Banning Plastic Pollution

Why in news?

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In World Environmental Day celebrations India has pledged to eliminate single use plastics from India by 2022.

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What is the significance of World Environment Day?

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- World Environment Day was established to encourage awareness and improve protection for the environment by the UNGA in 1974 and it is celebrated on 5th June every year.
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- This year, India is the global host nation for 43rd year celebrations and the event was organised in partnership with United Nations Environmental Programme.
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- The theme for this year is “Beat plastic pollution”.
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What is the data on India’s plastic pollution?

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- According to the Central Pollution Control Board, India generates about 15,000 tonnes of plastic waste every day, of which about 40% remains uncollected.
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- About 70% of the plastic packaging products become “waste” in a short span of time.
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- While plastics have a wide variety of applications, the global rally is against the so-called “single use” or disposable plastic — used in bottles,

cups, wrapping paper and bags.
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- Together, they account for over half the plastic produced.
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What are the steps taken by India against single use plastics?

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- India is leading the charge in battling plastic pollution on World Environment Day.
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- And it has showed global leadership by pledging to phase out single-use plastics by 2022.
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- This announcements will create definite impact not only in India but also all over the world to take such initiatives and eliminate single use plastics.
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