

## World's First Ceramic Waste Park | Uttar Pradesh | 08 Sep 2025 Why in News?

**Uttar Pradesh** is set to inaugurate 'Anokhi Duniya', the world's first-ever park built entirely from ceramic waste.

• Ceramic is an inorganic, non-metallic material made by shaping minerals like clay or oxides and firing them at high temperatures to form a hard, durable product.

## **Key Points**

- About: Located in Khurja, famously known as the "ceramic capital" of the state, the park will open to the public by the end of September.
- **Construction:** Developed by the Bulandshahr-Khurja Development Authority (BKDA) on a <u>Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model</u>, the park spans 2 acres and has been built at a cost of ₹5.86 crore.
  - The initiative exemplifies the transformation of waste into art, with over 80 tonnes of discarded ceramic items repurposed into creative installations.
  - A team of six artists and 120 artisans worked meticulously to design nearly 100 ceramic artworks, including 28 large-scale installations. These installations, crafted from broken pitchers, cups, and kettles, have been styled in vibrant and eye-catching forms.
- **Significance:** This innovative project marks a milestone in <u>sustainable development</u> and cultural promotion, aligning with the state's efforts to showcase traditional industries under the <u>One</u> <u>District One Product (ODOP)</u> initiative.
  - It provides a unique showcase of Khurja's craftsmanship while giving the region's ceramic heritage a distinct global identity.

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