

Global Buddhist Summit

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In news– The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to inaugurate first Global Buddhist Summit on 20th April 2023.

About the summit-

- **The Ministry of Culture in collaboration with its grantee body International Buddhist Confederation (IBC)** will be hosting the Global Buddhist Summit (GBS).
- **The theme of summit** is “Responses to Contemporary Challenges : Philosophy to Praxis”.
- Delegates from almost 30 countries participated in this summit and around 171 delegates from foreign countries and 150 delegates Indian Buddhist organizations.
- **The discussions will fall under the following four themes:**
 - Buddha Dhamma and Peace.
 - Buddha Dhamma: Environmental Crisis, Health and Sustainability.
 - Preservation of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition.
 - Buddha Dhamma Pilgrimage, Living heritage and Buddha Relics: a resilient foundation to India’s centuries-old cultural links to countries in South, Southeast and East Asia.
- The prime **vision of the Summit is to look into the teachings of the Shakyamuni Buddha** that have been continuously enriched over the centuries with the practice of Buddha Dhamma.
- The aim is to set up a forum for the lay Buddhist scholars and Dharma Masters.
- It will also delve into Buddha’s message for Peace, Compassion and Harmony with the objective of working towards Universal Peace and Harmony, in accordance with the core values of Dharma and produce a document for further academic research, to study its viability for

use as a tool for the conduct of international relations on the global stage.

Note:

The Ministry of Culture alongwith the International Buddhist Confederation(IBC), a global Buddhist umbrella body, headquartered in New Delhi, recently held a successful international meet of experts from the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) nations on Shared Buddhist Heritage in order to re-establish trans-cultural links, seek out commonalities, between Buddhist art of Central Asia, art styles, archaeological sites and antiquity in various museums' collections of the SCO countries.

International Buddhist Confederation(IBC)-

- **Founded in 2013, IBC is the biggest religious Buddhist confederation, based in Delhi, India.**
- The architect of the International Buddhist Confederation is Lama Lobzang.
- This confederation is named as the first organization which unites Buddhists from the whole worlds.