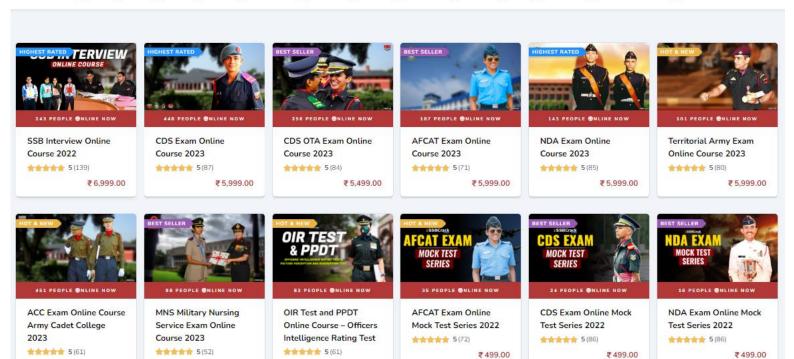


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New IPCC Assessment Cycle Begins Why Is It So Significant?

Why In The News?

- The Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change (IPCC) On July 28 Concluded Its Elections, Marking The **Beginning Of The 7**th **Assessment Cycle.** The Elections Commenced On July 25, During The **IPCC's 59th Session Held In Nairobi, Kenya.**
- The Body Elected James Skea, Professor Of Sustainable Energy At Imperial College, London, As The New IPCC Chair. Moreover, It Elected Three New Vice-chairs, Other New Members Of The IPCC Bureau And 12 New Members Of The Task Force Bureau On National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI).





Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change (IPCC)

- Established In 1988 By The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) And The UN Environment Programme (UNEP), The IPCC Produces Comprehensive Assessment Reports (ARs) That Are Considered The Most Authoritative Source Of Scientific Knowledge On Climate Change.
- So Far, It Has Released Six ARs, The Final Synthesis Report Of The Sixth AR Came
 Out In March 2023, And With The Latest Elections, The Body Has Initiated A
 New Cycle Of Producing The Next AR.

What Does The IPCC Chair Do?

- The Chair Is Required To Possess A Rare Combination Of Scientific And
 Diplomatic Skills, Which Are Needed To Get The Approvals Of Governments On
 The Report Summaries.
- The Tenure Of The Chair Usually Lasts Five To Seven Years, Depending On The Duration Of The Assessment Cycle, And They Can Serve Up To Two Terms Only.
- India's RK Pachauri Remains The Only Person Till Now To Serve Two Terms As The Chair. He Headed The Fourth And Fifth Assessment Cycles Of The IPCC, Between 2002 And 2015.



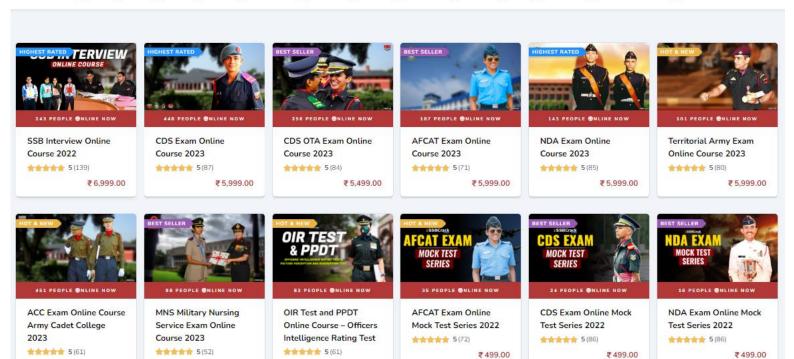
What Are The IPCC Assessment Cycles?

- With The Conclusion Of Fresh Elections, The IPCC Began Its 7th Assessment Cycle
 Last Week, Which Like Its Predecessors Would Come To An End In The Next 5 To
 7 Years.
- As A Next Step Of The New Cycle, The IPCC Chair And The Bureau Members Will Select Authors Or Experts, Who Are Nominated By Governments And Various Other Organisations, Including International And Intergovernmental, For The Upcoming Reports.
- These Authors Are Selected Based On Their Expertise, Considering The Range Of Scientific, Technical And Socio-economic Views As Well As Geographical And Gender Balance. After The Selection, The Writing Process Begins.
- IPCC Doesn't Conduct Its Research But Asks The Authors To Assess The Thousands Of Scientific Papers Published Each Year To Provide A Comprehensive Summary Of What Is Known About The Drivers Of Climate Change, Its Impacts And Future Risks, And How Adaptation And Mitigation Can Reduce Those Risks.



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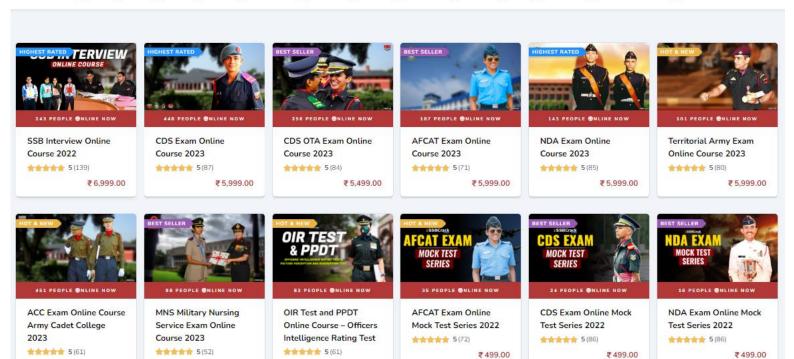
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