

World Heritage Day, 2022

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In news- World Heritage Day is observed every year on April 18, to preserve the human heritage and recognize the efforts of the organizations working for it.

About World Heritage Day -

- A World Heritage Site is a place that is listed by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as of cultural importance.
- The day focuses on solutions to preserve the ancient culture in order to create awareness about monuments, dying cultures, and sites.
- The **theme for 2022 is 'Heritage and Climate'** to promote conservation research and employ sustainable strategies to protect heritage sites.
- It is **decided by the International Council on Monuments (ICOMOS) and Sites every year.**
- **ICOMOS proposed celebrating World Heritage Day on April 18, 1982,** during a seminar in Tunisia.
- Then, in November 1983, at the 22nd session of the UNESCO Conference, a resolution was passed declaring April 18 to be World Heritage Day every year.
- The **Venice Charter, also known as the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites,** laid the foundation for the ICOMOS organisation.

World Heritage sites in India-

- **As of 2022, there are 40 World Heritage Sites located in India.**
- Out of these, 32 are cultural, 7 are natural, and one, the Khangchendzonga National Park, is of mixed type.
- **Dholavira, a Harappan City and Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana are most recently added to the list.**

- India has the sixth largest number of sites in the world.
- All the sites under the Ministry are conserved as per ASI's Conservation Policy.