



Model Village Campaign

Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh government** has launched an ambitious Model Village Campaign to make 1147 villages of **Ayodhya district** model villages.

Key Points

- **About the campaign:**
 - This campaign was **started from Mahanamau village** located in Tarun block of Ayodhya district.
 - The initiative will cover 1,147 villages spread across 772 gram panchayats.
- **Objective:**
 - To facilitate transportation by **connecting villages to main roads**.
 - To ensure **freedom from [open defecation](#)**.
 - To make effective arrangements for **[waste disposal](#)** and recycling.
- **Benefits of the campaign:**
 - The standard of living will increase.
 - Economic and social mobility will be promoted.
 - Cleanliness and environmental protection will be promoted.
- **About Model Village:**
 - A model village is one where **cleanliness, safe environment** and **active participation of citizens** are ensured.
 - Such villages have facilities like **complete freedom from open defecation , toilets in all houses, availability of safe and clean drinking water, compost pits for cow dung, pits for separate collection of wet and dry garbage** and **availability of connecting roads**.
 - These features are considered necessary to bring a village into the category of **a model village** .

Ayodhya District

- **About:**
 - It is a religious and historical city situated on the banks of river Saryu .
 - Ayodhya holds special significance as it is the birthplace of Lord Rama .
 - It was the capital of the Kosala Kingdom in ancient times .
 - The city of Faizabad, near the city of Ayodhya , was founded in 1730 by Saadat Ali Khan, the first Nawab of Awadh .
 - Its total area is: 2522.0 sq. km .
- **Importance of Ayodhya in Jainism:**
 - According to Jainism, five out of the twenty-four Tirthankaras were born in Ayodhya:
 - The first tirthankara was **Rishabhanatha**
 - **Ajitnath Ji**, the second tirthankara
 - **Abhinandan Nath Ji**, the fourth Tirthankara
 - The fifth Tirthankara was **Sumatinath**
 - **Anantnath Ji**, the Fourteenth Tirthankara

▪ **Major places of visit:**

- Ramjanmabhoomi
- Kanak Bhawan
- Hanumangarhi
- Dashrath Mahal

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