**ENVIRONMENT**

**UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME**

**WHY IN NEWS**?

THE HINDU:  United Nations Environment Programme Executive Director attributed the vulnerability of climate change in India to the heavy population, loss of nature and destruction of forest

**BACKGROUND**

**It is the leading authority within in the UN system that is responsible for implementing co ordinated action for addressing environmental issues.**

**It is also a member of the United Nations development group tasked with the implementation of SDGs**

**FOUNDING**

It was founded at the UN Conference on Human Environment, Stockholm.

HQ: Nairobi, Kenya

**IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

UNEP uses its expertise to strengthen environmental standards and practices while helping implement environmental obligations at the country, regional and global levels.

Together with WMO established IPCC in 1988.

Hosts the secretariat of several environmental conventions and agreements like

* **Stockholm convention**
* **Convention on Biodiversity**
* **Minamata Convention**
* **Convention on Migratory species**
* **CITES**
* **Rotterdam**
* **Basel etc.**

**IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS**

* Emissions Gap report
* Adaptations Gap Report
* Turning Off the Tap Report
* Global Cooling Watch