

Johads

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Why in news?

- The Haryana government has come out with a plan of rehabilitating over 16,400 Johads across the state

More information:

- The purpose is to analyse pond water to ascertain its suitability for irrigation and other uses.
- Analysis has been done by Haryana's **Pond and Waste Management Authority along with three departments** (animal husbandry and dairying, irrigation and urban local bodies) of the state government.
- The rehabilitation process across the state is governed by the state's "**Pond and Waste Management Authority Act**".
- The government has created a **Pond Data Management Software** and has started generating a **21-digit unique identification number** each for such a water body.

What are Johads?

- A johad is a **community-owned rainwater storage wetland** mainly used for harnessing water resources in the state of Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, and western Uttar Pradesh.
- They are also called **sarovar, taal or khadin or dhora**.
- It collects and stores water throughout the year, to be **used for the purpose of recharging the groundwater** in the nearby water wells and using it when there is no rainfall.