

75th Anniversary of FAO

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In news

The Prime Minister of India has released commemorative coins of Rs 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of FAO today through video conferencing.

About the Food and Agriculture Organization

- **It was established in the year 1945**
- The idea of an international organization for food and agriculture (later its functions were transferred to FAO) emerged in the late 19th and early 20th century, advanced primarily by Polish-born American agriculturalist and activist David Lubin
- FAO is a **specialized agency of the United Nations** that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.
- Goal of FAO is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives.
- The FAO Headquarters is located in the city centre of **Rome**
- Member states: 194
- **Regional offices**
 1. Regional Office for Africa, in Accra, Ghana
 2. Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, in Bangkok, Thailand
 3. Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, in Budapest, Hungary
 4. Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, in Santiago, Chile
 5. Regional Office for the Near East, in Cairo, Egypt

Important timeline

- 1946- FAO conducted first-world food survey
- 1952- Second World Food Survey, International Plant Protection Convention and The Desert Locust Programme
- 1957- world seed campaign
- 1958- UN Special Fund
- 1961- FAO and UNESCO Soil map, Freedom Hunger Campaign and Fertilizer programme
- 1963- World Food Programme is born, Third World Food Survey and World Food Congress
- 1966- World land reform conference
- 1970- Second world food congress and Indicative world plan for agricultural development
- 1974- World food conference and Committee on world food security
- 1977- Fourth world food survey and Global information and early warning
- 1979-World Conference on Agrarian reform and World Food Day
- 1982- International seed information system
- 1984- World conference on fisheries
- 1985-Fifth world food survey and World food security compact
- 1986- Launch of FAOSTAT
- 1992- World declaration and plan of action on nutrition
- 1994- Special programme for food security
- 1995- Code of conduct for responsible fisheries
- 1996-World Food summit and Rome declaration on world food security
- 2001- International treaty on plant genetic resources for food
- 2002- World food summit
- 2004- Right to food guidelines
- 2009- World summit on food security
- 2014- Blue growth initiative for the seas, Second international conference on nutrition and Global soil

partnership

- 2015- International year for soil
- 2016- International year of pulses
- 2018- World bee day
- 2019- World pulse day, Launch of the FAO framework for the urban food agenda and UN decade of family farming
- 2020- International year of plant health