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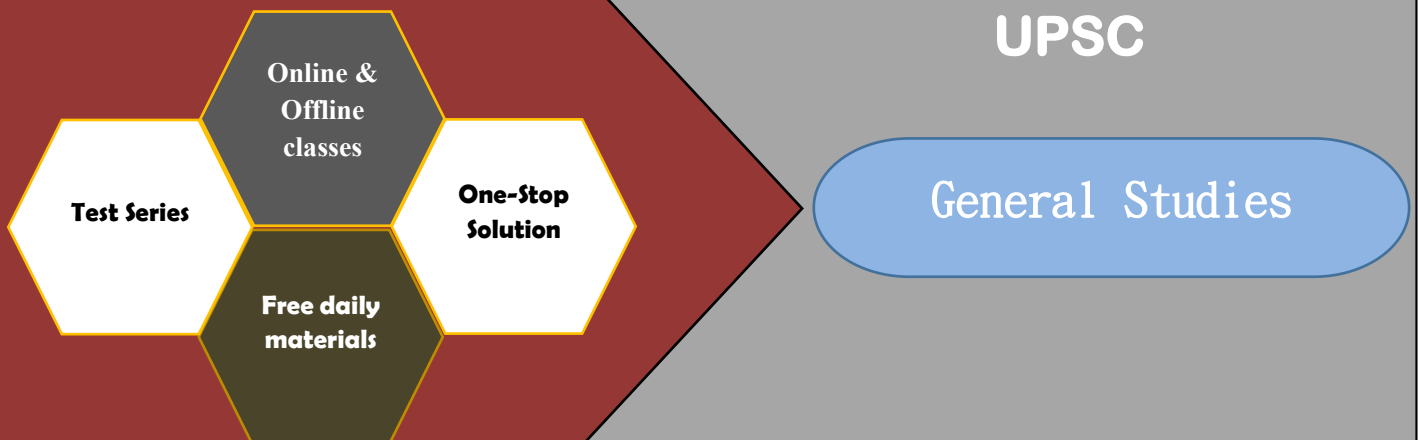
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## Project BOLD: KVIC

Notes for civil services preparation



**Project BOLD: KVIC**

- Recently, the **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** launched a project named **Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD)** from the village **NichlaMandwa in Udaipur, Rajasthan**.

**Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**

- It is a **statutory body established under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act**,
- It is charged with the **planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programmes** for the development of **Khadi and other village industries** in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever
- It functions under the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Key Points**

**About:**

- Under the project 5000 saplings of special bamboo species – **BambusaTulda and BambusaPolymorpha** from Assam – have been **planted over 16 acres of vacant arid Gram Panchayat land** of village
- KVIC has thus created a **world record of planting the highest number of bamboo saplings on a single day at one**
- It is the **first of its kind exercise** in It seeks to **create bamboo- based green patches in arid and semi-arid land zones**.
- It has been launched as part of KVIC's "**Khadi Bamboo Festival**" to celebrate 75 years of independence "**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**".

**Reason for Selecting Bamboo:**

- It **grows very fast** and in about three years' time, they could be harvested.
- It is also known for **conserving water and reducing evaporation** of water from the land surface, which is an important feature in arid and drought-prone regions.

**Significance:**

- It will **reduce desertification** and **provide livelihood and multi- disciplinary rural industry**
- It will also act as havens of **sustainable development and food**

**Extension:**

- KVIC is set to replicate the Project at Village **Dholera in Ahmedabad district in Gujarat and Leh-Ladakh region** by August this
- Total 15,000 bamboo saplings will be planted before August

**Other Initiatives to fight Desertification:**

- PradhanMantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

**Soil Health Card Scheme.**

- Pradhan MantriKrishi Sinchayee Yojna (PKSY).

**National Mission for Green India.**

- India has ratified the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**.

