Urban Tree Management for Public Safety

A fatal tree fall in Mumbai prompted a review of urban tree management in Indian metros, including Chennai.

Proactive strategies and policies for maintaining urban trees to prevent hazards and ensure public safety.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- A **peepal tree** fell on a school van in **Chembur, Mumbai**, on **June 30**.
- The incident resulted in the death of **one student**.
- The article explores proactive tree management in **Chennai**, **Bengaluru**, and **Delhi**.
- The tree fall incident occurred amid **rains**.
- An **inquiry committee's verdict** on the Chembur tree fall is pending.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Greater Chennai Corporation** is one of the **oldest municipal corporations** in India, established in **1688**.

Article 243W of the Indian Constitution deals with the powers, authority, and responsibilities of **Municipalities**.

The **Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998**, governs the administration of **urban local bodies** in the state.

The **Green Tamil Nadu Mission** aims to increase the state's **green cover** to **33%** by **2030**.

The **Smart Cities Mission**, launched in **2015**, aims to promote **sustainable and inclusive cities**.

Urban Forestry is the practice of managing and caring for tree populations in urban settings for the purpose of improving the **urban environment**.

Tree Census is a common practice adopted by **municipal corporations** to maintain records of urban trees.

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Proactive urban tree management is crucial for public safety in Indian cities.

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