



Uttar Pradesh Government on Alert to Check Forest Fires During Upcoming Summer

Why in News?

In a proactive measure to prevent [forest fires](#) during the upcoming summer season, the UP government is implementing a series of strategic initiatives.

- The government is already on high alert and is running '**Forest Fire Safety Week**' from February 1 to February 7 across the state to **raise public awareness on fire prevention measures**.

Key Points

- To bolster monitoring and control efforts, a dedicated **Fire Control Cell** has been **set up in the offices of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the Department Head in Lucknow**.
 - The **Chief Forest Conservator (Publicity)** has been designated as the **nodal officer for the state headquarters cell**, responsible for weekly reporting on fire incidents received from subordinate offices to the government.
 - At the **divisional level**, the government has mandated the **establishment of control rooms**, ensuring round-the-clock operations.
 - Operating 24/7 with three-shift employee deployments, these control rooms will register information in various ranges, ensuring swift action upon detection.
 - The Forest Conservator (Zonal) will also communicate pertinent information to the Chief Forest Conservator.
- **Helpline numbers** have been established for information related to forest fire incidents, with local helpline numbers made available for officers, the general public, and other departments in all districts.
- The **government's monitoring efforts** have **yielded positive results**, leading to a **significant decline** in forest fire incidents **over the last three years**.

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