



## Bird census statistics released in Bihar

### Why In News?

- Recently, the data of unplanned bird census has been released by the Government of Bihar for the first time in the State.

### Key Point

- The census, launched in February 2022, has been conducted by the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Bihar in collaboration with the Wetland International Institute.
- According to this calculation, 202 species of birds have been found in a total of 68 reservoirs of the state. The total number of these birds is 45,173.
- Out of these, 80 species are of aquatic birds, including Lesser Whistling Duck, Asian Open Bill Stork, Little Cormorant and Common Coot Garhwal etc.
- As per the calculation, the distribution of aquatic birds is as follows:
  - Gogabil Lake (4973) > Indrapuri Barrage (2641) > Naga-Nakti Dam (2430)
  - Despite this, the situation in magadh division of the state in terms of the number of birds is very worrisome, for example, only 3 birds have been found in The Kulmahadev Dam, while 24 birds have been found in Sita Dam.

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