



# Uttar Pradesh government to develop 150 nurseries under MNREGA

## Why In News?

Recently, a spokesperson of the Uttar Pradesh government said that as a farmer-centric initiative, the Uttar Pradesh government will develop 150 nurseries under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

## Key Points

- According to this decision, the Rural Development Department has been asked to prepare a proposal for setting up a nursery in 100 days.
- 22.50 crore saplings will be planted in these nurseries and each nursery will have at least 15 lakh saplings, which will include traditional crops as well as good quality flowers, fruits and vegetables.
- A maximum of two nurseries will be established in each district. In these, the farmers will be made aware of the cultivation of medicinal plants like Sarpagandha, Ashwagandha, Brahmi, Kalmegh, Kaunch, Shatavari, Tulsi, Aloe Vera as well as the methods of cultivation of other flowers and fruits.
- This step will benefit the environment by increasing the green cover in the state and will encourage people to plant trees.

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