

15/03/21 - Geography
The Himachal Pradesh has decided to start planting seabuckthorn in the cold desert areas of the state. In this context, explain various benefits of the crop.

Seabuck thorn =
a shrub which produces a yellow-orange coloured edible berry.

→ generally in dry areas such as Ladakh, and Spiti.

⇒ According to Seabuck thorn Association of India around 15000 hectares in Himachal, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh covered by the plants.

⇒ Benefits of this crops:

→ Ecologically Benefit:

- help in binding soil which effect to prevent soil pre erosion
- check siltation in rivers
- help to preserve floral biological

Ex: In Lahaul Valley willow trees are dying it with help to protect and support them.

→ Medicinal Benefit:

- Widely used for treating Stomach Heart

and skin problems

- Contains Vitamin throughin fruit and leaves
- Contains omega fatty acids, and Carotenoids,
- also help teams to sustain at top of fever acclimatising to high-altitude

⇒ Economical Benefit :-

- used to make juice, frams and
- can be used to supply raw materials to food processing industry.

⇒ International Benefit :-

- help the country to counter China (due to its large production capacity)
- local culture variety will increase
- help in increasing exports

* Conclusion :-

This type of project must be launched at large scale and should try to cover the produce such local culture products which help to boost agriculture and farmer income.