



World Habitat Day 2024

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On 9th October, the [Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs \(MoHUA\)](#) observed World Habitat Day 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

▪ World Habitat Day:

- **Background:** In 1985, the [UN](#) designated the **first Monday of October each year** as World Habitat Day.
 - The day is also intended to remind the world that we all have the **power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities** and towns.
- The origin of **World Habitat Day can be traced back to Nairobi, Kenya, in 1986.**
 - Since its **first celebration in 1986**, the day has centered on improving urban living conditions.
- **Theme for 2024: 'Engaging Youth to Create a Better Urban Future,'** focuses on addressing the challenges and opportunities of rapid urbanisation.
 - It aims to encourage the **youth to engage in urban planning and decision-making** to foster more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable urban environments.
- **Importance:**
 - It raises awareness of the **fundamental right to shelter**, reminding that everyone deserves a safe and comfortable home.
 - It also **highlights the importance of environmental preservation** amid increasing urbanisation.

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