, Siwan, Saran, Madhubani, Darbhanga, Supaul, Saharsa, Araria, Kishanganj, Kathihar, Khagaria, Banka, Munger, Lakhisarai, and Sheikhpura, to review the various development projects the state government has.
- The intention of Samaadhan Yatra is to assess the progress of numerous initiatives and schemes that the state government has already begun. If there are any more requirements, the state government will examine what can be done. That is why this pilgrimage is known as the Samaadhan Yatra.

फर्स्ट फेज की यात्रा

The first caste census was started in Bihar on January 7, 2023.

Why is in News ?

- The state has begun conducting caste censuses as of last January 7, 2023. A ward-level overview map is being created in the first phase, along with the counting of dwellings and the tagging of the houses with numbers. After that, starting on February 1, the state of the economy will also be evaluated.

Key Points :-

- The first phase of the caste-based survey in the State of Bihar will begin on Saturday, January 7, and end on January 21, according to the administration of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.
- On June 2, 2022 of last year, the Bihar government approved the caste survey. The survey, which will include 2.58 crore households and 12.7 crore people, must be finished by May 31, 2023.
- In the first part of the survey, all homes in the State will be numbered and recorded, while data on the households' occupants, including their castes and subcastes and socioeconomic circumstances, will be collected in the second phase of the survey, which will run from April 1 to April 30. As of May 31, 2023, the survey will be over.
- The caste survey will be carried out across the state's 38 districts, according to a report. There are 261 urban local bodies and 534 blocks in these districts.
- After counting the number of households in the first phase of the caste census, which finished on January 21, the second part of the census is now gathering data on caste.
- A thorough caste and community record will be created as a result of this study, aiding in the growth of both groups.
- The General Administration Department has been designated as the survey's nodal department, and the state government would use Rs 500 crore from its contingency reserve to pay for the survey.
- However, a proposal about the execution of a caste census was made in the Bihar Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council on February 18, 2019, and again on February 27, 2020.



Caste-based censusing began for the first time in the nation in Bihar, and there are 10 key issues on which the government will focus especially :



- i. First of all the houses will be counted.
- ii. Each house will be given a unique number.
- iii. If two families live separately in a house, they will have different house numbers.
- iv. All the flats of an apartment will be given separate numbers.
- v. The signature of the head of the family will be mandatory on the caste enumeration form.
- vi. There will also need to be information provided on family members who have left the country to find employment.
- vii. The count of castes excludes sub-castes.
- viii. Information on the families' financial situation will also be gathered beginning on February 1.
- ix. We will also gather data regarding the amenities that are offered in the block. pond, school, hospital, rail line, etc.
- x. An ID card with the text "Bihar caste-based counting 2022" will be provided to the staff members who are employed in the counting work.

History of caste census :-

- In India, caste censuses were conducted up to 1931. The 1941 census included the collection of caste-based data, but it was never made public.
- Except for OBCs and other castes, only information on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was provided in each census conducted between 1951 and 2011.
- The Second Backward Classes Commission, often known as the Mandal Commission, made recommendations that were put into action by the then-Vishwanath Pratap Singh administration at the Center in 1990.
- Although the Mandal Commission used the 1931 census as the basis for this suggestion, there haven't been any caste censuses since that year.
- It is important to note that the state of Karnataka has performed a caste census, however the results have not yet been made public.
- The state's caste census was once more conducted in 2015 under the direction of the Siddaramaiah-led Congress administration. On this, Rs 162 crore was spent. But in order to quell resentment among the Lingayat and Vokkaliga communities, the study was not made public.

The Saran's Suhani National Road Cycling Championship saw the first female from Bihar win a gold medal.

Why is in News ?

- Suhani Kumari of Saran won the gold medal in the sub-junior masters girls' 30 kilometre division of the 27th National Road Cycling Championship, which will be held in Nashik, Maharashtra, from January 7 to January 10, 2023.



Key Points :-

- The first girl in the state to win a gold medal at the National Road Cycling Championship is Suhani Kumari of the Saran district. For the second year in a row, Suhani was the medal winner.
- During the 26th National Road Cycling Championships, which were held in Kurukshetra (Haryana) last year, Suhani earned the silver medal in the 15 km individual time trial for young girls and the bronze medal in the 30 km mass start.
- Organised in Nashik by the Cycling Federation of India, the 27th National Road Cycling Championship (Maharashtra).
- Under the guidance of District Secretary and Sports Teacher at Jalalpur Higher Secondary School Prabhatesh Pandey, Suhani has gotten cycling instruction at Jalalpur High School.



