



Kumaon Fan Palm Under Conservation

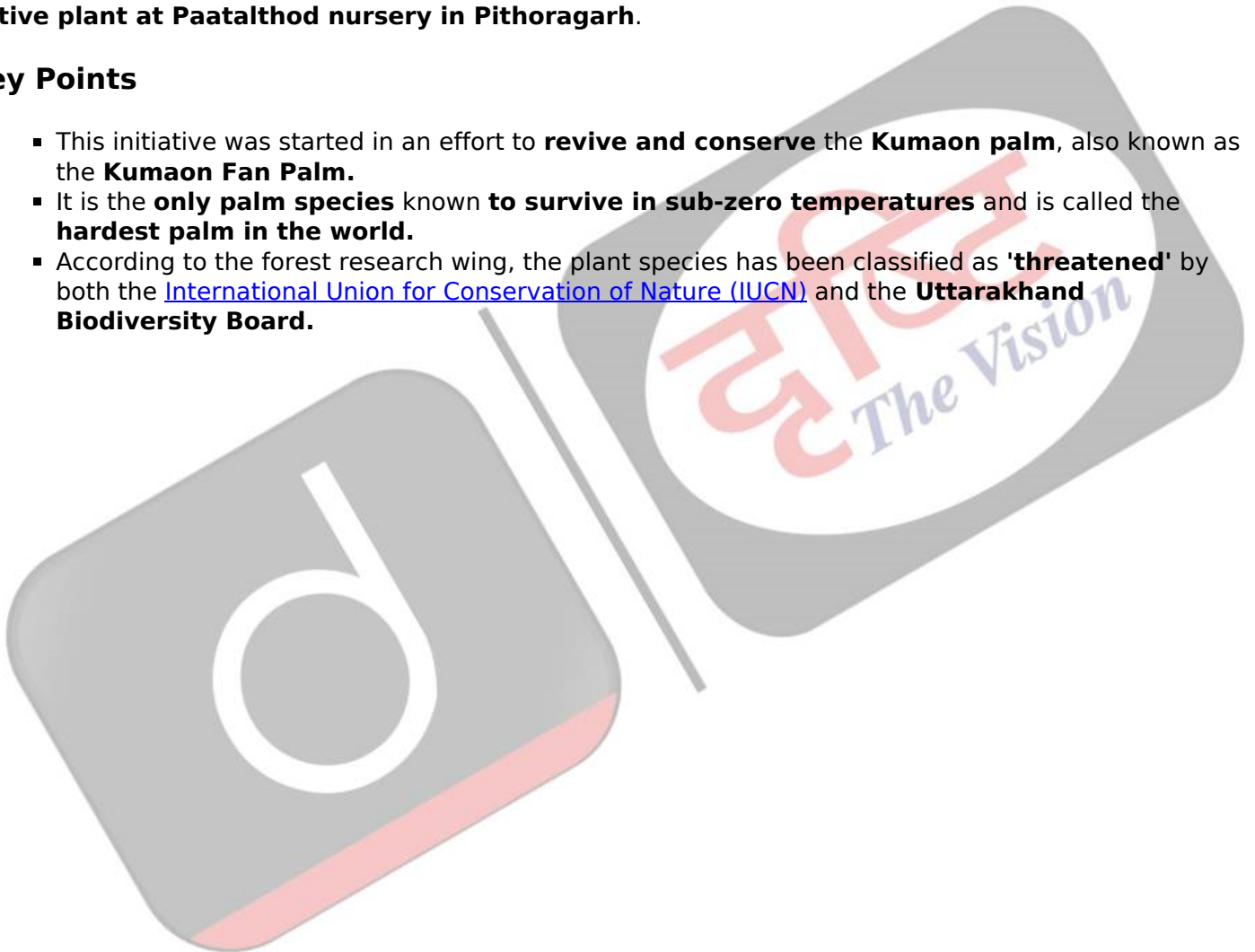
Why in News?

The **Uttarakhand Forest Research Wing** has reached a milestone by **growing 300 seedlings of this native plant at Paatalhod nursery in Pithoragarh.**

Key Points

- This initiative was started in an effort to **revive and conserve** the **Kumaon palm**, also known as the **Kumaon Fan Palm**.
- It is the **only palm species** known **to survive in sub-zero temperatures** and is called the **hardest palm in the world**.
- According to the forest research wing, the plant species has been classified as **'threatened'** by both the [International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\)](#) and the **Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board**.

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Kumaon Fan Palm

- The palm tree is native to the **Kumaon division of Uttarakhand Province** in northwestern India, and into adjacent western Nepal.
- The palm **grows at altitudes of 1,800-2,700 m (5,900-8,900 ft)** and it receives snow and frost on a regular basis in its native habitat.
- Its scientific name is ***Trachycarpus takil***.

International Union for Conservation of Nature

- It is a **membership union** uniquely composed of **both government and civil society organisations**.
- **Created in 1948**, it is the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures

needed to safeguard it.

- It is headquartered **in Switzerland**.
- The **IUCN Red List of Threatened Species**, is the world's most comprehensive inventory of the global conservation status of plant and animal species.

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