



Project BOLD: KVIC

Why in News

Recently, the [Khadi and Village Industries Commission \(KVIC\)](#) launched a project named **Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD)** from the village **NichlaMandwa in Udaipur, Rajasthan**.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

- It is a **statutory body established under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956**.
- It is charged with the **planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programmes** for the development of **Khadi and other village industries** in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary.
- It functions under the **Ministry of [Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises](#)**.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - Under the project 5000 saplings of special bamboo species - ***BambusaTulda and BambusaPolymorpha*** from Assam - have been **planted over 16 acres of vacant arid Gram Panchayat land** of village NichlaMandwa.
 - KVIC has thus created a **world record of planting the highest number of bamboo saplings on a single day at one location**.
 - It is the **first of its kind exercise** in India. It seeks to **create bamboo-based green patches in arid and semi-arid land zones**.
 - It has been launched as part of KVIC's "**Khadi Bamboo Festival**" to celebrate 75 years of independence "**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**".
- **Reason for Selecting Bamboo:**
 - It **grows very fast** and in about three years' time, they could be harvested.
 - It is also known for **conserving water and reducing evaporation** of water from the land surface, which is an important feature in arid and **drought-prone regions**.
- **Significance:**
 - It will **reduce [desertification](#)** and **provide livelihood and multi-disciplinary rural industry support**.
 - It will also act as havens of **[sustainable development](#)** and **food security**.
- **Extension:**
 - KVIC is set to replicate the Project at Village **Dholera in Ahmedabad district in Gujarat and Leh-Ladakh region** by August this year.

- Total 15,000 bamboo saplings will be planted before August 2021.

▪ **Other Initiatives to fight Desertification:**

- [Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana \(PMFBY\)](#).
- [Soil Health Card Scheme](#).
- [Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna \(PKSY\)](#).
- [National Mission for Green India](#).
- India has ratified the [United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification \(UNCCD\)](#).

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