



Uttar Pradesh government to set up board to promote natural farming

Why In News?

- Addressing a conference on '**Uttar Pradesh towards sustainable and equitable development**' organized by the **World Bank** on June 27, 2022 Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that a board will be set up by the state government to promote natural farming in the state.

Key Point

- He said that the objective of natural farming is to promote toxic-free agriculture by reducing the use of fertilizers, chemicals and pesticides and using inputs produced by low or zero cost farmers.
- In the Budget for the year 2022-23 of Uttar Pradesh, a provision has been made to promote natural farming in seven districts of Bundelkhand region.
- The central government has decided to promote natural farming for five km on the banks of river Ganga.
- In order to create awareness about natural farming, the Uttar Pradesh government had launched a special campaign 'Ganga Yatra' in January 2020.
- In addition, Uttar Pradesh has identified 27 districts on the banks of river Ganga for natural farming.
- It may be recalled that the **Indian Natural Farming Practices Programme (BPKP)** is being implemented to promote natural farming under the **Traditional Agricultural Development Scheme (PKVY)** in India.

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