Gorakhpur Festival will be Organized on Eco-Tourism Theme for the First Time

Why In News?

- On December 27, 2022 Vikas Yadav, DFO, Gorakhpur, said that the Forest Department will for the first time organize **Gorakhpur Mahotsav on the theme of eco-tourism** to make people understand the importance of forest and environment in the state. The festival will be held from January 11 to 13, 2023.

Key Points

- DFO Vikas Yadav said that under the Jungle Marathon, children and social organizations, ordinary citizens will be paraded in the middle of the forest for five kilometers. During this time people will be given information about the forest and its environment. The marathon will start from Subba Bazar in Deoria bypass and end at Vinod Van.
- He said that through marathons, photo exhibitions, cinemas and stalls, people will be told and explained about the specialty and natural beauty of the forest. In this, information about the action plans of the Forest Department will be given.
- In addition, five different films directed by **Mike H. Pandey, world-renowned environmentalist, awarded with the Green Oscar,** will be screened. Efforts will be made to explain the specialty of eco-tourism to the people through the film at Gambhir Nath Auditorium.
- An exhibition of bamboo products prepared by the Forest Department and Bamboo Mission will be organized. Eco-tourism photography stalls will also be set up at the venue. It will have pictures of different beautiful natural sites of the city.
- There will be two days programs in the zoo. On one day there will be a nature walk and on the other day there will be a birdwatch program in the zoo wetland. So far, children of five schools have been connected to the programs.
- Eco-tourism means getting closer to and enjoying natural beauty. Under this, tourists are taken to natural areas, so that they can enjoy the beauty of nature. Also, be aware of the protection of the environment.