Cycling Federation of India (CFI):-

- A pioneer in the promotion of cycling sports in India is the Cycling Federation of India (CFI), which is a member of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), the Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC), and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India has recognised it as the exclusive organisation authorised to advance cycling in India.
- The national championships listed below are held annually and are organised by the Indian Cycling Federation :-
 - National Road Cycling Championship.
 - National Track Cycling Championship.
 - National Mountain Bike Championship.
- Onkar Singh currently serves as the President of the Bicycle Federation of India (CFI), while Maninder Pal Singh currently serves as the Secretary General.

The former governor of Bihar, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi, passed away.

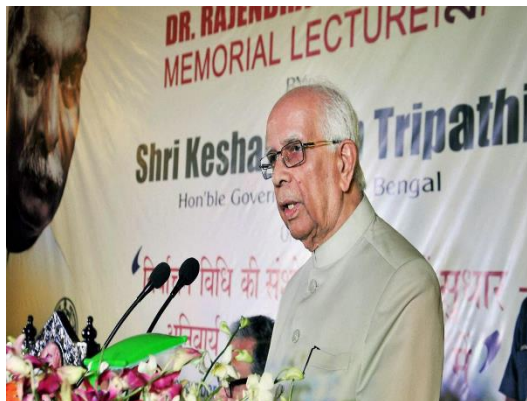
Why is in News ?

- On January 8, 2023, in Prayagraj, India, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi, a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party and a former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh as well as Governor of West Bengal, passed away after a protracted illness. He was 88 years old.



Key Points :-

- In the years between 2014 and 2019, Pandit Keshari Nath Tripathi, who served as the governor of West Bengal, discharged the extra responsibility of serving as the state's governor in the states of Bihar, Meghalaya, and Mizoram.
- Pandela Keshari Popular and effective in office, Nath Tripathi was a politician. He constantly praised parliamentary democracy as being strong.
- From 27 November 2014 to 15 August 2015 and from 20 June 2017 to 29 September 2017, the late Tripathi served as an additional charge to the Bihar Governor.
- In the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, the late Tripathi, served five terms as a representative for the Allahabad South constituency and served once for the Jhunsi seat.
- In addition to being a skilled lawyer and sensitive writer, Pandit Keshari Nath Tripathi had extensive understanding of parliamentary customs, laws, and norms.
- Shri Tripathi, who was born on November 10th, 1934 at Allahabad, held the offices of Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly for a number of years as well as Senior Advocate of the Allahabad High Court.
- In the year 1952, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi became a member of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. From 1977 to 1979, he served as a cabinet minister in the Janata Party administration.
- In addition, Mr. Tripathi ran for the Lok Sabha in 2004 from the Jaunpur seat and served as Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1991 to 1993, 1997 to 2002, and from May 2002 to March 2004.

**Inauguration of "Mithila Haat" in Madhubani's Araria Sangram on the lines of Dilli Haat****Why is in News ?**

- In Araria Sangram in the Madhubani district in the Darbhanga division of Bihar, on January 11, 2023, the state's chief minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, officially opened the "Mithila Urban Haat," which is dedicated to Mithila culture. This is the first bazaar of its kind to be constructed in Bihar after Delhi Haat.



Key Points :-

- The Bihar government established "Dilli Haat" in Araria Sangram in the Jhanjharpur block of Madhubani on the model of "Dilli Haat" on the side of East-West Corridor (NH 57), with the goal of introducing people to Mithila art and culture and providing a market for sale. It has been built, Mithila Haat.
- In this Mithila Urban Haat, which is spread out over 26 acres and was constructed at a cost of 13.5 crores, everything relating to Mithila culture and study would be accessible. The local population will also benefit from increased employment prospects.
- The Water Resources Department created the Mithila Haat complex, which includes 50 modern stores, a food court, an outdoor theatre, an administration building, a multipurpose hall, a hostel, a waterfall, a parking area, etc.
- The fundamental characteristic of Mithila Haat is that it will be accessible to all tourists from India and other countries who travel through the East-West Corridor (NH 57) and want to learn more about Mithila culture in its entirety.
- It is important to note that the "Mithila Haat" project had already gained administrative permission for Rs 299 lakh.
- The Water Resources Department has begun rehabilitation and beautification work on Badi Pokhar, which is close to Mithila Haat, as well as the project to blow the Sugarve River, both of which would cost a total of Rs. 1596.51 lakh.
- Additionally, it is important to note that the Mithila Painting Institute and Mithila Fine Arts Museum have been created at Saurath in the Madhubani area in order to preserve and advance the art culture of the Mithila people.
- In addition to receiving a degree from Patna's Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Mithila youth are offered official training in Mithila art and culture by Mithila Chitrakala Sansthan.
- Also presented on the occasion was a documentary about the Mithila Haat. The water resources department repaired and improved the area surrounding Barki Pokhar as part of the Jal- Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan, and the CM assessed the progress of those efforts.



