



UP to Plant 3.72 Crore Saplings Along Riverbanks

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has launched the “**Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan-2024**” campaign, aiming to plant 3,72,66,000 saplings along riverbanks across the state.

Key Points

▪ Riverbanks Covered:

- Ganga: 77.5 lakh saplings will be planted on 5,096.42 hectares of land along the Ganga river.
- **Yamuna:** 98.47 lakh saplings will be planted at 534 locations along the Yamuna river, covering 6,581.32 hectares.
- **Hindon:** Four lakh saplings will beautify the Hindon river on 270.13 hectares.

- **Incentive Scheme:** In forest divisions along the Ganga, including **Prayagraj, Pratapgarh, Kaushambi, Fatehpur, Varanasi, Ghazipur, Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Kashi wildlife, and Ballia**, an incentive scheme funded by the **National Mission for Clean Ganga** is being implemented.
- **Tree Varieties:** Various trees, including **Neem, Drumstick, Tamarind, Arjun, Jamun, Bel, Mango, Mahua, Teak, Sheesham, Guteel, Bamboo, Peepal, Pakkad, and Banyan**, will be planted along the riverbanks.
- **Medicinal Plants:** The initiative also promotes cultivating medicinal and aromatic plants on **2,500 hectares** of private land, supported by nurseries.
- This effort not only enhances the state’s green cover but also contributes to environmental conservation.