

Oxygen pension scheme

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In news- The Haryana government came out with a unique and first of its kind initiative called **Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme (PVDPS)**.

About the scheme-

- It is an initiative to **honour all those trees which are of the age of 75 years and above** and have served humanity throughout their life.
- Such trees will be identified throughout the state and these **will be looked after by involving local people**.
- For maintenance of such trees, a **“pension amount” of Rs 2,500** would be given per year to village panchayats in the name of PVDPS.
- This ‘tree pension’ shall **continue to increase every year**.
- To get pure air from the environment, **Oxy Van (Oxy Forests)** will be **planted on land ranging from 5 acres to 100 acres** in the cities of Haryana.
- **Oxy Van, Karnal**, shall come up along the Old Badshahi Canal (also known as Mughal Canal), on an area of 80 acres, covering a total length of 4.2 km.
- This park will have **components** named: *Chit Van* (Forest of Beauty), *Paakhi Van* (Forest of Birds), *Antriksh Van* (Forest of Zodiac Signs), *Tapo Van* (Forest of Meditation), *Arogya Van* (Healing/herbal Forest), *Neer Van* (Forest of Waterfalls), *Rishi Van* (Sapt Rishi), *Panchavati* (Five Trees), *Smaran Van* (Forest of Memories), and *Sugandh Suvaas/Sugandh Van* (Forest of Fragrance).
- The total cost of this project in Karnal shall be Rs 5 crore, and it will be a joint venture of Haryana Forest Department, the Government of India, and the Municipal Committee, Karnal.

- The scheme helps in reducing '**Heat Island Effect**' and bad air quality and helps in overcoming the oxygen shortage in future.