

Mission Hariyalo Rajasthan

Why in News?

The Chief Minister launched a **statewide green drive**, declaring the goal to plant **50 crore trees in five years** under the **Mission Hariyalo Rajasthan**.

Key Points

- **About:** The <u>Mission Hariyalo</u> **Rajasthan** was launched on 7th August 2024 on the occasion of Hariyali Teej. This initiative aims to make Rajasthan greener, enhancing the state's environmental health and overall prosperity.
- Targets: The campaign draws inspiration from the Prime Minister's initiative 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', launched last year on World Environment Day (5th June).
 - 2.5 crore saplings are set to be planted on Hariyali Teej, following last year's record of over seven crore saplings.
- Urban Forest Initiative: The Chief Minister also announced the creation of 22 <u>Urban Forests</u>
 (Nagar Vans) across Rajasthan with central government support, and plans for 18 more have already been submitted.
 - These green spaces aim to **improve air quality** and provide natural havens in densely populated urban areas.
- Other Conservation Efforts:
 - The state is also implementing the "One District One Species" program to promote native plant species, fostering biodiversity across Rajasthan.
 - Under the Aravalli Green Development Project, ₹250 crore is being invested in 19 Aravalli districts for soil development and plantation efforts.
 - Special attention is also being given to desert districts such as Barmer and Jaisalmer to combat desertification.
- Traditional Reverence for Nature: Rajasthan's legacy of environmental stewardship, inspired by <u>Amrita Devi's</u> 18th-century sacrifice with her daughters to protect trees, continues to motivate the present generation's efforts to preserve nature.

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