

World Habitat Day

2ND OCTOBER 2023

Theme: "Resilient Urban Economics: Cities as Drivers of Growth and Recovery"

Define Habitat

The natural home or environment of an animal, plant or other organism.

About World Habitat Day

- The United Nations designated World Habitat Day to be observed on the first Monday of October every year.
- It was first celebrated in 1986 with the theme "Shelter is my right".
- This day serves as a global platform to contemplate the state of our habitats and emphasize the fundamental right of every individual to have access to adequate shelter.
- It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat.

Theme

- The theme for World Habitat Day 2023, "*Resilient Urban Economics: Cities as Drivers of Growth and Recovery*", aligns with the challenging economic circumstances facing urban areas worldwide.
- This year it has witnessed a notable economic downturn, with global economic growth declining to around 2.5% apart from the initial COVID-19 crisis in 2020 and the global financial crisis in 2009.
- The primary objective for this year World Habitat Day is to bring together various stakeholders within cities to address the multifaceted dimensions of economic slowdown.
- It aims to identify useful strategies that cities can employ to stimulate economic recovery and foster resilience in the face of adversity.

Aims of World Habitat Day, 2023

- It aims to assemble various city stakeholders to discuss the ways in which cities can be primed for recovery following the global intersecting negative economic crisis of COVID-19.
- Bringing up different dimensions of economic slowdown that cities are currently experiencing and identifying actions that cities can take to boost economic recovery.
- Sharing experiences among different cities on how they are positioning themselves to tackle inflationary pressure and other tight global financial conditions.

Importance of Natural Habitats

- Natural Habitats support a variety of living organisms, some of which endemic to one particular habitat.
- Natural Habitats provides food to not only the denizens of a particular Habitat but they also provide food to humans in the form of vegetables, fruits, meat etc.
- Habitats are important source of medicines some of which cannot be manufactured without the presence of certain plants in that particular habitat.

Types of Habitat

1. Forest habitat
2. Aquatic habitat
3. Grassland habitat
4. Dessert habitat
5. Mountainous and Polar habitat

Did you know?

Amazon Rainforest is the largest habitat on earth.



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