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Rachit Raj: First Transman Soldier of the Country

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Why in News

Recently, Rachit Raj of Bihar, who has been appointed in the secret branch of Superintendent of Police of Kaimur District (Bihar), has become the first transman constable of the country.

Key Points

- Rachit Raj is a 2018 batch constable of Bihar Police.
- In 2014, in the **National Legal Services Authority vs Union of India case**, the **Supreme Court** recognized transgender people as the third gender.
- The **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019** prohibits discrimination against transgender persons, including denial of service or unfair treatment in relation to education, employment, healthcare. In such a situation, the appointment of Rachit Raj is an important step towards the empowerment of transgender persons.