



## 21 Check Dams will be Built in Patna for Water Storage.

### Why In News?

On September 11, 2023, the media reported that 21 check dams would be constructed in the Patna district for the purpose of water harvesting.

### Key Points:

- According to officials, a target has been set to complete most of the check dam work in the current financial year by March 31, 2024.
- According to officials, approval has been received to build 18 check dams through MNREGA and 3 with help from the Agriculture Department. The work of building 14 check dams has also started.
- Initially, it was intended to construct 80 check dams in the Patna district, but once it was physically checked, it was decided that just 21 were required.
- The check dam built by MNREGA is of minimum 1500 square feet. To build a check dam, a minimum area of 1500 square feet is required. Most of the dams in Patna are being built in more areas than this.
- According to officials, an average of Rs 9 lakh is spent on building a check dam. A check dam in Dhanarua is almost ready. It has been made as a model check dam.
- When there was no water in Ahar, Pine Pond, canal etc farmers had to irrigate by running tube wells. This problem will end after the construction of the check dam. Arrangements are being made to store water throughout the year in the check dam. Rainwater will be collected in the check dams. This water will be used for irrigation through Ahar or Pin.



