

World Ayurveda Congress

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In news— 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo 2022 was organized in Goa.

World Ayurveda Congress-

- The World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) is a **platform established by World Ayurveda Foundation** to propagate Ayurveda globally in its true sense.
- Its objective is providing a global platform for all the stakeholders, including industry leaders, practitioners, traditional healers, educationists, students, medicine manufacturers, growers of medicinal plants and marketing strategists, for networking and engaging in intellectual exchange to strengthen the Ayurveda sector, envision its future, and facilitate interaction between professionals and consumers to boost Ayurveda commerce.
- The first WAC was held in 2002 at Kochi as an outreach programme, to create greater awareness and opportunities in the practice, science, and trade of Ayurveda.
- **9th edition of the World Ayurveda Congress has this very important overarching theme 'Ayurveda for One Health.'**

Note:

- **The WHO defines 'One Health' as an approach** to designing and implementing programmes, policies, legislation and research in which multiple sectors communicate and work together to achieve better public health outcomes.
- The 'One Health' approach is critical to addressing health threats in the animal, human and environment interface.

World Ayurveda Foundation-

- Founded in 2011, the World Ayurveda Foundation (WAF) is

an initiative by Vijnana Bharati aimed at global propagation of Ayurveda.

- As part of a larger intellectual movement under the aegis of the Swadeshi Science Movement undertaken by Vijnana Bharati, WAF is a platform that would take Ayurveda to the world for all the benefits mankind can draw from traditional health sciences.
- The objectives of WAF reflect global scope.
- Propagation and encouragement of all activities – scientific and Ayurveda-related – are the core principles.