Nagi-Nakti Bird Sanctuaries

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Recently, Bihar's first state-level bird festival **'Kalrav'** started at the **Nagi-Nakti bird sanctuaries** in the Jamui district, Bihar.

- It is a 3-day event and is expected to draw experts and bird lovers from all over the country.

Key Points

- **About:**

    - The **Nagi Dam** and **Nakti Dam** are two sanctuaries so close to each other that they can be taken as one bird area.
    - The Nagi- Nakti Bird Sanctuaries have been the home of a wide variety of indigenous species of birds and of migratory birds that turn up during the winters from places like Eurasia, Central Asia, the Arctic Circle, Russia and Northern China..
- **Avian Fauna :**

    - Over 136 species of birds have been spotted at these sanctuaries.
    - **Bar-headed geese:** Around 1,600 bar-headed geese, which is about 3% of the global population of this variety, have been seen here, as per a report of the **Wetlands International** and because of this rare phenomenon, **the Birdlife International,** a global body, has held the **Nagi Dam Bird Sanctuary to be globally important for conservation of birds'** population and has declared it as an **important bird area**.

        - **Wetland International** is a global not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wetlands.
        - **BirdLife International** is a global partnership of conservation organisations (NGOs) that strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources.
    - **Other major birds:** Indian Courser, Indian Sandgrouse, Yellow-wattled Lapwing and Indian Robin.
- **Major threats to the biodiversity of the sanctuaries:** Agricultural runoff; Land dispute between Irrigation and Forest Departments; Leasing out of the site for fishing.
- **Other Bird Sanctuaries of Bihar:**

    - Gautam Budha bird sanctuary, Gaya
    - Kawar Jheel bird sanctuary, Bigusarai
    - Kusheshwar asthan bird sanctuary, Darbhanga

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