

Wildlife Week 2025 Celebrations | Haryana | 04 Oct 2025

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.
 - Namo 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 <u>Aravalli species</u> 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.

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Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched the **MY Bharat Mobile Application**, marking a significant step in **advancing youth leadership** and civic engagement through technology.

 He also announced the integration of the <u>Common Services Centres (CSCs)</u> with the MY Bharat Portal, marking a significant step towards ensuring wider access and deeper penetration of youth-centric initiatives across the country.

Key Points

- About: It is an online Youth Leadership and Social Engagement Platform under the
 Department of Youth Affairs (DoYA), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, which has been designed
 and developed by the <u>Digital India Corporation (DIC)</u>, Ministry of Electronics and Information
 Technology (MeitY).
 - It aims to provide youth with volunteering, internships, mentorship, and learning opportunities through a seamless mobile interface.
 - It is currently available in **Hindi and English**, with more Indian languages to be added gradually.
- Key Features:
 - **Verified Opportunities:** Volunteering, internships, mentorship, and experiential learning.
 - Digital Recognition: Badges, certificates, and personalised youth profiles.
 - Career Empowerment: Skill-building resources and Al-enabled resume building.
 - Youth Campaigns: Active participation in flagship programmes and civic initiatives.
 - Interactive Learning: Participation in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026 Quiz.
- Integration with CSCs: By leveraging CSC's vast network of over five lakh Village Level
 Entrepreneurs (VLEs), the MY Bharat portal will now extend to remote rural areas, enabling
 seamless youth registration and participation in initiatives like the VBYLD Quiz.
 - The MY Bharat platform, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31st October 2023, has become one of India's largest youth-centric ecosystems with over 1.81 crore youth and 1.20 lakh organisations onboarded, serving as a digital backbone for youth engagement, leadership, and nation-building during the Amrit Kaal.

