



World Health Day 2023

Why in News?

Every Year on 7th April World Health Day is celebrated. The date of 7 April marks the anniversary of the founding of [World Health Organisation](#) in 1948.



What are the Key Highlights of World Health Day?

- **About:**
 - The idea of World Health Day was conceived at the First Health Assembly in **1948** and it came into effect in 1950.
 - It is celebrated annually and each year it draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world.
- **Theme for 2023:**
 - **Health for All**
- **India on World Health Day:**
 - To mark the occasion of World Health Day on April 7, a health camp and a flash mob was organized to create awareness on [non-communicable diseases \(NCD\)](#) among the public.
- **Importance:**
 - World Health Day aims to raise awareness about global health issues, **promote health equity by addressing disparities**, encourage collaboration among stakeholders, and **highlight progress in improving health outcomes worldwide**. This includes educating people on the importance of good health, providing access to healthcare services, and **reducing the burden of diseases in disadvantaged communities and low- and middle-income countries**.

What is World Health Organization?

- **About:**
 - United Nations' specialized agency for Health was founded in 1948.
 - Its headquarters are situated in Geneva, Switzerland.

- There are 194 Member States, 150 country offices, six regional offices.
- It is an inter-governmental organization and works in collaboration with its member states usually through the Ministries of Health.
- **Objectives:**
 - To act as the directing and coordinating authority on international health work.
 - To establish and maintain effective collaboration with the United Nations, specialized agencies, governmental health administrations, professional groups and such other organizations as may be deemed appropriate.
 - To provide assistance to the Governments, upon request, in strengthening health services.
 - To promote cooperation among scientific and professional groups which contribute to the advancement of health.
- **Governance:**
 - **World Health Assembly (WHA)**
 - WHA is WHO's decision-making body attended by delegations from all of WHO's member states,
 - It is held yearly at Geneva, Switzerland.
 - Specific health agenda prepared by the Executive Board remains the focus of this assembly.
- **Reports:** World Health Statistics, World Health Report, Global Tuberculosis Report, Global Health Observatory (GHO) data, Global Hepatitis Report, Global Report on Diabetes, Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health etc.,

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