



Workshop on 'Responsible Tourism'

Why in News

- The **Uttarakhand Space Application Centre (USAC) along with the Himalayan Knowledge Network (HKN)** conducted a one-day workshop on Responsible Tourism on the occasion of **World Tourism Day** on September 27, 2021.

Key Points

- The officials from various departments like tourism and forest along with **Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** and **Garhwal and Kumaon Universities**, among others, participated in the workshop.
- While addressing the participants in the workshop, director of USAC MPS Bisht said Uttarakhand has so much potential in tourism. There is a need to bring responsible tourism across the State and develop Bugyals and spiritual circuits among others. Such initiatives will also generate employment opportunities for locals.
- HKN Nodal Officer Gajendra Singh said that there are over 145 universities, 2,000 professors and 500 scientists involved in research in the Himalayan region. The information sharing in most of the organisations is quite limited and HKN has been founded to tackle this matter.
- It is worth mentioning that **Uttarakhand Space Applications Center (USAC) is the nodal agency** in the state of Uttarakhand **for space-technology related activities** and has the right to employ space-technology for the benefit of the state and its people. It was **formed in 2005 as an autonomous organization** under the **Department of Science and Technology, Government of Uttarakhand**.