India to host FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup 2022

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<u>In news</u>— The Union Cabinet has recently approved the Signing of Guarantees for hosting Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Under 17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India.

FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup 2022-

- It is scheduled to be held in India between 11th and 30th October 2022.
- The seventh edition of the biennial youth tournament will be the first-ever FIFA women's competition to be hosted by India in which 16 teams, including India, will participate.
- Financial outlay of Rs. 10 crore assistance to All India Football Federation (AIFF) will be met from the budgetary allocation for the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs).
- The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup is the world championship for female players under or upto the age of 17, organized by FIFA.
- The event started in 2008 and is traditionally held in even-numbered years.
- The 6th edition of the event was held in Uruguay from 13th November to 1st December, 2018.
- Spain is the current champion of FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup.
- The AIFF has proposed holding of the competition matches in 3 venues namely; (a) Bhubaneshwar; (b) Navi Mumbai and (c) Goa.
- India successfully hosted the FIFA Under-17 Men's World Cup India-2017 at 6 different venues namely New Delhi, Guwahati, Mumbai, Goa, Kochi and Kolkata in the country from 6th to 28th October, 2017.