

World No Tobacco Day

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In news- Every year, May 31 is observed as World No Tobacco Day in a bid to inform the public about the dangers of consuming tobacco.

About World No Tobacco day-

- The Member States of the World Health Organisation (WHO) created World No Tobacco Day to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes.
- In 1987, the WHO passed Resolution WHA40.38, calling for 7 April 1988 to be a “a world no-smoking day.”
- However, in **1988, Resolution WHA42.19** was passed, and it was decided to celebrate World No Tobacco Day, every year on 31 May.
- Theme for the year 2022 is ‘**Tobacco- Threat to our environment**’.
- Tobacco smoke consists of harmful substances like benzopyrene, lead, carbon, monoxide arsenic and formaldehyde and is extremely injurious to health.
- Every year, more than 8 million people die from tobacco use as per the data.
- According to the WHO, the consumption of tobacco worldwide is responsible for “exhaustion of fossil fuel and metal resources, desertification, depleting soil fertility”.