
GS-II Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation

- 1. What is Soil Health Card Scheme? Explain the reason behind its Introduction and also Explain the Benefits Associated with them.**

Why this Question?

- Application of fertilisers based on soil testing taken up on a mission mode is creating a Quiet Revolution.

Key Demands of Question:

- Explain the concept of Soil Health Card scheme and its impact on the conservation of the soil.

Directive word:

Explain

- Here the student should clearly express why something happens, or why something is the way it is. He needs to look at a subject in depth taking note of the detail and if appropriate, consider the implications, and should explain them in good simple language.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- Give brief intro about the Soil Health Card Scheme.

Body:

- Explain the issues associated with the soil health of the country like increased fertiliser usage, soil erosion, groundwater pollution, etc.
- Discuss how the soil health card scheme will help to address the issues. For example balanced use of fertilizer, informed decision making by the farmers, increasing agriculture productivity, etc.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with the significance of the scheme to protect the soil health and thereby increasing the productivity of the agriculture in India.