

# 127 SQ KM INCREASE IN STATE'S FOREST COVER IN 4 YRS

Thanks to the mass plantation drives organised in Uttar Pradesh in last four years and the renewed focus on environment conservation efforts, the green cover in the state has gone up significantly. As per the report of the Forest Survey of India, the forest cover in UP increased by 127 sq km in

2019 compared to the 2017 assessment. The report said the state's tree cover is 3.05% against the national average of 2.89%. Forest officials and environmentalists give the credit to the chief minister for taking several green initiatives since 2017. They agree that the state government has also ensured the safety and monitoring of the trees because of which the green cover has improved. The green cover has increased in districts outside the terai belt in Lucknow, Chitrakoot, Mirzapur and Sonbhadra.

## UP'S SINGLE-DAY PLANTATION RECORD OF 25.5 CRORE TREES

In a massive feat, at least 25.5 crore saplings were planted across Uttar Pradesh on Sunday, July 4, as part of mega plantation drive, Vriksharopan Janaandolan 2021. The record of plantation of 25 crore saplings was achieved at 5.49 pm on Sunday.