Wajre Urban Forest model

- This year’s theme for World Environment Day is ‘Biodiversity’. In view of the prevalent situation due to COVID-19 pandemic the ministry will be holding virtual celebrations of World Environment Day on this year’s theme with focus on **Nagar Van (Urban Forests)**.
- In Pune city on the forest land of 40 acres a forest has been developed.
- More than **65000 trees, 5 ponds, 2 watch towers** have been established, with many trees growing up to 25-30 feet.
- Today, the **forest is rich in biodiversity with 23 plant species, 29 bird species, 15 butterfly species, 10 reptiles and 3 mammal species**.
- Not only the **Urban Forest project** is helping maintain **ecological balance**, but also provides the Punaikars a good walk way and a place to be for the morning and evening walkers.
- The Wajre Urban Forest is now a role model for the rest of the country.