Following Patna, Darbhanga now has Bihar's second planetarium.

Why is in News ?

- The state's Chief Minister formally opened the ultra-modern planetarium at Bela Garden in Kaderabad, Darbhanga, on January 12, 2023. The fact that this planetarium will run only on solar energy makes it special in and of itself.



- During his Samadhan Yatra, Bihar's chief minister Nitish Kumar opened the second planetarium/science museum in the state, known as "Tara Mandal," in Darbhanga.

Key Points :-

- The Darbhanga Planetarium, designed by an American architect, consists of the Planetarium, Auditorium, and Orientation Hall as its three primary structures. Also built were a café, lobby, children's park, science gallery, service building, and lotus pond.
- The State Science and Technology Council and the National Council of Science Museums collaborated on the design of the Darbhanga Planetarium, which was constructed for 164 crores.
- The Darbhanga Polytechnic College grounds are the site of this planetarium, which development on its structure began on December 12, 2019. Additionally built in the planetarium complex are a 150-seat planetarium and a 300-seat auditorium.
- The Darbhanga Planetarium was initially going to go by the name "Planetarium cum Science Museum," but it will now go by the name "Planetarium cum Knowledge Science Center Museum."
- In the Indira Gandhi Science Complex in Patna, there is a planetarium called Patna. When Satyendra Narayan Sinha was the Chief Minister of Bihar at the time, it was prepared on July 20th, 1989 for a total of 11 crores. Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is honoured by having the Patna Planetarium named after her.
- The second-largest centre of education in Bihar, after Patna, is located in the Darbhanga district, which is part of the Darbhanga division. Darbhanga is home to the beneficial Bal Sundari soil, which is good for growing potatoes.
- It is noteworthy that the renowned Kusheshwar Bird Sanctuary, which is situated in the Bihar province's Darbhanga district and is known for its Siberian bird population, is the biggest bird sanctuary in North India.



Planetarium :-

- A enormous dome structure is known as a Taramandal or planetarium. It is distinguished by its semi-circular or dome-shaped roof.
- Its dome is impervious to sound. Artificial planets and constellations are displayed in this. India has roughly 30 planetariums.
- The second-biggest planetarium in the world and the largest in Asia is the MP Birla Planetarium in Kolkata.
- The Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium brand is used for the planetariums in Mumbai, New Delhi, Bangalore, and Allahabad.



Dr. Ramkripal Sinha, a former minister for the Union, passed away.

Why is in News ?

- Dr. Ramkripal Sinha, a former minister for the Union and a prominent member of the Jana Sangh, passed away abruptly at the age of 85 in the AIIMS on January 15, 2023 from a heart attack.
- He served as the BJP Parliamentary Party's office secretary as well. He has also been given the duty of Editor of the BJP's official national mouthpiece.

Key Points :-

- In the Bihar district of Muzaffarpur, in the village of Matihani, was born Dr. Ramkripal Sinha in 1936. He attended both Patna University and Calcutta University for his studies.
- In 1996, Dr. Sinha retired from his position as an English professor at Bihar University in Muzaffarpur, Bihar. He received a Ph.D. from Bihar University in recognition of his research on Mahatma Gandhi.
- In 1971, under the leadership of Jannayak Karpoori Thakur, late Dr. Ramkripal Sinha served as a cabinet minister while serving as a member of the Bihar Legislative Council from 1968 to 1974.
- From April 3, 1974, to April 30, 1980, Dr. Sinha served as a member of the Rajya Sabha. From 1977 to 1979, he served as Minister of State for Labor and Parliamentary Affairs in the Morarji Desai-led Janata Party administration.
- From the Sitamarhi Lok Sabha constituency, Dr. Ram Kirpal Singh had also run for office as a Bharat Janata Party candidate in 1984.
- Dr. Ramkripal Sinha Padma Shri, a former governor of Goa, has away. Mridula Sinha's husband was him. Two years ago, Mridula Sinha passed away.
- In the village of Chhapra Dharampur Yadu Namak in the Muzaffarpur district, the late Mridula Sinha was born on November 27, 1942. He was born to Anupa Devi, his mother, and Ram Chhabile Singh, his father.



