UN-Habitat

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<u>In news-</u> UN-Habitat has identified multi-hazard vulnerabilities, urban sprawl, weak urban mobility and "greenblue disconnect" as the pressing issues for Jaipur city of Rajasthan.

About UN-Habitat-

- The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) is the <u>United Nations</u> programme for <u>human</u> settlements and <u>sustainable</u> <u>urban development</u>.
- It was established in 1978 as an outcome of the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat I) held in Vancouver, Canada, in 1976.
- It has its headquarters at the <u>United Nations Office at</u>
 <u>Nairobi</u>, <u>Kenya</u>.
- It is mandated by the UNGA to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.
- It is a member of the <u>United Nations Development Group</u>.
- The mandate of UN-Habitat derives from the Habitat Agenda, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) in Istanbul, Turkey, in 1996.
- The twin goals of the Habitat Agenda are adequate shelter for all and the development of sustainable human settlements in an <u>urbanizing</u> world.

UN-Habitat works in more than 70 countries in five continents focusing on seven areas:

- Urban legislation, land and governance;
- <u>Urban planning</u> and design;
- Urban economy;
- Urban basic services;

- Housing and <u>slum</u> upgrading;
- Risk reduction and rehabilitation;
- Urban research and <u>capacity development</u>.

The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day.