

Uttar Pradesh Dismiss Permit for Pruning Mango

Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government took a decision to **exempt state farmers from the requirement of getting permission** from any government department **for pruning** <u>mango trees</u>.

Mango producers can simply prune the trees and reduce their height to enhance their productivity.

Key Points

- This decision simplifies <u>canopy management</u> for old mango orchards. It will rejuvenate old mango orchards, making them as productive as new ones.
 - In older orchards, the growth of new leaves and branches which is crucial for flowering and fruiting has declined.
 - Instead, thick and tangled branches dominate, blocking sufficient light from reaching the interior.
- These conditions result in greater insect and disease infestations and complicate effective pesticide application.
 - As a result, the sprayed pesticides often fail to reach the inner parts of the trees, causing increased pesticide use and environmental pollution.
- To tackle these problems, the **Central Institute of Subtropical Horticulture (CISH)** has developed an effective pruning technique for rejuvenating mango trees.
 - This method, called <u>pruning of tertiary branches</u> or table-top pruning, opens the tree's canopy, reduces its height, and **fosters a healthier environment.**
 - This pruning technique enables trees to yield up to 100 kg per tree within just 2-3
 years, while also reducing the need for excessive pesticide use.

The Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (CISH)

- It was started as Central Mango Research Station on September 4, 1972 under the aegis of the <u>Indian Institute of Horticultural Research</u>, <u>Bangalore</u>.
- The Institute, later renamed as Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (CISH) on June 14, 1995, is serving the nation on all aspects of research on subtropical fruits.
- Headquarter of CISH is situated at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

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