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## 'Nature Vidya' Web Portal | Uttarakhand | 24 Aug 2021

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### Why in News

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On August 23, 2021, Uttarakhand's Forest and Environment Minister Harak Singh Rawat launched the '**Nature Vidya**' web portal related to environmental education.

### Key Points

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- In order to overcome the shortage of environmental Hindi resources for teachers in government schools of Uttarakhand, Prakriti Vigyan Initiative (NSI) in collaboration with JBGVS has started a bilingual Hindi-English website 'Nature Vidya', which is specially designed for environmental education fulfills.
- The portal provides a wide range of simple tools for nature educators to engage children outdoors, covering topics such as ecology, waste, climate change, etc.
- This portal will for the first time provide sophisticated tools in Hindi to the grassroots level teachers, as well as help in any future school disruptions.
- Along with this, Rawat also released a Hindi book on Peepal tree and its ecology named 'Rhasyamai Garden' written by Shruti Rao. This book helps children learn important ecological concepts by looking at trees like peepal.