



International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

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Why in News

On September 7, 2021, the **Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board** directed all the regional officers of the state to organize a public awareness program on '**International Day of Clean Air for Blue Sky**'.

Key Points

- In view of the serious adverse effects of air pollution on the environment and human health, it was decided by the **United Nations Environment Program** to organize '**International Day of Clean Air for Blue Sky**' on 7th September.
A resolution for the same was passed on 19th December, 2019.
- For the first time it was held in 2020 with the theme '**Clean Air for All**'. For 2021 its theme is '**Healthy Air, for Healthy Planet**'.
- Instructions have been given to organize webinars with the participation of maximum people to make the general public aware of the increasing air pollution and climate change in the cities.
- Along with this, instructions have also been given to make people familiar with the implementation of the action plan for '**Non-Attainment City**' with a view to improve the ambient air quality.
- It is noteworthy that the '**National Clean Air Program**' is being run by the **Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** to improve the urban air quality.

In this, out of **132 cities of the country**, **6 cities of Madhya Pradesh – Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Sagar and Dewas** are included.

An action plan is being prepared and implemented to improve the air quality of these cities. Along with this, the work of measurement of ambient air quality is also being done in major cities of the state.