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Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, recently launched the **National Transit Pass System (NTPS)** across India envisaged as 'One Nation One Pass'.



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About National Transit Pass System (NTPS):

- This system is to facilitate the **seamless transit of timber, bamboo, and other forest produce** across the country.
- The NTPS is envisioned as a "**One Nation-One Pass**" regime, which will enable unified, online and seamless mode for permit issuance for tree growers and farmers.
- **Special Pan Indian vehicles:** Vehicles carrying timber and other forest produce from Gujarat and Jammu & Kashmir were flagged-off for West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.
- **QR coded transit permits:** It would allow check gates across various states to verify the validity of the permits and allow seamless transit.
- Currently, the transit permits are issued for transport of timber and forest produce based on **state-specific transit rules**.
- NTPS is designed for **user convenience**, featuring desktop and mobile applications for easy registration and permit applications.
- Transit permits will be **issued for regulated tree species**, while the users can **self-generate No Objection Certificates (NOC)** for **exempted species**.

Benefits of NTPS:

- **Ease of Doing business** for those involved in Agroforestry.
- It will ensure **greater transparency** and extend its impact beyond agroforestry and tree farming.
- It would aid recent initiatives like [Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme](#) and the [Trees Outside Forest Initiative](#).
- **Reduce time-consuming processes**, remove hurdles in transportation of forest produce.
- It also promises to **incentivize** the entire **value chain**.

- It would help manage **records** for both **inter-state and intra-state transportation** from various sources like private lands, government owned forest and private depots.