A book titled Prayogdharmi Vikas-Shilpi: Nitish Kumar was published.

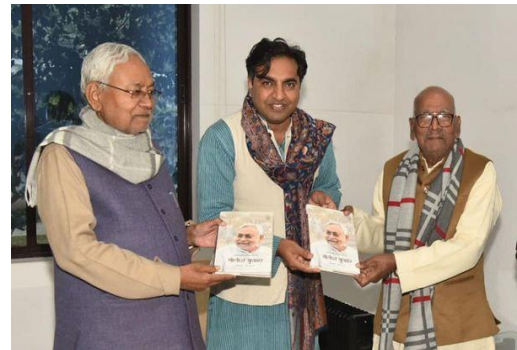
Why is in News ?

- The book "Pryogdharmi Vikas-Shilpi: Nitish Kumar," written by editor Kumar Varun and featuring him, was given to the state's chief minister, Nitish Kumar, at "Sankalp," which is located at 1 Anne Marg.



Key Points :-

- The book Prayogdharmi Vikas-Shilpi: Nitish Kumar is an in-depth account of the effort done by the current Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Nitish Kumar, in the development of Bihar.
- Vani Prakashan is the publisher of this book, which is split into two volumes.
- In this book, the Chief Minister's creative endeavours are also highlighted.
- The book is divided into two sections: the first segment comprises essays by political philosophers, and the second section is where thinkers from the intellectual sphere express their opinions.
- The editor of JD(U) Sandhan, the monthly publication of JD(U), Kumar Varun, was responsible for editing this book.



In a rating among 112 aspirational districts, the education system in Sheikhpura district comes out on top.

Why is in News ?

- The Champion of Change Delta rankings for the 112 underdeveloped aspirational districts of the nation were made public by NITI Aayog on January 19, 2023, for the month of November 2022. The Sheikhpura district of the state's educational system has once again taken the top spot in this rating.

Key Points :-

- On a list of 112 districts across the nation, the Sheikhpura district of Bihar now holds the 101st spot. The delta rating for various districts for the month of November 2017 has been made public by NITI Aayog. A total of 31 factors from all five departments were examined to arrive at this ranking.
- The school system of the Sheikhpura district has once again taken the top spot in the most recent list of the country's 112 aspirational districts. The most recent ranking, as of November 2022, was issued by NITI Aayog.



- Sheikhpura district's status in several categories was as follows as a result of the aspirational programme that NITI Aayog adopted for the country's 112 backward districts in 2017:
 - Education - 1st.
 - Finance - 39th.
 - Agriculture - 59th.
 - Health - 87th.
 - Infrastructure - 101st.
- It is noteworthy that not a single district of Bihar figures in the overall ranking of the five best aspirational districts of the country.
- Three districts of Jharkhand are included in the top five districts. In this, Lohardaga ranks first in the country, Hazaribagh is third and Bokaro is fifth.
- Sheikhpura is ranked first, Purnia is second, and Gaya is third in the NITI Aayog's rating of the Champions of Change Delta, which includes three Bihar districts.
- The Champion of Change Delta ranking is determined by taking into account five basic factors. Based on the results of these parameters, rankings are determined.
- In these criteria, the majority of the points are awarded for good performance in the health and nutrition sector, 30 percentage to education, 20 percentage to agriculture and water resources, 10 percentage to financial inclusion and skill development, and 10 percentage to infrastructure.

Aspirational District Program :-

- The objective of the Aspirational Districts Program implemented in the year 2018 is to identify Naxalite violence or socially and economically backward districts and assist in their overall development, so that these backward districts can also be at par with other districts on the scale of development.
- 12 districts in Bihar are included in the Aspirational District Program: Katihar, Begusarai, Sheikhpura, Araria, Khagaria, Purnia, Aurangabad, Banka, Gaya, Jamui, Muzaffarpur, and Nawada.
- Special assistance is given to the blocks of these 12 districts of Bihar as a result of the Center's Aspirational Districts initiative.
- The primary goals in the mentioned districts are the improvement of vital areas including health, nutrition, education, financial standing, and fundamental infrastructure.



- The infrastructure in schools, which primarily comprises the issues with restrooms and drinking water, as well as the facilities for education and the library are given significant attention in the education sector.
- THE "ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS" PROGRAM (ADP) WAS A BOLD AND PROMISING STRATEGIC STEP TOWARDS THIS NEW AGENDA. In India, the least developed regions of the nation have long been a point of emphasis.
- The programme is being anchored at the federal level by NITI Aayog, and many Ministries have taken on duties to propel district improvement. However, the main forces behind change are state governments. Each state has established a committee under its own Chief Secretary to carry out and oversee the programme.

