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India Conducts Massive Tree-Planting Campaign Across States

NEWS ITEM

A massive tree-planting campaign was conducted across India, with major drives in **Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and New Delhi**. Uttar Pradesh launched a State-wide **Vriksharopan Maha Yagya** from Gorakhpur and reported planting over **35.27 crore saplings** in a single day under the theme **“Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.”**

PRELIMS FACTS

- A massive tree-planting campaign was conducted across India.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** launched the **Vriksharopan Maha Yagya** from **Gorakhpur**.
- He planted the sacred **Triveni** of **Neem, Peepal and Banyan** near the Link Expressway.
- Uttar Pradesh planted over **35.27 crore saplings** in a single day.
- The plantation exceeded the State target of **35 crore** by **27.89 lakh saplings**.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor **Anandiben Patel** planted a white sandalwood sapling at **Jan Bhawan**.
- The campaign was carried out across all **18 divisions and 75 districts** of Uttar Pradesh.
- Uttar Pradesh's cumulative plantation for the year stood at **40.29 crore saplings**.
- The Forest Department completed the largest target of **15.50 crore saplings**.
- Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched a plantation drive in **Gandhinagar**, Gujarat, with over **1.25 crore saplings** planted across his Lok Sabha constituency.
- Gandhinagar's green cover target is **20% by 2029**.
- Madhya Pradesh launched a plantation drive in **Indore**, targeting **21 lakh saplings** and **51,000 rainwater harvesting units**.
- India has set a target of achieving **net zero carbon emissions by 2070**.