

Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0 Campaign

Why in News?

As part of the <u>'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0'</u> campaign, the <u>National Highways Authority of India</u> (<u>NHAI</u>) launched a **tree plantation drive** to plant 40,000 trees along the **Delhi-Dehradun Corridor** in Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- Nationwide Impact of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0':
 - As part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0' initiative, NHAI has already planted over 5.12 lakh trees along National Highways across India.
 - The second phase was launched by the Prime Minister on World Environment Day, 5th June, 2025.
 - It aims to **honor mothers by encouraging tree planting in their names**, combining environmental conservation with a tribute to motherhood, symbolizing how mothers, like trees, nurture and sustain life.
 - The campaign envisions:
 - Complete saturation of tree plantations along highways
 - Involvement of multiple stakeholders including government bodies, local authorities, and communities
 - Creation of a green, resilient, and sustainable National Highway network
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI):
 - About: NHAI was set up under the NHAI Act, 1988 under the administrative control of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).
 - Objective: It has been entrusted with the <u>National Highways Development Project</u> (<u>NHDP</u>), along with other minor projects for development, maintenance and management.
 - NHDP, started in 1998, is a **project** to upgrade, rehabilitate and widen major **highways** in India to a higher standard.
 - Vision: To meet the nation's need for the provision and maintenance of the National Highways network to global standards and to meet the user's expectations in the most time-bound and cost-effective manner and promote economic well-being and quality of life of the people.

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