

## **Nation's First Biopolymer Plant**

## Why in News?

On 22 February 2025, **the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh** laid the foundation stone of the **nation's** <u>first biopolymer plant</u> at Kumbhi in Lakhimpur Kheri district.

## **Key Points**

- About the plant:
  - This **biopolymer plant** will be set up by **Balrampur Sugar Mills Limited at a cost of Rs 2,850 crore.**
  - It will produce **polymers** in a biological way which will promote an **environmentally friendly industrial revolution**.
- Objective:
  - Its main objective is to **promote environmental protection** by using biopolymers instead of plastic.
  - This plant will realize the resolve of self-reliant India and environmental protection
- Benefit:
  - The bottles, plates, cups, bags etc. produced by the plant will be completely 'disposable' and will be destroyed in just three months after use.
  - Using biopolymers instead of plastic will reduce pressure on the environment.
  - This plant will promote **biopolymer** production in the country under Make in India.
  - This will give impetus to trade and investment in the state .

## Make in India Initiative

- Introduction:
  - Launched in 2014, Make in India aims to transform the country into a leading global manufacturing and investment destination.
  - It is led by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
  - This initiative is an open invitation to potential investors and partners from across the world to participate in the growth story of 'New India'.
  - Make in India has achieved significant success in 27 sectors, including strategic areas of manufacturing and services.
- Objective:
  - **Attracting foreign investment** for **<u>new industrialisation</u>** and developing the existing industrial base in India to overtake China.
    - To increase the growth rate of the manufacturing sector to 12-14% per annum.
    - To create 100 million additional manufacturing jobs by 2022 (revised date 2025)
    - To increase the contribution of the manufacturing sector to <u>Gross Domestic</u> <u>Product (GDP)</u> to 25% by the year 2025.

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