For the first time, Bihar hosted the National Inter-District Junior Athletic Meet in 2023 (NIDJAM-2023).

Why is in News ?

- Beginning on February 9 and running through February 12, 2023, Bihar will host the 18th annual National Inter District Junior Athletic Meet (NIDJAM-2023) for the first time.

Key Points :-

- From February 9 to February 12 at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Bihar, the 18th National Inter District Junior Athletics Meet (NIDJAM) will be held.
- Bihar has been chosen for the four-day tournament by the Bihar government for the first time by the Athletics Federation of India.
- The Art, Culture, and Youth Department of the Bihar Government and the Bihar Sports Authority Development Authority (SDAB) are working together to conduct NIDJAM- 2023.
- NIDJAM-2023, also known as the National Inter District Junior Athletic Meet 2023, is a grassroots national initiative towards the Olympics, the greatest sports event in the world.
- The disappearing sparrow, the state bird of Bihar, is seen tossing a ball in the emblem for the National Inter District Junior Athletic Meet-2023 created by the Bihar Sports Authority for this occasion.
- This program is a sports talent hunt event for the whole world especially in athletics at the grass root level.



- With the aid of this initiative, 250 kids will be chosen, taken to a national camp, and trained for six to seven years with the intention of representing India at the Olympics.
- Around 6,000 boys and girls in the under-14 and under-16 age ranges from all around the nation, as well as more than a thousand coaches, will take part in NIDJAM 2023. 40 districts, or 38 districts and two police districts, will provide a total of 600 players from Bihar only.
- The National Inter-District Junior Athletics Meet (NIDJAM), which was established in 2003, has been successfully held 17 times in various states across the nation since that year. In this competition, several accomplished athletes took home medals from competitions held at the national and international levels.
- It is important to note that many successful athletes, including Neeraj Chopra, Hima Das, Krishna Poonia, Mandeep Kaur, Navneet Dhillon, and the names of Dutee Chand, among others, have won medals at national and international level competitions thanks to this NIDJAM (National Inter District Junior Athletic Meet).

Four girls from Bihar were selected for India's Under-17 football team.

Why is in News ?

- For the forthcoming U-17 football competition, which will take place in Jordan on February 6 and February 9, 2023, four girls from Bihar have been chosen for the national women's squad of India. In the under-17 women's football tournament that will take place in Jordan, India must play two friendly games against Jordan.

Key Points :-

- Four Bihar-based girls were chosen as a group for the first time in the India Under-17 women's football national squad. The four participants are all essentially Siwan locals.
- Manisha Kumari, Priya Kumari Yadav, Shibu Kumari, and Khushi are four football players from Bihar who were selected for the Indian Under-17 women's national team.
- The four footballers competed in the training and selection camp held in Chennai from January 28 to February 3, 2023, under the auspices of the All India Football Federation in order to form the National Under-17 Football Team. Based on the results of this camp, all four players have been chosen for the Indian team for the first time.
- Manisha Kumari (striker) and Khushi (goalkeeper) from the Eklavya Training Center Mairva Dham, as well as Priya Kumari Yadav (defender) and Shibu Kumari



(midfielder/defender) who are residential trainees from the Rani Laxmibai Sports Academy, were chosen as squad members.

- The team will resume training upon their return to India and compete in the Under-17 SAFF game, which will take place in April, based on the friendly encounter to be played in Jordan.
- It is important to note that Amrita Kumari, Nisha Kumari, Tara Khatoon, and Archana Kumari previously competed for the Indian football team in international events.
- The 23 players that make up the Indian women's football squad have been chosen, according to Priya PV, the current head coach of the All India Football Federation (AIFF):
 - **Goalkeepers (3):-** Khushi Kumari, Shreya Sharma and Khushi.
 - **Defenders / Rakshak (6) :-** Priya Kumari Yadav, Thoi Devi Yendrembam, Heena Khatoon, Juhi Singh, Niruka Chanu Sagolshem and Shibu Kumari.
 - **Midfielders (7) :-** Bidyangambi Devi Yumlembam, Sanjana Chanu Moibung Khongbam, Manka Devi Lauremba, Akhila Rajan, Muskaan, Shweta Rani and Ribhun Sheesha Kharsing.
 - **Forward/Striker (7) :-** Hoinihat, Akhila Baiju Lima, Manisha Kumari, Arya Anil Kumar, Shilji Shaji, Nandini and Pooja.

