



Hi-tech nurseries to be developed in every district of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

- On May 7, 2022, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya directed the rural development officials to develop two hi-tech nurseries in each district of the state.

Key Point

- Under these directions, the Rural Development Department will develop 150 hi-tech nurseries to grow fruits and selected vegetable saplings within 100 days under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**.
- The cost of each nursery will be around Rs 1 crore and one nursery will produce around 15 lakh saplings every year.
- High-tech nurseries will be developed under Israeli technology according to the standards set by the Department of Horticulture.
- The high-tech nursery developed under the MGNREGA scheme will be maintained through cluster level federation of **National Rural Livelihood Mission**.
- Under the MGNREGA scheme, nurseries will be developed on the collective land (as per norms laid down by the Department) of members of self-help groups/village organisations/cluster level federations.

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