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# Jal Shakti Ministry to promote natural farming along Yamuna

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The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), an agency of the Union Jal Shakti Ministry, will promote natural farming under its Namame Gange programme in areas of the state contiguous to the banks of the Yamuna, tributary of the Ganga.

This is to help rejuvenate the Ganga and its tributaries.

The director-general of the NMCG, G Asok Kumar, said a "Vishaal Kissan Sammelan" workshop, organised in Bayyanpur village in Sonapat in this respect, was a success.

The thrust of the NMCG, which has been entrusted with the exercise to keep the Ganga clean, is to promote alternate mode of farming and diversified cropping matter other than the traditional

paddy and wheat plantations which consume more water.

With underground water depleting at an alarming rate in the state, diversified farming is of utmost importance to keep the Ganga and its tributaries clean.

The Yamuna flows through Haryana and is one of the main sources of irrigation waters. The river merges with the Ganga at Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh. Hence, keeping the Yamuna clean and improvement of the ecosystem along its banks is integral to the exercise to keep the Ganga river and its basin clean.

A farm visit to Gurukul Farms in Kurukshetra was also organised, where the NMCG officials learned about various technologies being used for natural farming. — TNS

# Covid pushed 7 crore into poverty in 2020, says World Bank

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The number of people living below the extreme poverty line rose by over seven crore in 2020, which is the largest annual increase since global poverty monitoring began in 1990, said a World Bank report.

Previous estimates had suggested a poverty headcount rate of 10.4 per cent in 2017 and the latest estimate based on paper by Sinha Roy and van der Weide shows that poverty was 13.6 per cent in 2020, said World Bank report "Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022: Correcting Course".

"The most recent survey data released by the National Sample Survey Office of India used to measure poverty is the 2011/12 National Sample Survey (NSS). The government decided not to release the 2017/18 NSS round because of concerns about data quality," it stated.

Poverty has gone up in India too. The World Bank has also banked on data from the pri-



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- By 2015, the global extreme poverty rate worldwide had been cut by more than half
- But the pandemic and then the Ukraine conflict reversed the trend and the global goal of ending extreme poverty by 2030 would not be achieved, it said

vate Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) as there are no official estimates of poverty since 2011. "Because of India's size, the lack of recent survey data for the country significantly affects the measurement of global poverty, as was evident in Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2020," noted the report.