

World Habitat Day 2022

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In news— World Habitat Day is observed on the first Monday of October every year, which marks the beginning of Urban October.

About the day-

- It is observed to bring attention to the state of our towns and cities, as well as the basic right of all people to adequate shelter.
- **Theme for 2022 is “Mind the Gap. Leave No One and No Place Behind”.**
- The focus is on the growing inequalities and challenges in cities and human settlements. These are the problems that have been aggravated due to what the UN calls triple Cs: Coronavirus (COVID-19), Climate, and Crisis. These triple Cs have hampered the progress made against poverty.
- In 1985, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe World Habitat Day.
- World Habitat Day was first celebrated in 1986 in Nairobi, Kenya, with the theme ‘Shelter is my right’.
- In 1989, the UN Human Settlements Programme launched “The Habitat Scroll of Honour award”. It is the most prestigious human settlement award in the world.

UN Human Settlements Programme-

- The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat, is the **United Nations agency for human settlements.**
- It was **established in 1977** 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 maintains its **headquarters at the United Nations**

Office at Nairobi, Kenya.

- It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.
- **The main documents outlining the mandate of the organisation are the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, Habitat Agenda, Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements,** the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, and Resolution 56/206.