



Relief to Uttarakhand from Wildfires

Why in News?

Recently, **Rainfall has provided relief** from the continuous [forest fires](#) in areas such as **Pauri and Nainital of Uttarakhand**.

Key Points

- Despite the current temperatures being lower by two to three degrees, the residents are advised to **remove dried shrubs** around their homes to **avoid fires from spreading**.
 - The unusually high temperatures this season have accelerated the spread of forest fires.
- Over the past six months, **Uttarakhand has witnessed more than 1,100 fire incidents, destroying over 1,500 hectares of forest land**.



Government Initiatives on Forest Fire

- **National Action Plan for Forest Fires (NAPFF)**, was started in 2018 with the goal of reducing forest fires by informing, enabling, and empowering forest fringe communities and incentivising them to collaborate with state forest departments.
- **The Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme (FPM)** is the only government-sponsored programme dedicated to assisting states in dealing with forest fires.

