

## **Workers Rally Against Anti-Encroachment Drives**

## Why in News?

A large **public rally** took place at **Gandhi Park** to commemorate the **92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the** <u>Tilari</u> <u>agitation</u>. The participants included daily wage earners and members of social organizations that were protesting against the anti-encroachment activities initiated by civic bodies.

## **Key Points**

- The drives are being carried out in compliance with the <u>National Green Tribunal's</u> directives to remove illegal structures from the flood plains of the **Rispana river.**
- Despite the municipal commissioner agreeing that any valid ID could be used as proof of residence, the documents were rejected by Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA).
- The protester highlighted the lack of time given to challenge these rejections and avoid their families' eviction.

## **Tilari Agitation**

- On May 30, 1930, a significant satyagraha took place at Tilari against the forestry policies of Tehri Garhwal state, which resembled those implemented by the British in the rest of Uttarakhand.
- While the Maharaja of Tehri was away in Europe, his Prime Minister, Chakradhar Juyal, brutally suppressed the Tilari protest in a manner reminiscent of the Jallianwala Bagh tragedy.
- Troops gunned down defenseless individuals, including young ones, and numerous perished in the **Yamuna River** while attempting to escape.

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