



# Sankalp Parva: Plantation of Trees

## Why in News

The **Ministry of Culture** is celebrating 'Sankalp Parva' to plant trees from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

- The initiative has been taken on the call of the Prime Minister to plant at least five trees either in office campus or wherever it is possible, to ensure a clean and healthy environment of the country.

## Key Points

- The Ministry of Culture has **recommended planting five trees** which represent the herbal heritage of the country.
- These trees are: **Bargad, Awla, Pepal, Ashok and Bel**. These are also medicinal plants.
- **Other Initiatives Related to Plantation of Trees:**
  - Recently, the government has announced implementation of the **Nagar Van (Urban Forest) Scheme** which aims to develop 200 Urban Forests across the country in the next five years.
  - The **Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act** was passed in 2016 to manage the funds collected for compensatory afforestation which till then was managed by Ad hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).
    - **Compensatory afforestation** means that every time forest land is diverted for non-forest purposes such as mining or industry, the user agency pays for planting forests over an equal area of non-forest land, or when such land is not available, twice the area of degraded forest land.
  - The **National Medicinal Plants Board** (NMPB - under the Ministry of AYUSH) intends to establish herbal gardens of various types to popularize the usefulness of commonly available and frequently used medicinal plants among the various stakeholders.
  - The Jajpur district administration in Odisha has made **plantation a mandatory precondition for granting licenses for eight services** including society registration, license for minor minerals, setting up crusher units, purchase of new vehicles, issuance of solvency certificate, etc.

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