



# On the Ramayan trail

Uttar Pradesh government to plant 27,000 trees in gram sabhas along the Ram Van Gaman Marg, to connect future generations with the glorious past

**T**he route which lord Ram followed in his exile is called Ram Van Gaman Marg. In Ayodhya, the Ram Van Gaman Marg is a 34-km stretch, which starts from Ram Janmabhoomi and extends till Beruganj gram sabha of Bikapur forest range. CM Yogi Adityanath, while reviewing the preparations for Vriksharopan Janaandolan 2021, said that to raise Ramayan Van

Few Ramayan-era trees being planted include banyan, bamboo, neem, pomegranate, mango, bamboo, sandal, Ashok, kalpvriksha, siras, amaltas, semal, aonla, bahera, palash, bel, ber, khair, chitwan, kachnar, arjun, kadamb, mahua and tamaal

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or mini-forests with Ramayan-era trees, people in gram sabhas along this route, will be made to par-

ticipate in the drive.

At least 27,000 trees are being planted in gram sabhas along the route. The CM said it will help reclaim and restore the mythological look and significance of ancient spots and forests, and added that the conservation of Ram Van Gaman Marg is essential to connecting posterity with its glorious past.

Valmiki Ramayan has mention of 88 tree species, most of which are now existing in UP and are raised in nurseries. The forest department will

plant 30 of these species in Ayodhya, Prayagraj and Chitrakoot along Ram Van Gaman Marg as per climatic and soil conditions.

Benwa, Jamunipur, Gyasulabad, Ashapur, Chandal and Bikapur are the gram sabhas identified for plantation. Besides, Gangaghat Hanuman Mandir and Shraavan Ashram, are the two sites where at least 220 trees would be planted for beautification. Additionally, in Chitrakoot, plantation of 38,500 Ramayan-era trees will be done in a 35-hectare area.