



Wildlife Week 2025 Celebrations

Why in News?

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav inaugurated Wildlife Week 2025 (2nd-8th October) by laying the foundation of **Namo Van in Manesar**, Haryana, along with inaugurating the **Aravalli Species Nursery**.

Key Points

- **Namo Vans:** The state government has **identified 75 locations** across Haryana to develop "Namo Vans" and is actively carrying out plantation drives to promote environmental conservation.
 - Namoo Van is a **new eco-friendly park initiative** launched across major Indian cities, as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationwide push to **increase green spaces** and promote urban sustainability.
- **Inauguration of Aravalli Species Nursery:** It is dedicated to conserving and replanting native **Aravalli species** while expanding green cover, protecting biodiversity, and creating wildlife habitats.
 - The **Green Aravalli Action Plan**, a collaborative effort between the Centre and state governments, has also been rolled out in southern Haryana.
 - The initiative spans the Aravalli hills across four states, with five of the 29 identified districts falling in Haryana.
- **Wildlife Week 2025:**
 - **About:** Conceptualised in **1952**, it is observed annually from **2nd-8th October**.
 - **Theme 2025:** *Sewa Parv* – focusing on service and responsibility towards nature.
 - **Objective:** Raise **mass awareness** about wildlife conservation and ecological balance.
 - **Significance:**
 - Strengthens India's commitment to biodiversity conservation and ecological stability.
 - **Promotes Jan Bhagidari** (citizen participation) in environmental initiatives.
 - Aligns with **India's global commitments** towards climate action and sustainability.