



Roof Gardening Promotion Scheme

Why In News?

- On December 20, 2022, Uttarakhand Agriculture and Horticulture Minister Ganesh Joshi told in the **Manthan auditorium of forest headquarters of Dehradun that there is immense potential for roof gardening** in urban areas of the state. On the same lines, the government is going to operate a roof gardening scheme to promote vegetable production in urban areas.

Key Points

- Minister Ganesh Joshi said that the cultivable land in urban areas is continuously decreasing. Due to this, people living in urban areas will be encouraged to produce organic vegetables through roof gardening on the roofs of the house.
- The government has selected Dehradun as a pilot project for roof gardening. Soon this scheme will be implemented across the state.
- To promote roof gardening, **Roof Gardening Week** will be celebrated in the state from December 25, 2022 to January 2, 2023.
- He said that people are not getting chemical-free vegetables due to the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, but with roof gardening, people can produce vegetables organically for their needs on the roofs of their house. It will also be beneficial in terms of health.
- State Horticulture Director Dr. H.S. Baweja said that Uttarakhand is the second state in the country after Delhi, where it has been decided to run Roof Gardening Scheme.
- Dehradun Chief Horticulture Officer Meenakshi Joshi said that in addition to various types of vegetable production, vertical gardening and hydroponics (soilless farming) can also be availed in roof gardening.